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CATHOLIC
CHURCH

Our Holy Year Pilgrimage Church Door
is open 7:00am-7:00pm
seven days a week.
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If you'd like to help out by spending
an hour a week in the church during these times,
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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
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Deacon John Fredette
Deacon Thomas A. Goeltz

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Third Sunday of Easter
April 10, 2016

Pastor's Column

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

The Wounds of Christ

As we journey through this Easter Season, as we continue to meditate and reflect upon the various Resurrection Accounts given to us in Scripture, the wounds of Christ still present in his Resurrected Body, cry out for attention.

The wounds are a source of intrigue and curiosity. Why are they still there? They have become a starting point of meditation and prayer for me in this Easter Season.

I share with you the words of Philip Yancey, in his book, *The Jesus I Never Knew*:

One detail in the Easter stories has always intrigued me: Why did Jesus keep the scars from his crucifixion? Presumably he could have had any resurrected body he wanted, and yet he chose one identifiable mainly by scars that could be seen and touched. Why?

I believe the story of Easter would be incomplete without those scars on the hands, the feet, and the side of Jesus. When human beings fantasize, we dream of pearly straight teeth and wrinkle-free skin and sexy ideal shapes. We dream of an unnatural state: the perfect body. But for Jesus, being confined in a skeleton and human skin was the unnatural state. The scars are, to him, an emblem of life on our planet, a permanent reminder of those days of confinement and suffering.

I take hope in Jesus' scars. From the perspective of heaven, they represent the most horrible event that has ever happened in the history of the universe. Even that event, though, Easter turned into a memory.

Because of Easter, I can hope that the tears we shed, the blows we receive, the emotional pain, the heartache over lost friends and loved ones, all these will become memories, like Jesus' scars. Scars never completely go away, but neither do they hurt any longer. We will have re-created bodies, a re-created heaven and earth. We will have a new start, an Easter start.

As we journey through the Feast of the Resurrection, let us take time to reflect upon our wounds and lift them up to the Lord. Allow them to be an emblem of life on this planet and a sign of future glory!

F. Mike

Annual Catholic Appeal

Help us reach our assessment of
\$50,000! We are just over halfway.

Celebrating THE YEAR OF
Mercy

Be merciful just as your Father is merciful.

LUKE 6:36

www.sdcatholic.org

Annual Catholic Appeal

Thanks to all those who have responded already!

Pledges to date:	\$26,897
Families responding:	169
Average pledge per family:	\$159.15

Our assessment this year is \$50,000—help us meet it!

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.

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.

Do you shop on Amazon? Use Amazon Smile (see www.stmoside.org/scrip.htm for details) and a portion of your purchase will be donated to St. Thomas More.

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**

Heartletter

St. Thomas More Catholic Church has reached another milestone: more than 500 members of the Parish have been trained and certified in CPR. We urge those who have not had this training and those who have not been certified within the last two years to take advantage of classes scheduled this month and in May. Classes will be held on Saturday, April 16, 9:30am-1:00pm and on Saturday, May 21, 9:30am-1:00pm. Contact Dr. Phil Goscinski at 760-732-1414 or drphilg@cox.net to sign up for one of these classes.

Welcome New Parishioners

Gerold & Miho Maly
Franklin & Kelly Roedel & Family

Congratulations to

Matt & Lena Rumps

who celebrate their 30th anniversary of marriage on April 12.

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

Announcing the Baptisms of

Trevor Aceff
Sam Aceff
Lucy Diane Roedel

on April 10



Our Christian community welcomes you with great joy!

In Memoriam



Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Tom Simonson, who died on April 2. Please keep his brother, Parishioner Bob Simonson, and his family in your prayers.

Jack Gillen, who died on April 2. His Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, April 12, at 10:30am at St. Thomas More. Please keep his wife, Parishioner Marge Gillen, and his family in your prayers.

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

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

Help Feed the Hungry

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

Although life coaches tell us that it takes twenty-one days for a new practice to become a habit, it's not that simple.

Good habits are formed daily by putting in a lot of effort.

During the forty days of Lent, we saw a huge increase in our efforts to feed the hungry in our local community.

Now is the time to reinforce this practice. A visual reminder on your fridge will help you form the habit of bringing a **nonperishable** food item each weekend when you come to Mass.

Thank you for your generosity!



Readings for the Week Ahead

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

Sunday, April 10 (48)

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41

Psalm 30:2, 4-6, 11-13

Revelation 5:11-14

John 21:1-19

Monday, April 11 (550)

Stanislaus, bishop, martyr

Revelation 12:10-12a

Psalm 34:2-9

John 17:11b-19

Tuesday, April 12 (274)

Acts 7:51-8:1a

Psalm 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab

John 6:30-35

Wednesday, April 13 (551)

Martin I, pope, martyr

2 Timothy 2:8-13; 3:10-12

Psalm 126:1bc-6

John 15:18-21

Thursday, April 14 (276)

Acts 8:26-40

Psalm 66:8-9, 16-17, 20

John 6:44-51

Friday, April 15 (277)

Acts 9:1-20

Psalm 117:1bc, 2

John 6:52-59

Saturday, April 16 (278)

Acts 9:31-42

Psalm 116:12-17

John 6:60-69

Sunday, April 17 (51)

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 13:14, 43-52

Psalm 100:1-3, 5

Revelation 5:9, 14b-17

John 10:27-30

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

Changa Aguilera
Ernie Aichele
Mary Alexander
Christine & Cory Anderson
The Arce & Colfer Families
Carrie Autrey
Joshua Avery
Addison Abigail Aviña
Rosemary Ballard
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
Brianne Campos
Aria Cappeluti
Jorge Cartajena
Donald Cashmore
Anne Caywood
The Vaughn Clevenger Family
Anne Cline
Carl & Dorothy Coleman
James Coleman
Judy Colson
The Virginia H. Conlin Family
Karen Connell
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
Arthur Eral
Carolyn Erickson Ey
Victoria Lopez Fenton
The Fiore Family
Fr. James Flanagan
Mary Fleming
Ryan Flum
Ernie Follis
Al Fortaleza
Eugene Franciscus
Kathryn Franklin
The Greg French Family
Brian Frink
Jim Gallagher
The Joe Garcia Family
Kathy Gardner
Joan Gay
Alyssa Gerhard
The Gillen Family
Merle Glime
Wendy Gonzales' Dad
Rick Gonzalez
Tillie Gonzalez
Lou Gordon
George Gritt
Luke Guent
Susan Hallahan
Colleen Hanna
Pat & Tom Hannon
The Harker Family
Anthony Harris
Dorothy Harrison
Michelle Harrison & Family
Barbara Hatem
Bill & Mary Haynes
Lilian 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
Susan Lee
Jake Lefferdink
Jeremiah Lemus
Aleah Leon
Ashley Load
The Loftis & Vancelette Families
Cassandra & Lauren Loretto
Jack Lucarelli
Joaquin Maldonado
The Maldonado Family
The Maldonado Trejo Family
Paige Mansell
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
Maria Molina
Mary Monson
June Montgomery
Jim Moore
Nancy Moore
Elizabeth Muehlbacher
Conrad Murphy
Eddie 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
Delilah Plasterer
Perry Postulka
The Joe Prokop Family
Barbara Ramm
The Ratajczak Family
Trish Resplandor
Randy Reznicek
Jenni Richard
Evelyn Richards
Jan Riley
Rita Ritchie
Lily Robinson
Maria Rogers
Lily Rolfini
The Russo Family
Rachel Sainc
Cindy Sanelli
Lori Sanna
Linda Schmidt
Joan Shea
Elizabeth Shirzad
The Simonson Family
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
William Tompson
Stephen Toth, Jr.
Olivia Trejo
The Trejo/Beltran Family
The Trejo/Maldonado/Uribe Family
Martin Vertson
Lucy Vienna
Lucy Viramontes
Vanessa Vitiello
Wilson Wanner
Kevin Watson-Graff
Jerry Wechsler
The Xavier Family
Patricia Zavala
Jeanne Zeltner

Calendar Highlights

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

Apr 10 Liturgy of the Word for
Children at 8:30am and
10:30am Masses
Apr 10 Knights of Columbus
Breakfast
Apr 10 Restaurant Fundraiser at
Oggi's
Apr 15 RBVHS Wind Ensemble
Apr 16 Spring Ring
Apr 16-17 Get on the Bus Item
Collection
Apr 17 Liturgy of the Word for
Children at 8:30am and
10:30am Masses
Apr 17 REACH Classes at Church
Apr 23-24 Get on the Bus Item
Collection
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
Jul 24 Pastor's Dinner
Sep 11 Wine Tasting Event
Sep 25 New Member Luncheon

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.

Mass Intentions
Saturday, April 9, 5:00pm Lelan Wong ☩
Sunday, April 10, 8:30am Carol Bolling ☩
Sunday, April 10, 10:30am Frank Fallone ☩
Monday, April 11, 8:15am Kevin O'Neill ☩
Tuesday, April 12, 8:15am Bud Flanagan ☩
Wednesday, April 13, 8:15am Dolly Cole ☩
Thursday, April 14, 8:15am Deborah Anne Dowling ☩
Friday, April 15, 8:15am Bob & Pat Wong
Saturday, April 16, 5:00pm Steve Calder ☩
Sunday, April 17, 8:30am Willard Dowling ☩
Sunday, April 17, 10:30am Elsa Libreros ☩

April 11 Sr. Rosemary Nicholson, RJM
April 12 Sr. Pio Maria Nihombere, MC
April 13 Sr. Sheila Novak, SDS
April 14 Sr. Ma. Esther Nunez, SJS
April 15 Sr. Anne O'Connor, CSN
April 16 Sr. LaVern Olberding, OSF
April 17 Sr. Bernadette Oliva, RJM

Social Ministries & Outreach

Get on the Bus 2016

Once again this year, our Parish will be participating in the **Get On the Bus Program** which brings children to visit their incarcerated mothers on the Friday before Mother's Day! Each year thousands of children throughout California travel by bus to the prison where their mother is confined. Mother and child spend the day hugging, visiting, crying, playing games, eating lunch, and making memories until next Mother's Day. The children spend about 10 hours on the bus in order to share 3-4 hours this one day of the year.



St. Thomas More Parish, along with other San Diego faith communities, is supporting a bus to the Central California Women's Facility (CCWF) in Chowchilla. Please see the attached envelope and the flyer describing how you can be of help in bringing these mothers and children together. Some of the items needed have changed from the past, so please review the flyer carefully!

We will be accepting items for the next two weekends before Masses and through April 26 at the Parish Office. Every item on the flyer is used for GOTB. (If we have excess items, they will be shared with other congregations collecting for the children who will visit their dads near Father's Day.)

Have questions or want to volunteer? Contact Sr. Maureen Brown at 760-758-4100 x131 or maureenb@stmoside.org.

St. Bonaventure Indian Mission

Although our clothing and shoe drive will not be until the second weekend in November, it is not too early to start now in setting aside those items that no longer fit, are out of style, or just no longer cared for...and perhaps your neighbors and coworkers could do the same. The Navajos the Mission helps are among the poorest of the poor in our great country. Please help them! 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.

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.

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, April 18, 3:00-5:00pm. There are many other 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 are presenting a 12-part series Wednesday evenings, concluding April 13 at 7:00pm. Learn first hand how to experience the mystery, happiness, and joy of marriage. Contact Debbie Fredette at 760-758-4100 x110 for additional information.

Bishops' Letter on Marriage—Imitating Christ: "Christian spouses are called to this imitation of Christ, an imitation that is possible only because, in the Sacrament of Matrimony, the couple receives a participation in his love. As a sacrament, marriage signifies and makes present in the couple Christ's total self-gift of love. Their mutual gift of self, conferred in their promises of fidelity and love to the end, becomes a participation in the love to the end by which Christ gave himself to the Church as to a Spouse" (see Jn 13:1). To read the document go to <http://www.usccb.org/loveandlife/>.

Marriage Moments— "Talking to your man is different from talking to your girlfriend. By and large, a man wants the bottom line. Cut the amount of prelude by approximately 90%, and you'll get it just about right." (from Smart Marriages). Yes, this is a stereotype but stereotypes often hold a kernel of truth. Does this fit your marriage? By Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net.

Parenting Pointers— Child Abuse Prevention Month. Certainly you don't abuse your own child (unless insisting on homework is considered abuse). You may not know any children in danger either. But prevention counts. Be kind to a neighbor or lonely child this week. By Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net.

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

Brother Benno's

This Season of Joy for the risen Christ sometimes makes it easy to forget that Jesus sent his disciples (us) out to spread the good news, not only by proclaiming the Gospel, but, more importantly, by living it...taking care of our less fortunate neighbors, clothing the naked, and feeding the poor. Brother Benno's does this better than any other agency here in North County. Although STM will not have any "formal" collections for them until later in the summer, their needs continue every month...every day. Please remember them during this "off season". Any questions, contact Deacon Tom at thomasgoeltz@aol.com or 760-727-8442.

Parish Events

Women's Guild News

The Women's Guild monthly luncheon meeting is this Monday, April 11, in the Parish Center Lower Level. Be sure to call Hospitality Chair, Anna Robinson, at 760-231-1323 today to reserve your spot. As reported last week, Sally Fay, our talented organist, will be our entertainment. A lovely luncheon from Ciao's and door prizes will follow. The weekend of April 16-17 features our semi-annual Bake Sale on the plaza after each of the Masses. Your home-baked donations and purchases are greatly appreciated. See the flyer in today's bulletin.

A peek at our May meeting agenda indicates a fun program we like to call the "Three B's" —no, not Bears—it's Books, Barbeque, and Bingo! We will also give special recognition to our Blessed Virgin Mary, to whom the month of May is dedicated. In addition, election of the Board of Directors for 2016-17 will be held. Join us for another lovely day of celebration.

Nominations are being accepted for the 2016-17 Women's Guild Board of Directors. Please contact Barbara Brown Barreras, Vice President of Membership and Nomination Committee Chair, at 760-639-0012, if you or someone you know would be interested in serving on our Board next year. The slate of nominated officers will be presented at the April 11 meeting; however, our bylaws allow for nominations from the floor at the meeting as well.

Watch for next week's column for the report on the Women's Guild Victorian Garden Tea which took place this weekend!

May the joy of Easter be held in your hearts throughout the year!

—Kathy Gerhard, president

Catholic Widows and Widowers of North County

On Sunday, April 24, CWWNC will gather here at STM for communal Mass at 10:30am, followed by lunch at Nucci's. This is a great opportunity for prospective members to get acquainted with our group. Check the bulletin board in the Parish Center Lower Level or visit www.cwwnc.com for our calendar of events including bowling, bocce ball, golf, dining out, hiking, and more! RSVP's are required. For more information, call Carol Kope at 760-726-0533.

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**.

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.

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
\$50/person

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 nine 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

HEAVY METAL COMES TO ST. THOMAS MORE

Southern California Spring Ring

Next Saturday, April 16, ten handbells choirs, 117 ringers, and scores of handbells, chimes, mallets, and gloves will descend on St. Thomas More as we host the Handbell Musicians of America's Southern California Spring Ring.

San Diego and Orange Counties handbell choirs meet for this all-day festival that brings together church and community groups ringing the same repertoire under conductor Alex Guebert in preparation for a final concert. Alex hails from Southern California. He is a composer and percussionist, a member of the professional group Timbré, and director of two community groups: Cathedral Bells of Orange and LA Bronze of Los Angeles.

Everyone is invited to the final concert at 4:00pm on the Parish Center Upper Level.

A free-will offering will be taken.



Children, have you caught anything to eat?

John 21:5

Saturday, April 16 | 4:00pm | Parish Center Upper Level | Free-will offering

St. Thomas More gladly welcomes the following choirs to the Spring Ring:

Anderson Handbell Choir
United Methodist Church of Vista

Bells of Hope
Hope Lutheran, Temecula

The BellTones
San Carlos United Methodist, El Cajon

Celebration Bells
First United Methodist, Escondido

Joyful Bells
San Dieguito United Methodist, Encinitas

Jubilee Bells
Red Hill Lutheran, La Habra

Prayer House Ringers
House of Prayer Lutheran, Escondido

San Diego Harmony Ringers
San Diego

San Rafael Handbell Choir
San Rafael Catholic, San Diego

Tower Bells
St. Thomas More Catholic, Oceanside

Upcoming Music



APRIL 17
4th Sunday of Easter



5:00pm
Praise Team
8:30am
Cappella Choir
10:30am
Tower Bells



Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

Matt Franklin

Youth Advocate

760-758-4100 x161; mattf@stmoside.org

Debbie Fredette

Director of Faith Formation

760-758-4100 x110; debbief@stmoside.org

Family Faith Formation

Our Next REACH Sunday Is April 17

Registration for REACH Classes for 2016-2017 Has Begun! Get your packet today!

Expecting ??

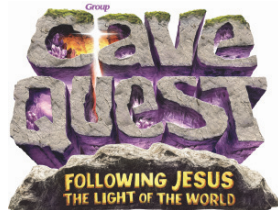


Why not schedule your Baptismal appointment today before the arrival of your little one? Please contact the Faith Formation Office at 760-758-4100 x110 or debbief@stmoside.org for more information.



Don't Forget Your LENTEN Rice Bowls Are Due Back—Bring Them to REACH Class on April 17!

**Vacation Bible School
June 20-24
Return your
registration today.
Spaces are limited!**



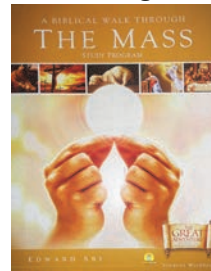
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Collection for Week of April 2/3, 2016

Number of Registered Households	1,205
Offertory	\$10,240.45
Offertory (Loose Collection)	\$1,209.00
Total	\$11,449.45

Mortgage/Building Completion Fund Income

September 15, 2014 to March 31, 2016

Mortgage Offering Collected	\$884,372.88
Less Administrative Costs	\$39,577.00
Payment toward Parish Reserves (10%)	\$87,542.69
Payment toward Mortgage	\$787,884.19
Mortgage Payment Due	\$822,175.78
Mortgage Payment Overage/(Shortfall)	(\$34,291.59)

Memorial Items	\$1,440,079.90
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Future Support & Estate Planning Options

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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,
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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.

Christian Stewardship and Our Baptismal Promises

The annual practice of *renewing* baptismal promises at Easter is essential for those who take the stewardship of their Catholic faith seriously. It focuses our attention on answering Christ's call to follow after him, proclaiming his Gospel in word and deed, putting the Eucharist into action, building up the communion of faith, and sharing Christ's peace with a broken world.



Renewing our Baptismal promises and the baptismal focus of holy water is most compelling at the Easter Vigil where the sprinkling is directly connected to the renewal of promises. The use of holy water compels us to reflect on our Baptism, calls us back to our central identity as Catholic Christians, and again strengthens us anew "as servants of Christ and **stewards** of the mysteries of God" (1 Cor. 4:10).

The Baptismal water of Easter performs a twofold purpose. It Baptizes the catechumens and it refreshes our covenant with God in Christ through the renewal of our baptismal promises. It then "seals" our resolve to follow Jesus more closely.

Many who say they are Catholic desire to live their lives as if Jesus was still in the tomb. But he is not. Christ has risen and is present among us, calling us each day to follow after him and radiate his example onto the world. Living our baptismal promises inspires us to be good stewards of God's plan as individuals and as a Eucharistic community in the 21st century.

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Memorial Item Donations Available

Pipe Organ	\$850,000
Christ on the Road to Emmaus	
Bronze Sculpture for	\$27,000
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Exterior Windows and Doors	\$45,000
Exterior Brick	\$30,000
Plumbing	\$30,000
Plumbing Finish and Fixtures	\$10,000

Memorial Item Donations Partial

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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
760-758-4100 x120 or chriss@stmoside.org

The Larger Church News

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."



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.

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

Young Adult Opportunities around the Diocese

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

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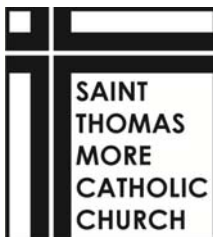


April 16-17
after all Masses

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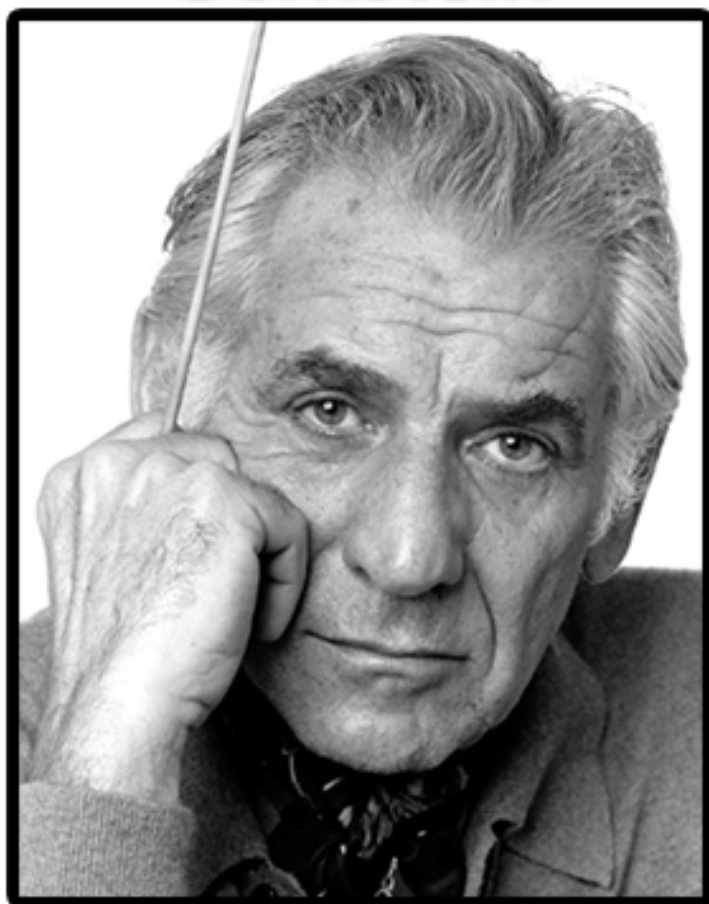
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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**Receive donated items before
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April 16-17 and April 23-24

Sort donated items

April 28

Contact—Sr. Maureen at 760-758-4100 x131
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MONETARY DONATIONS

Envelopes are stapled to the bulletin this week and will be available at the Parish Office through April 26.

(Add "STM Bus N" to the memo of your check.)



ITEM DONATIONS

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Children's ages range from 3 to 17 years.

Children's stationery packs

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(These will enable children to write letters to their mothers in prison)

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