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seven days a week.
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**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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**Second Sunday of Lent
February 21, 2016**

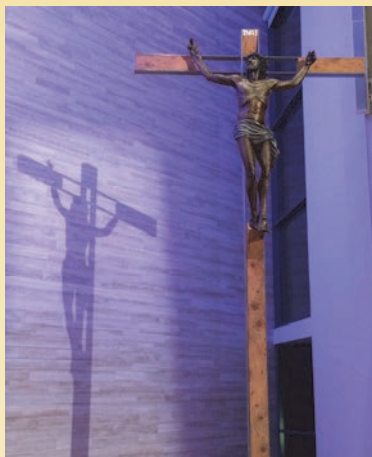
Lenten Dinner

Friday, February 26, 5:30-6:30pm

Stations of the Cross

Friday, February 26, 7:00pm

For complete schedule, visit www.stmoside.org



Pastor's Column

On Genuine Religion

These words are taken from an address given by Pope Benedict XVI to the Representatives of Cameroon's Muslim Community on March 19, 2009, during his visit to Africa:

...I believe a particularly urgent task of religion today is to unveil the vast potential of human reason, which is itself God's gift and which is elevated by revelation and faith.

Belief in the one God, far from stunting our capacity to understand ourselves and the world, broadens it. Far from setting us against the world, it commits us to it.

We are called to help others see the subtle traces and mysterious presence of God in the world which he has marvelously created and continually sustains with his ineffable and all-embracing love.

Although his infinite glory can never be directly grasped by our finite minds in this life, we nonetheless catch glimpses of it in the beauty that surrounds us.

When men and women allow the magnificent order of the world and the splendour of human dignity to illumine their minds, they discover that what is "reasonable" extends far beyond what mathematics can calculate, logic can deduce, and scientific experimentation can demonstrate; it includes the goodness and innate attractiveness of upright and ethical living made known to us in the very language of creation.

This insight prompts us to seek all that is right and just, to step outside the restricted sphere of our own self-interest and act for the good of others.

Genuine religion thus widens the horizon of human understanding and stands at the base of any authentically human culture. It rejects all forms of violence and totalitarianism: not only on principles of faith, but also of right reason.

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Indeed, religion and reason mutually reinforce one another since religion is purified and structured by reason, and reason's full potential is unleashed by revelation and faith.

I therefore encourage you, my dear Muslim friends, to imbue society with the values that emerge from this perspective and elevate human culture, as we work together to build a civilization of love.

May the enthusiastic cooperation of Muslims, Catholics, and other Christians in Cameroon be a beacon to other African nations of the enormous potential of an interreligious commitment to peace, justice, and the common good!

In this Lenten Season, let us pray for, and be mindful of, the enormous potential of interreligious commitment, not only for Africa, but for us here in the United States, and indeed, around the world.

It is the only way to justice and peace.

Fr. Mike

Lenten Reconciliation Services at Local Parishes

Tue, Feb. 23	6:30pm	St. Mary, Oceanside
Tue, Mar. 1	6:30pm	St. James, Solana Beach
Wed, Mar. 2	7:00pm	St. Patrick, Carlsbad
Mon, Mar. 7	7:00pm	St. Thomas More, Oceanside
Tue, Mar. 8	7:00pm	Nativity, Rancho Santa Fe
Thu, Mar. 10	1:00pm	Mission San Luis Rey, Oceanside
Thu, Mar. 10	7:00pm	Mission San Luis Rey, Oceanside
Mon, Mar. 14	7:00pm	St. Elizabeth Seton, Carlsbad
Tue, Mar. 15	7:00pm	St. John, Encinitas
Mon, Mar. 21	6:30pm	St. Mark, San Marcos
Tue, Mar. 22	10:30am	St. Peter, Fallbrook
Tue, Mar. 22	6:00pm	St. Peter, Fallbrook

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

Welcome New Parishioners

Toni Dopirak
Anne York & Family

Congratulations to

Tony & Kathy Arciero

who celebrate their 45th anniversary of marriage on February 21.

Hanh & Tam Tran

who celebrate their 2nd anniversary of marriage on February 22.

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

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.

STM Scrip News

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

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**

Help Feed the Hungry

Pope Francis reminds us:
"You pray for the hungry.
Then you feed them.
That's how prayer works."

We collected 1-1/2 shopping carts of nonperishable food last weekend.

Thank you for your ongoing generosity!



Readings for the Week Ahead

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

Sunday, February 21 (27)

Second Sunday of Lent

Genesis 15:5-12,17-18

Psalms 27:1,7-9,13-14

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Luke 9:28b-36

Monday, February 22 (535)

The Chair of Saint Peter, apostle

1 Peter 5:1-4

Psalms 23:1-3a,4-6

Matthew 16:13-19

Tuesday, February 23 (536)

Polycarp, bishop, martyr

Revelation 2:8-11

Psalms 31:3cd-4, 6,8ab,16bc,17

John 15:18-21

Wednesday, February 24 (232)

Jeremiah 18:18-20

Psalms 31:5-6,14-16

Matthew 20:17-28

Thursday, February 25 (233)

Jeremiah 17:5-10

Psalms 1:1-4,6

Luke 16:19-31

Friday, February 26 (234)

Genesis 37:3-4,12-13a,17b-28a

Psalms 105:16-21

Matthew 21:33-43,45-46

Saturday, February 27 (235)

Micah 7:14-15,18-20

Psalms 103:1-4,9-12

Luke 15:1-3,11-32

Sunday, February 28 (30)

Third Sunday of Lent

Exodus 3:1-8a,13-15

Psalms 103:1-4,6-8,11

1 Corinthians 10:1-6,10-12

Luke 13:1-9

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
Rosemary Ballard
The Barakman & Slemmer Families
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
The Rick Brown Family
Katie Browne
Jack & Mary Bruzas
Janice Buchanan
Anita Buerger
Shelby Campbell
Brianna Campos
Aria Cappeluti
Jorge Cartajena
Donald Cashmore
Anne Caywood
The Vaughn Clevenger Family
Anne Cline
Carl & Dorothy Coleman
James Coleman
Judy Colson
Geoff Coolidge
Steven Cresencia
Lene Crowe
Karen Flaharty Daley
Beverly de Gelder
Velja 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
Marge Egan
Jerome Elbacha
Arthur Eral
Carolyn Erickson Ey
Abigale Esper
Danielle Esper
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
Susan Hallahan
Pat & Tom Hannon
The Harker Family
Dorothy Harrison
Barbara Hatem
Bill & Mary Haynes
Lillian Hills
Lisa & Rick Hodges
Samara Hook
Susan Hori
Iolanda Iacobelli
Katherine Jacobs
Sue Johnston
Laura Kater
Dottie Kearney
Connor Kerzie
Peggy Kiernan
Debbie Kinney
Mark Kneisel
Dewey Kolbo
Tony Korwin
Helén 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
Jesus 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
June Montgomery
Nancy Moore
Elizabeth Muehlbacher
Conrad Murphy
Margie Myers
Angela Nacional
Melanie Nacional
Nida Navarro
Richard Obšitnik
Kare O'Dell
Laura Paciorek Gloor
Ethan Palm
Klarabelle Payne
Cynthia Pearson
Salina Pearson
Elisa Petrie
Merri Phelps
Helen Pingrella
Leandro Piterelli
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
Donna Russell
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
The Stoddard Families
Laura Bernard Stover, MD
Pete Sullivan
Julie Teare
Tommy & Ginger Thompson
Sarah Tillinghast
The Tomczak Family
William Tompson
Stephen Toth, Jr.
Olivia Trejo
The Trejo/Beltran Family
The Trejo/Maldonado/Urbie Family
Anderson Unknown
Erla, Joe & Family Unknown
Jadel Unknown
Joshrey Unknown
Lillian Unknown
Omeli Unknown
Tamaris Unknown
Vanessa Unknown
Mark Urias
Martin Vertson
Joao Victor
Lucy Vienna
Lucy Viramontes
Vanessa Vitiello
The Wallace Family
Wilson Wanner
Kevin Watson-Graff
Jerry Wechsler
Germaine Wilcott
Patricia Zavala
Jeanne Zeltner

Calendar Highlights

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

Feb 21	Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses
Feb 21	REACH Classes
Feb 21	Steubenville Information Meeting
Feb 28	Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses
Feb 28	Catholic/Muslim Dialogue at STM
Feb 29	Day of Reflection
Mar 1-2	Restaurant Fundraiser at Elephant Bar
Mar 12-13	Brother Benno's Food Drive
Mar 13	New Member Reception
Mar 15-16	Restaurant Fundraiser at Nucci's
Mar 17	Rancho Buena Vista HS Wind Ensemble
Apr 10	Spring Sing
Apr 16	Spring Ring
Apr 29	STM Gala
May 8	Confirmation
May 29	Memorial Day Choral Concert
Jun 10-12	Annual Campout
Jun 20-24	Vacation Bible School

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 22
Sr. Luz Maria Jimenez, SJS
February 23
Sr. Maria de Guadalupe Jimenez, TM
February 24
Sr. Bernich Joan, SMSM
February 25
Sr. Jane Joppa, OCD
February 26
Sr. Czestochowa Kaczor, MC
February 27
Sr. Maureen Keegan, SCMM
February 28
Sr. Maureen Kelley, RSM

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 20, 5:00pm
Mary Ann Postulka

Sunday, February 21, 8:30am
Ann Couture ☩

Sunday, February 21, 10:30am
Michael Sargeant ☩

Monday, February 22, 8:15am
Lucy Retz ☩

Tuesday, February 23, 8:15am
Margaret (Peg) McGregor ☩

Wednesday, February 24, 8:15am
Peggy Chambers

Thursday, February 25, 8:15am
Eugene Masseth ☩

Friday, February 26, 8:15am
Eamonn MacCluskey Sr. ☩

Saturday, February 27, 5:00pm
Stefan Spizewski ☩

Sunday, February 28, 8:30am
Maria Filipasic ☩

Sunday, February 28, 10:30am
Brad Johnson ☩

Social Ministries & Outreach

Cross Catholic Outreach

Please welcome Fr. Thomas Hunstiger who will speak at all the Masses on behalf of Cross Catholic Outreach which was founded to create a meaningful link between Parishes in America and the priests and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Carribean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America. Please be generous in your response to Father's appeal. Brochures will be provided if you wish to support his worthy Catholic ministry. For more information, visit www.CrossCatholic.org.

Farewell for Sr. Jean Schafer and Sr. Sheila Novak

Sr. Jean and Sr. Sheila have resided in our Parish for the past six years. They have been providing a safe house for victims of Human Trafficking. Several parishioners have helped them in this ministry and Sr. Jean has been a very active leader in the Social Justice activities of our parish and neighborhood. It was a special privilege for our parish to be a safe mailing address for their women.

All are invited to a Farewell Pot Luck Dinner Tuesday, February 23 at 6:00pm

Let's gather for a community celebration, to thank them for their service to the women who have been so very abused and are now on their way to healing, to hear about the Organization that will be continuing their work in our neighborhood and what Sr. Sheila and Sr. Jean will be doing in the future! If possible call Sr. Maureen to RSVP at 760-758-4100 x131. If you forget to call, come anyway!

Getting to Know Our Muslim Neighbors: A Catholic/Muslim Dialogue

Sunday, February 28, 12:30-2:30pm
Parish Center Upper Level

Come listen to and interact with our Pastor, Fr. Mike, and Imam Yassir from the Mosque in Vista for a panel discussion about our faiths: what we hold in common, and how we can work together for the common good! Members of all faiths are welcome! So come along and invite your friends! Sandwiches and items from Tommy's Café will be available after the 10:30am Mass. Let's take time to get to know our neighbors and not let fear rule our lives!

St. Bonaventure Indian Mission

HELP! WE NEED STORAGE!!! The Parish storage bin is pretty well taken and, thank God, we are already receiving items from those who cannot store the items themselves. For the past few years, we have had the use of a vacant garage...but that property is up for sale. This leaves us with a problem...What to do with early donations? Your gently used clothing and shoes are desperately needed by St. Bonaventure Indian Mission to help cloth the Navajo they serve who are among the poorest in our country. If you can help with extra storage space or a portion of a garage not being used, contact Deacon Tom at thamasgoelts@aol.com or 760-727-8442. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated. God Bless!

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.



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!

Beloved Series—Deacon John and Debbie Fredette will be presenting a 12-part series Wednesday evenings, continuing February 24 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—Same-Sex Unions: "Marriage is a unique union, a relationship different from all others. It is the permanent bond between one man and one woman whose two-in-one-flesh communion of persons is an indispensable good at the heart of every family and every society. Same-sex unions are incapable of realizing this specific communion of persons. Therefore, attempting to redefine marriage to include such relationships empties the term of its meaning, for it excludes the essential complementarity between man and woman, treating sexual difference as if it were irrelevant to what marriage is." To read the document go to <http://www.usccb.org/loveandlife/>.

Marriage Moments—It's Lent—a time of taking stock, self-sacrifice, and penance. Take stock of your marriage this week. Is there a sacrifice you can make for your beloved? Anything it's time to forgive?

Parenting Pointers—Week 2: It's still pretty cold in the northern hemisphere. Does your household have an extra pair of gloves, a scarf, boots, a coat, a blanket that you could take to a homeless shelter, Goodwill, etc. Do it this week.

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

Brother Benno's Food Drive March 12-13

The weekend of March 12-13 our Parish will hold its annual food drive to help Brother Benno's. For over 20 years, our Parish has collected nonperishable food items to go directly to Brother Benno's to be distributed by them to individuals and families in need. Deacon Tom will have trucks available in the parking lot before all the Masses on that weekend for your food donations (disposable diapers are also greatly needed for poor families with babies). Please be generous as always.

Parish Events

Lenten Dinners—Knights of Columbus

Friday nights during Lent (through March 18), the Knights of Columbus will serve their popular fish dinner (\$7-1 fish or \$9-2 fish or \$4-child or \$25 maximum per family), which includes baked cod, macaroni and cheese, potatoes, vegetables, coleslaw, and cornbread, serving from 5:30-6:30pm. A delicious selection of sweets is available at Bob Wong's famous dessert bar (\$1/serving). To make reservations for six or more, call Jim at 760-726-2807.

Women's Guild News

The Day of Recollection co-sponsored by the Spirited Seniors and Women's Guild is on Monday, February 29, at 8:30am in the Upper Level of the Parish Center. Fr. Larry Dolan, OFM, is our speaker and will take us on a Lenten journey through the Bible (be sure to bring yours!) We will process to Mass in the Daily Mass Chapel of the church at approximately 11:00am, followed by lunch and Stations of the Cross to conclude the day by 1:00pm. There is a table on the plaza for you to register (\$15 or \$25 per couple) after each of this weekend's Masses.

The next Women's Guild Luncheon Meeting is Monday, March 14, at 11:00am in the Lower Level of the Parish Center. Please reserve your place by calling Anna Robinson at 760-842-5205...and remember to wear GREEN in honor of St. Patrick. The menu will certainly be Irish, and door prizes will be awarded to "Lucky" attendees! Lunch is \$10. Sr. Maureen Brown will be our featured speaker. Don't miss this exciting, enlightening, and enjoyable program.

As we move through the Lenten Season, find some time each day to spend with Jesus. —Kathy Gerhard, *president*

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**.

Spirited Seniors to See *Pageant of Our Lord*

The Spirited Seniors are sponsoring a coach trip to the 2016 *Pageant of Our Lord* at the Rolling Hills Covenant Church on Saturday, March 19, for the 10:00am performance. Please note, meet at STM parking lot at 7:00am.

The *Pageant of Our Lord* has its roots in Laguna Beach's *Pageant of the Masters*, and features ordinary people placed into re-creations of famous paintings and sculptures that portray the life of Christ. Tickets are \$55 for members and \$60 for non-members and include transportation, show, lunch at Souplantation, and all gratuities. The deadline for reservations is Thursday, March 10. Space is limited. For more information, contact Jim and Marilyn Day at 760-5-09-4545 or jandmday@cox.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) 17 available	\$5,000/each
Priests' Concelebration Vestments (4) 4 available	\$400/each
Pew Seating for the Church (1,000) 709 available	\$300/each
Daily Mass Chapel and Choir Chairs (200) 93 available	\$300/each
Altar Server Albs (15) 11 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!

St. Thomas More Tapestries, 26" x 30", are available for \$200/each. This "one of a kind" tapestry 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



Jesus took Peter, John, and James and went up the mountain to pray.

Luke 9:28

Holy Communion at Tri-City Hospital

Tri-City Hospital has temporarily suspended the practice of allowing Parish-based Eucharistic Ministers to bring Holy Communion to Roman Catholic patients.

The suspension of this ministry came after an external audit to see if the hospital is in compliance with federal law relative to private patient information.

In the past, five local Parishes have teamed up to bring Holy Communion to Tri-City Hospital patients on a daily basis, with the St. Thomas More team bringing Holy Communion one day each week. The hospital is reviewing the procedures for Eucharistic ministers and will develop new guidelines in the near future.

We are looking into alternatives for hospitalized St. Thomas More Parishioners who would like to receive Holy Communion, but we are awaiting news from the hospital about how to do this.

For now, patients can request a visit from the Hospital Chaplain.

PRAYER LIKE INCENSE

Lent is a time of prayer. On Ash Wednesday we heard the familiar call to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving in the scripture, and we are called to focus on opportunities to expand our personal approach to each of these throughout the season.

The *YouCat* (*Youth Catechism of the Catholic Church*) teaches us:

Prayer is turning the heart toward God. When a person prays, he enters into a living relationship with God (§469).

So we are called to an ongoing, living relationship with God, though our prayer.

During Lent, we place a basket in the sanctuary (or by the ambo in the Daily Mass Chapel) for our Lenten prayers. As part of our Parish's communal prayer, these prayers are included in the Prayer of the Faithful at each Mass.

This Lent, we have begun the practice of burning incense during the Prayer of the Faithful at Sunday Masses, lighting a stick of incense for each prayer.

Incense and the smoke of burning incense have been offered as gifts to God and to others since ancient times. In a more practical visual sense as the fragrant smoke ascends it also symbolizes our prayers rising to heaven.

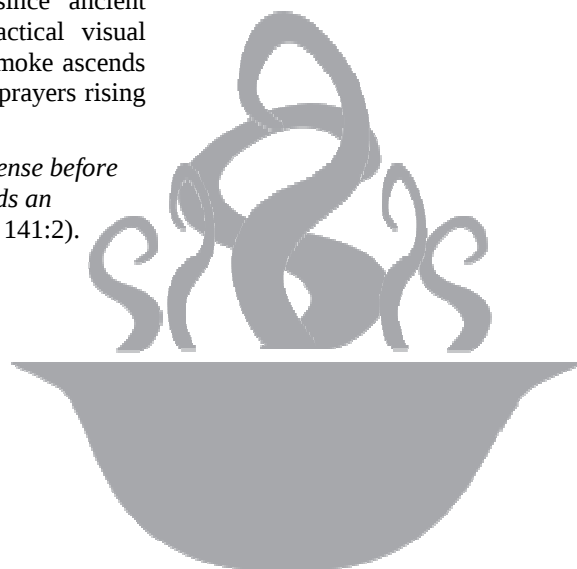
Let my prayer be incense before you; my uplifted hands an evening sacrifice (Ps 141:2).

The bible gives us many models of prayer that give us the opportunity to reflect on the best way to offer our own prayer. Abraham listened and was ready to make a new start at God's command. Moses prayed by "speaking with God," making objections and asking questions. David gave us the psalms, the Church's great treasury of prayer and praise. Jesus offers many, many lessons in prayer, as his entire life was a prayer and in certain decisive moments (his temptation in the desert, his selection of the apostles, his death on the Cross) his prayer was especially intense. And of course, there is Mary, whose "Let it be done to me according to your word" (Lk 1:38) shows us that prayer is ultimately self-giving in response to God's love.

Each week, each day, we lift our prayers to God in the firm belief that God will hear us, our prayers rising like incense before the Lord.

Do what you can, and pray for what you cannot, and so God will grant you the ability to do it.

—St. Augustine



Upcoming Music



FEBRUARY 28
3rd Sunday of Lent



5:00pm

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8:30am

Praise Team

10:30am

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Family Faith Formation

Today Is A REACH Day!

**Steubenville San Diego 2016
Fundraising and Parent Information Night**

**Sunday, February 21
5:30pm in the Daily Mass Chapel**



**All Teens Grades 8-12
Are Invited!
Come find out about
this great weekend !**

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.

Tommy's Cafe 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?
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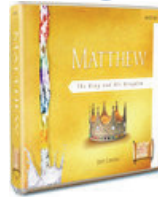
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Sign Up Today to register and get your workbook for the next session.

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

Evening Bible Study



Join Us Thursday Evenings
7:00pm.

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

Contact Debbie in the Faith
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Director of Stewardship & Development
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Collection for Week of February 6/7, 2016

Number of Registered Households	1,188
Offertory	\$23,057.18
Offertory (Loose Collection)	\$1,156.00
Total	\$24,213.18

Collection for Week of February 13/14, 2016

Number of Registered Households	1,190
Offertory	\$9,738.47
Offertory (Loose Collection)	\$1,328.00
Total	\$11,066.47

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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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.

The Gospel's Beating Heart

February always seems to point us in the direction of love. Images of hearts abound and our stores encourage us to ponder romantic and family love, inviting us to express our affections through cards, candy, and flowers. My husband and I enjoy celebrating and sending valentines to our six grandchildren.

The secular celebration of love is nice when celebrated on a modest level, but it doesn't transform relationships or lives. We know that only God can do that. There is nothing modest or short-term when it comes to the power of God's love and mercy.



In *Misericordiae Vultus* Pope Francis wrote, "**The Church is commissioned to announce the mercy of God, the beating heart of the Gospel, which in its own way must penetrate the heart and mind of every person.**" Incredible!

As a leader who is called to be a grateful steward of God's mercy, I wanted to explore the Gospel from this vantage point, and many questions have arisen.

- † How much greater is the love I have received than I have acknowledged?
- † How much greater is my call to gratitude, service, and generosity?
- † Does my true understanding only scratch the surface because it is so intertwined with the secular culture in which I live?

The image and sound of a beating heart is a powerful communicator for me.

There is no doubt that the *Door of Mercy* has been opened and stepping through it will mean something different for each of us. For Christian stewards, it is much more than knowing the message of mercy; we must respond by the way we live as Jesus' disciples. We cannot proclaim what we have not experienced.

Before the *Door of Mercy* is closed and sealed in November of this year, we have the opportunity to encounter our own "penetration of the heart and mind" of God's Mercy. Let's journey together.

—by Mary Ann Otto, ICSC Stewardship e-bulletin 2016, partially excerpted, with permission

We are privileged to have our Holy Door of Mercy here for us and for all to enter the church to pray. They are open daily 7:00am-7:00pm

News & Information from the Larger Church

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.

More Than Moody: Signs of Depression in Your Teen—Tuesday, February 23, at 6:30pm, Church of the Nativity, 6309 El Apajo, Rancho Santa Fe 92067, in the Parish Commons (hall adjacent to the church. Featuring Luke Maxwell, nationally recognized speaker on teen depression and suicide. www.ucantbeerased.com.

St. Joseph Academy 2016 Gala—Saturday, February 27, 5:00pm, Sheraton Resort & Spa, 5480 Grand Pacific Dr., Carlsbad. An Evening with Patrick Madrid, international speaker and Catholic apologist; host of the *Patrick Madrid Show* on Immaculate Heart Radio. \$125 per person. For more information, contact 760-305-8505 or saintjosephacademy.org

Rachel's Hope After-Abortion Healing Retreat for Women—March 11-13, Diocesan Pastoral Center, 3888 Paducah Dr., San Diego. Professionally led. For more information or to register, contact Rachel's_Hope@juno.com or 858-581-3022 or visit www.RachelsHope.org.

St Patrick School 24th Annual Golf Tournament—Monday, March 14, shotgun as 12:00noon at Shadowridge Golf Club in Vista. It will be a full day of fun activities including the notorious Golf Ball Drop where you can win up to \$2,500 (presence at tournament not required to win)! Don't forget even if golf is not your game you can come out for dinner and the silent auction. Golfer Registration, Dinner Tickets and Golf Ball Sales are live now, spots are GOING FAST so don't miss out! For tickets and more information please visit <https://stpaddys.ejoinme.org/Golf2016Land> or email golftournament@stpaddys.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.

St. Francis Women's Retreat—April 29-May 1, Vina de Lestonnac in Temecula. Mark your calendar now and please join us for the 27th Annual St. Francis Women's Retreat "You Are God's Beloved."



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

Online Post-Abortion Support—Visit abortionchangesyou.com.

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.

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.

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.

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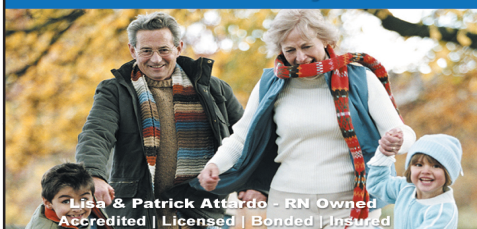
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Welcome Ministry



Do you have a talent for making others feel welcome? Join the Welcome Ministry, where you'll meet with and introduce prospective members to the life and activities of our Parish before they register (1-2 times per month).

Contact Chris Smith
760-758-4100 x120
chriss@stmoside.org

Knights of Columbus Lenten Dinners



Are you a man looking to get involved and make a difference in our Parish? Join the Knights of Columbus who, through volunteer, service, and fundraising, serve the Church and charities globally. Join us for Friday night Lenten Dinners 5:30-6:30pm.

Contact John Murphy:
760-497-6117
koc11439@gmail.com

Moms & Kids



Looking for ways to celebrate the Lent and Easter season with your children? Want to connect with other young families at the church, while making some new friends for yourself, too? Join Moms & Kids for faith and fun activities for the whole family!

Contact Jen Abelson or Lia Haubert:
Jen: jen.abelson@gmail.com
Lia: lthaubert@yahoo.com

Bereavement Ministry



Can you walk with others during their season of grief? Stewards are needed to act as liturgical ministers, phone callers, bakers and salad makers, kitchen/reception area set-up and clean-up, **hospitality ministers, greeters, and choir.**

Contact Sr. Maureen Brown
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Mosaic Update | February 16, 2016

The huge mosaic has been divided into fifty-four 3'x 3' panels.

There the panels will be refurbished and prepared for its shipment to our Parish, where it will be reassembled and given new life in our Memorial Garden on the southwest side of the Church.

Only 17 panels are now available for memorializing!

Donations of any amount are welcome. \$5,000 reserves an entire panel.

If you are interested in this project, please move forward on this. The sooner that all the panels are reserved the sooner the mosaic will be installed in its new home in our Memorial Garden.

Thanks to everyone who has already supported this effort!



**For more information, contact Chris Smith, Director of Stewardship and Development
760-758-4100 x120 or chriss@stmoside.org**

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Visit
stmoside.org/mosaic
for the story behind
the project.

☐ YES, I/we would like to adopt ____ panel(s) of the mosaic at \$5,000/panel as a Memorial Item
OR

☐ YES, I/we would like to make a donation of \$_____ toward a mosaic panel.

Name: _____ Phone: () _____

Address:

City, State, Zip

E-Mail Address:

Please make checks payable to: St. Thomas More with memo line: Mosaic Panel(s).

MasterCard, Visa, Discover, and American Express are also accepted.

Credit Card #:

Amount Charged: \$ Exp. Date Signature:

You may also use our online payment system at www.stmoside.org, Donations, Electronic Offering, and make a one-time donation to Other, Memorial Items with note Mosaic Panel(s).

Thank You!

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