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CATHOLIC
CHURCH

Our Holy Year Pilgrimage Church Door
is open 7:00am-7:00pm
seven days a week.
Stop by for a visit!

*If you'd like to help out by spending
an hour a week in the church during these times,
contact Evans Formica at evansf@stmoside.org.*



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

✙ Spirituality
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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

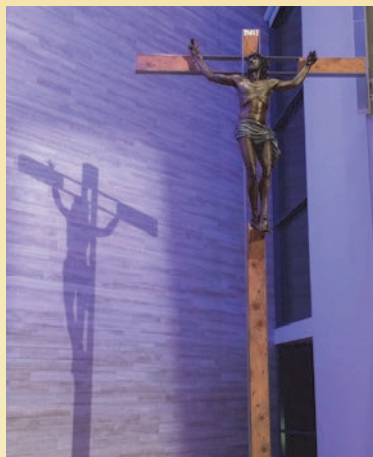
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**Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 13, 2016**

Lenten Dinner

Friday, March 18, 5:30-6:30pm

Stations of the Cross

Friday, March 18, 7:00pm

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Saturday, March 19, 5:00pm

Sunday, March 20, 8:30am and 10:30am

For complete schedule, visit www.stmoside.org

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Pastor's Column

Works of Mercy

If you are still looking for something to do during this Lenten Season, let me recommend the traditional "Works of Mercy—Corporal and Spiritual."

Corporal Works of Mercy

To Feed the Hungry
To Give Drink to the Thirsty
To Clothe the Naked
To Shelter the Homeless
To Visit the Sick
To Ransom Captives
To Bury the Dead

Spiritual Works of Mercy

To Instruct the Ignorant
To Counsel the Doubtful
To Admonish Sinners
To Bear Wrongs Patiently
To Forgive Others Willingly
To Comfort the Afflicted
To Pray for the Living and the Dead

Let's get going... We all have a lot of work to do. We have two more weeks of Lent, but we also have 365 days in every year to keep going!

Fr. Mike

Annual Catholic Appeal

Did you get your "love letter"
from Fr. Mike in the mail yet?

Celebrating THE YEAR OF
Mercy

Be merciful just as your Father is merciful.

LUKE 6:36

www.sdcatholic.org



Lenten Reconciliation Services at Local Parishes

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

New Parishioner Luncheon Sunday, March 13

All new Parishioners who have joined us since September are invited to our New Member Luncheon this Sunday, March 13, at 12:00noon in the lower level of the Parish Center. Remember to join us!.

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.

Looking for a Way to Be Involved?

Visit our website (www.stmoside.org) and click on Get Involved for an easy way to find the perfect ministry to fit your time and talent!

**Holy Thursday Dinners**

The Pastoral Council, in consultation with me, has decided that it would be best if we moved these dinners to another time of year.

Holy Thursday Mass this year will be at 7:00pm. This creates for a very late evening dinner. Also, liturgically, we should be encouraging people to spend some quality time in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament after the Holy Thursday Mass.

The custom has been for the Eucharist to be reserved for adoration until midnight on Holy Thursday. We want to promote this tradition.

Our custom and tradition of these Parish dinners is also something we do not want to lose. The Pastoral Council will be looking for another day, sometime this year, to hold these family dinners.

Stay tuned! —Fr. Mike Ratajczak, Pastor

Welcome New Parishioners

Daniel & Gina DePlanche
Edward & Barbara Olson
Brett & Marycarmen Pollock & Family
Dan & Steffanie Ucker & Family
Sergio Valencia & Sancia Navarro & Family

In Memoriam

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Richard Deklever, who died on February 29. Please keep his family in your prayers.

Scott Loftis, son-in-law of John & Mary Vancelette, who died on March 4. His funeral was celebrated in North Carolina on March 11. Please keep his family and the Vancelette family in your prayers.

May their 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

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 thank you for your ongoing generosity. Please donate only **non-perishable** food items.



Readings for the Week Ahead

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

Sunday, March 13 (36)

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Isaiah 43:16-21

Psalm 126:1-6

Philippians 3:8-14

John 8:1-11

Monday, March 14 (251)

Daniel 13:1-9,15-17,19-30,33-62

Psalm 23:1-6

John 8:12-20

Tuesday, March 15 (252)

Numbers 21:4-9

Psalm 102:2-3,16-21

John 8:21-30

Wednesday, March 16 (253)

Daniel 3:14-20,91-92,95

Daniel 3:52-56 (Psalm)

John 8:31-42

Thursday, March 17 (541)

Patrick, bishop

1 Peter 4:7b-11

Psalm 96:1-3,7-8b,10

Luke 5:1-11

Friday, March 18 (542)

Cyril of Jerusalem, bishop, doctor

1 John 5:1-5

Psalm 19:8-11

John 15:1-8

Saturday, March 19 (543)

Joseph, Spouse of the

Blessed Virgin Mary

2 Samuel 7:4-5a,12-14a,16

Psalm 89:2-5,27,29

Romans 4:12,16-18,22

Matthew 1:16,18-21,24a

Sunday, March 20 (38)

Palm Sunday of the

Passion of the Lord

Luke 19:28-40 (Procession)

Isaiah 50:4-7

Psalm 22:8-9,17-20,23-24

Philippians 2:6-11

Luke 22:14-23:56

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

Changa Aguilera
Ernie Aichele
Mary Alexander
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
Katie Browne
Jack & Mary Bruzas
Anita Buerger
Jean Calderone
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
Lené Crowe
Karen Flaharty Daley
Beverly de Gelder
Velia Deal & Family
The Deklever 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
The Elfmont & Gisel Families
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
Charlene Galvan
The Joe Garcia Family
Kathy Gardner
Joan Gay
Alyssa Gerhard
Jack & Marge Gillen
Merle Glime
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
Michelle Harrison & Family
Barbara Hatem
Bill & Mary Haynes
Lillian Hills
Lisa (Lynn) 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
Helen Kuhn
Lillian Lachance
The Lamelin Family
Bart Landry
Pauline Lapre's sister Justine
Brandon LeBlanc
Jake Lefferdink
Jeremiah Lemus
Aleah Leon
Ashley Load
Scot Loftis
The Loftis & Vancelette Families
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
Lorraine Micallef
Rita Mikridge
Tom Miller
Phyllis Minaya
June Mitchell
June Montgomery
Nancy Moore
Elizabeth Muehlbacher
Conrad Murphy
Margie Myers
Angela Nacional
Melanie Nacional
Nida Navarro
Richard Obsitnik
Kare O'Dell
Laura Paciorek Gloor
Ethan Palm
Cynthia Pearson
Salina Pearson
Elisa Petrie
Merri Phelps
Helen Pingtella
Leandro Piterelli
Delilah Plasterer
Perry Postulka
The Joe Prokop Family
Barbara Ramm
Randy Reznicek
Trish Resplendor
Jenni Richard
Evelyn Richards
Jan Riley
Rita Ritchie
Lily Robinson
Maria Rogers
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
Pat Swanton
Julie Teare
Tommy & Ginger Thompson
Sarah Tillinghast
The Tomczak Family
William Tompson
Stephen Toth, Jr.
Olivia Trejo
The Trejo/Beltran Family
The Trejo/Maldonado/Uribe Family
Anderson Unknown
Jadel Unknown
Joshrey Unknown
Lillian Unknown
Oniel Unknown
Taniris Unknown
Vanessa Unknown
Martin Vertson
Joao Victor
Lucy Vienna
Lucy Viramontes
Vanessa Vitiello
Wilson Wanner
Kevin Watson-Graff
Jerry Wechsler
The Williams & Ruiterman Families
Patricia Zavala
Jeanne Zeltner

Calendar Highlights

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

Mar 12-13	Brother Benno's Food Drive
Mar 13	Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses
Mar 13	New Member Reception
Mar 15-16	Restaurant Fundraiser at Nucci's
Mar 17	Rancho Buena Vista HS Wind Ensemble
Mar 24	Holy Thursday—Mass at 7:00pm
Mar 25	Good Friday—Morning Prayer at 8:15am; Liturgy at 3:00pm; Living Stations of the Cross at 7:00pm
Mar 26	Holy Saturday—Morning Prayer at 8:15am; Easter Vigil at 8:00pm
Apr 16	Spring Ring
Apr 29	STM Gala
May 8	Confirmation at 10:30am Mass
May 29	Memorial Day Choral Concert
Jun 10-12	Annual Campout
Jun 20-24	Vacation Bible School

Questions? Contact Henny at

Deployed Military

Gunnery Sgt. Fernando Andrade, Jr.
Lt. Devon Czarzasty
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.

March 14
Sr. Demetria Lopez, CVI
March 15
Sr. Jeanette Lucinio, SP
March 16
Sr. Eva Lujano, SJS
March 17
Sr. Linda Lutz, CHS
March 18
Sr. Christina MacLean, SMSM
March 19
Sr. Soledad Madrio, MC
March 20
Sr. Ann Lorraine Mahlmeister, CSJ

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 12, 5:00pm
Nancy Morelli ☩

Sunday, March 13, 8:30am
Laura Ludke ☩

Sunday, March 13, 10:30am
Herman & Helen Ratajczak ☩

Monday, March 14, 8:15am
Cheri Gallante ☩

Tuesday, March 15, 8:15am
Kathleen McCluskey ☩

Wednesday, March 16, 8:15am
Eleanore Martin-Spinney ☩

Thursday, March 17, 8:15am
Jo Wycoff ☩

Friday, March 18, 8:15am
Kitty Sprigts ☩

Saturday, March 19, 5:00pm
Josephine & Pantaleo Gurnari ☩

Sunday, March 20, 8:30am
Dave Leué ☩

Sunday, March 20, 10:30am
Cesarina Morelli ☩

Social Ministries & Outreach

Annual Lenten Collection

This collection supports the works of Catholic Relief Services, the Church in Africa, and the Church in Latin America. Envelopes were attached to the bulletin recently. You may return the envelopes any time over the next four weeks. You may designate your contribution to the causes listed on the collection envelope. Please respond generously to this worthwhile annual collection. Thank you!

Brother Benno's Food Drive March 12-13

For over 25 years STM has supported Brother Benno's with an annual food drive for nonperishable food items which are distributed directly from us to Brother Benno's to the poor and needy served by them. Last year we also asked for disposable diapers as many of those served have small children. On March 12-13 we will again hold our once-a-year drive. Deacon Tom will have trucks available in the parking lot before all Masses to accept your donations. Please be generous as always.

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.

Mental Health America of San Diego County will present "Mental Health First Aid" at St. Patrick Church in Carlsbad on Saturday, April 16. Lunch will be provided and space is limited to 25 participants. Please contact Martha Ackman to register at mmackman5@gmail.com or 760-443-8783.

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!

Catholic Widows and Widowers of North County

For more information, call Carol Kope at 760-726-0533 or visit www.cwwnc.com.

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! We'll be having a park play date on Monday, March 21, 3:00-5:00pm. There are many events throughout the month posted on our private Facebook page. Join us! Contact Jen Abelson at jen.abelson@gmail.com.



Natural Family Planning—Have you heard about NFP and aren't quite sure what it is? Are you interested in learning more about Natural Family Planning? Contact Cheryl and Dave Ross at davidandcherylross@gmail.com to learn more about the various NFP methods and determine which method is right for you and your family.

Beloved Series—Deacon John and Debbie Fredette will be presenting a 12-part series Wednesday evenings, continuing March 16 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.

Bishops' Letter on Marriage—Relativism: "By attempting to redefine marriage to include or be made analogous with homosexual partnerships, society is stating that the permanent union of husband and wife, the unique pattern of spousal and familial love, and the generation of new life are now only of relative importance rather than being fundamental to the existence and well-being of society as a whole." To read the document go to <http://www.usccb.org/loveandlife/>.

Marriage Moments—Adultery is a tragic offense against one's marriage vow. Yet, Jesus says, "Has no one condemned you?...Neither do I condemn you" (Jn 8:11). It doesn't make an awful act right, but Jesus' response is mercy. Is there anything big or small that needs mercy in your marriage?

Parenting Pointers—Jesus fed the hungry and bids us to do the same (Mt. 25:35). But people need pots, pans, and other kitchen utensils to cook meals to feed themselves. Do you have any duplicate kitchen supplies that you can pass on to a needy family; perhaps a newly arrived immigrant?

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

Our Church—Do You Know?

Outdoor speakers are now functioning on the plaza and in the area near the main restrooms to the west of the main doors. Additional restrooms are on the northeast corner behind the choir area.

Culture of Life News

Members of the parish Culture of Life Group pray the Rosary at the Vista Planned Parenthood each Thursday morning from 10:00-11:00am. This is a prayerful, non-confrontational event. It is located on Via Center Drive in Vista. For more information, please contact Jane Kelleher at 760-822-7041.

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

This month's Women's Guild Luncheon Meeting is on Monday, March 14 at 11:00am. in the Parish Center Lower Level. If you haven't yet done so, please call Anna Robinson at 760-231-1323 today and let her know you are coming. Celebrating St. Patrick will be lots of fun with festive décor and Bobby's Hideaway catering an Irish-themed lunch. Sr. Maureen Brown will be our inspiring guest, speaking about "The Evolution of Religious Life through the Eyes of Sr. Maureen." Lunch is \$10, and there will be door prizes and a drawing. See you there!

On the horizon is a fun event: A Victorian Garden Tea on Saturday, April 9, at 11:00am. in the Parish Center Lower Level. You and your friends are encouraged to decorate your own table from linen to centerpiece to favorite china. Fabulous hats, boas, gloves, are the order of the day, so wear your faves! Cost is \$25 for hours of great fun, friendship, prizes, and a marvelous tea party menu. See the flyer in today's bulletin.

The Spring Bake Sale is scheduled for the weekend of April 16 and 17 on the plaza. Watch for the flyer in April.

Have a blessed and faith-filled week. —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. For more information, contact Jim and Marilyn Day at 760-5-09-4545 or jandmday@cox.net

A Year of Celebration!

GALA

2016

Friday
April 29

4:30-9:00pm

STM Social Event of the Year!

Happy Hour at 4:30pm kicks off our fundraising event!

You'll have time to check out our Raffle, Silent and Live Auction items, Wheel of Fortune, Movies, Plays, Restaurant packages, golf surprises, and more.

Join us for a FUN evening!



Stay tuned for fabulous Wheel of Fortune prizes!!!

Dinner is served at 6:00pm

\$45/person until March 31.

(\$50/person if paid in April)

Vegetarian option available upon request

Plus reserve your spot for the *Pastor's Dinner*

Sunday, July 24 ★ 5:00-8:00pm

at the beautiful Crossings Restaurant in Carlsbad

\$150/per person (\$75 tax deductible)

For information, please 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.

Special "Holy Year of Mercy" Rosaries

Fr. Mike has obtained special "Holy Year of Mercy" rosaries from the Vatican and blessed by Pope Francis. The rosaries are available on the plaza after Masses and also in the Parish Office during the week. Please stop by and take a look. There are three different styles available at \$20, \$25, and \$30.

Liturgy & Music *Worship God*

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



Woman, where are they?
 Has no one condemned you?

John 8:10



Upcoming Music



MARCH 20
Palm Sunday
of the Passion
of the Lord



5:00pm

Praise Team

8:30am

Cappella Choir

10:30am

Tower Bells

CELEBRATING HOLY WEEK...WHY BOTHER?

When I attend the week-long National Association of Pastoral Musicians conference every other year, one of the commitments I make is to attend Morning Prayer every day, Tuesday through Friday. Each morning, the convention planners offer a different experience for Morning Prayer, celebrating the diversity inherent in the Catholic universe—different musical forces, different languages, even different traditions (the Morning Prayer service offered by an Eastern Orthodox priest, deacon, and choir will be a lasting memory of mine for years to come!).

Getting up every morning to celebrate the Liturgy of the Hours doesn't seem like too big of a deal on the way to the conference. But after a day's workshops and lectures, an evening's concerts, and the late-night liturgies, the morning comes pretty early. And that's on Wednesday. By Friday, there's a strong desire to roll over when the alarm goes off and take the extra hour of sleep, skipping the week's final prayer service. But it is always worth it. And when I am on my way home, and in need of much needed sleep, I always count these Morning Prayer services among the most powerful moments of spiritual growth and refreshment that I experience at the conference.

For me, Holy Week is similar.

Next week, we begin our annual journey through the days of Holy Week and into Easter Sunday in which we mark specific elements of Christ's final days on earth—Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and the Easter Vigil—celebrating our Lord's triumphant entry into Jerusalem, his institution of the Eucharist, his death and burial, and his resurrection.

It's a lot of liturgy. And there is a real desire to skip something, to take a night off. We know the story. We know the ending! Who doesn't? In fact, can't I skip right from Palm Sunday to Easter morning without missing anything. We hear the Passion narrative on Palm Sunday, so I don't really need to hear it again on Good Friday. Right? We hear the words of institution at every Mass, so I don't really need to go to Holy Thursday's Mass. Do I? And all those readings at the Easter Vigil which we hear at other points throughout the year, do I need to hear them again. Really?

But this misses the point.

Yes, all of these things happen, but every liturgy within Holy Week puts these events in greater context. On Palm Sunday, the Passion narrative is preceded by the entry into Jerusalem, without which we miss noticing the speed at which Jesus' fate turned. The Institution of Holy Communion is preceded by the Washing of Feet, connecting the call to service to the call to be fed at the Lord's Table. The Passion narrative on Good Friday is followed by the Veneration of the Cross in which we can marry our individual crosses to the cross that Jesus carried. The scripture proclaimed at the Easter Vigil recounts the salvation story, all in one place, all in one hearing.

All of it points to the Resurrection.

Certainly, Easter Sunday is what we Christians are all about. And for some, it might be enough. But experiencing the entire story, the entire journey, following in the footsteps of Christ through the entire week, provides an opportunity for spiritual growth and refreshment that only comes once each year.

I hope you will join me. I hope you will join us!

Faith Formation

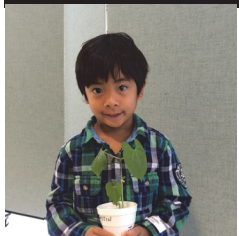
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Family Faith Formation

Our Next REACH Day is March 20



In our Genesis class we learned that during Lent Jesus can make all things new! Justin Lew shows us the plant he grew from seed to give an example of our bible point.

Vacation Bible School
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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!

Adult Faith Formation

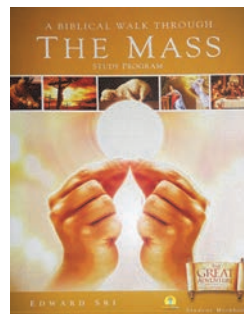
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Number of Registered Households	1,197
Offertory	\$22,767.84
Offertory (Loose Collection)	\$1,185.00
Total	\$23,952.84

Mortgage/Building Completion Fund Income

September 15, 2014 to February 29, 2016

Mortgage Offering Collected	\$831,868.79
Less Administrative Costs	\$37,494.00
Payment toward Parish Reserves (10%)	\$82,480.58
Payment toward Mortgage	\$742,325.21
Mortgage Payment Due	\$777,369.57
Mortgage Payment Overage/(Shortfall)	(\$35,044.36)

Memorial Items \$1,416,679.90

Please continue to support the
Mortgage/Building Completion Fund!

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Christian Stewardship as Holy Week Approaches



Lord Jesus Christ,

It is a great grace to be with you during this Lenten season, but how often have we spent our days neglecting the spiritual fruits we are offered?

How often do we go without paying any attention to the need for penance, fasting, almsgiving or prayer in our lives?

And if we miss these Lenten opportunities, how can we rejoice in your resurrection if we do not in some way participate in your death?

Help us become better stewards of this gift of the Lenten season. Teach us how to die to our own failings, weaknesses, and neglect. Show us how to turn from our resentments, anger, and impatience. Liberate us from our conceit, self-centeredness, and greed.

Break through the barriers we have erected around ourselves and open our hearts to your mercy, compassion and forgiveness.

May we use each day as an opportunity to grow closer to you, unite with you in both your death and resurrection, and thus become reflections of your love. Amen.

—ICSC, Catholic Stewardship e-bulletin, March 2016 (with permission)

"Prayer in action is love, and love in action is service.

Try to give unconditionally . . . The point is to do SOMETHING, however small, and show you care through your actions by giving your time."

—Blessed Mother Teresa, A Simple Path

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Daily Mass Chapel and Choir Chairs (200) 93 available	\$300/each
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Memorials are a way of honoring those whom we love, whether they are living or deceased. Often, memorials are made for a special intention or in thanksgiving for a variety of blessings received from God.

Listed above are items still available for adoption.

All contributions will be recognized in a special memorial to be displayed in our Parish Memorial Garden.

For more information or to adopt an item, contact Chris Smith
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The Larger Church News

Vince Ambrosetti Concert—Sunday, March 13, 7:00pm, St. Mark Church, 1147 Discover St., San Marcos. Continuing with the **Awaken Our Hearts Parish Mission**, March 14-16, 7:00pm. For more information, contact 760-744-1540.

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 rvtmecula@verizon.net. Also visit www.rachelsvineyard.org.

Third Annual Divine Mercy Conference and Workshop—Saturday, April 16, 9:30am-3:30pm, St. Martha Catholic Church, 37200 Whitewood Rd., Murrieta. Featured speakers are Fr. Donald Calloway, Tim Staples, and Donna Cori Gibson. For more information, call Barbara at 951-600-9163.

San Luis Rey Chorale Presents Requiem: Music to Soothe the Soul and Honor the Memory of Loved Ones—Friday, April 29, 7:00pm and Saturday, April 30, 3:00pm, Mission San Luis Rey, 4050 Mission Ave., Oceanside. For more information, visit <http://tinyurl.com/zfxtkwr>.

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.

Young Adult Opportunities around the Diocese

Holy Heroes! A Day Retreat for All Young Adults (18-39), Saturday, March 12, 8:30am-6:00pm

For more information, visit www.yamsd.org.
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Visit www.sandiegocac.org for activities around the Diocese for adults of **all** ages.

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This year during the retreat our small groups were based upon regions in the hope that the groups would continue to meet after sharing a powerful weekend together. Of the nearly 150 young adults on retreat and 18 small groups, 10 of them still meet weekly. Furthermore, the individuals within these groups have found ways to put flesh to their prayers by serving the poor, reaching out to the needy, and inviting their peers to do the same.

It is through these events as well as our speaker series, Christmas Gala, Mega-Mass, and Theology on Taps that we have been able to empower and effectively build an active Young Adult community here within the diocese. It is through our large events that we capture young adults. It is through weekly small groups and bible studies that we cultivate young adults. Finally, it is through the mentorship and the discipleship of Young Adult Coordinators that we commission young adults to repeat the process among their peers and do the same.

Currently we have 24 weekly studies shared amongst 36 parishes with approximately 400 young adults actively engaged each week here in San Diego County. In Imperial County we are beginning to establish young adult ministry groups at 7 new parishes in conjunction with the already 5 groups in existence. From these 400 young adults we have found that nearly 800 are involved sometime throughout the year in some sort of

diocesan run large group event. Reflections of those numbers can be found at our 2015 Mega Mass held in August where 550 young adults were in attendance. With over 3,000 names in our database, we are blessed with technology that allows us to email these young adults on a monthly basis.

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Parish Center Lower Level

Ticket Price: \$25.00



*You are invited to reserve, decorate, and host a table for six
or simply join the festivities as a guest.*

*Hats, gloves, and boas are optional.
Please bring your favorite tea cup.*

*Prizes for the best hat and decorated table!
Social Hour...High Noon Tea...Good Food...Door Prizes*

*To host a table or for more information please contact
Maureen Tutino 760-598-8211 Mary Dahlberg 760-598-1330*

Victorian Garden Tea April 9, 2016

Reservations by April 2, 2016

*NAME: _____
of guests including yourself: _____*

*PHONE: _____
Host a table? ___ Yes ___ No*



*Please attach full payment for yourself plus guest(s).
Make checks payable to STM Women's Guild
Place in Box 35 or in collection basket. Thank you.*

California State University, Fresno

Wind Orchestra Tour

Thursday, March 17, 7:00pm

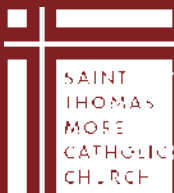
Dr. Gary P. Gilroy, Conductor
Mr. Steven McKeithen, Guest Conductor
Dr. Nathan Sobieralski, Trumpet Soloist



Joint Concert with
Rancho Buena Vista High School
Wind Ensemble

at

St. Thomas More Catholic Church
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