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CHURCH

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and Eucharistic Adoration
open 7:00am-7:00pm
seven days a week.
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A Roman Catholic Parish
in the Diocese of San Diego

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✙ 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, 3:30-4:30pm
and by appointment

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Pentecost Sunday
May 15, 2016

Pastor's Column

Rev. Michael Ratajczak
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A "Shout-out" for Young People!

Last Sunday Bishop McElroy was with us to lead us in the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation as a number of our young Parishioners received the gift of the Holy Spirit.

As I watched him impart the Holy Spirit: "Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit," I was reminded of how proud I am of our teens.

In July, I will begin my 14th year as Pastor of St. Thomas More Parish, and over the years I have been constantly amazed by our teens.

They are bright, warm, friendly, curious, oftentimes very gentle, and desirous of being involved in the life of the Parish.

When you come to Mass on the weekend, I am sure you have noticed the number of youth involved in the Parish: Sacristans, Altar Servers, Hospitality Ministers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, and Readers.

What a blessing as we see so many young people being integrated into the life of the Parish!

With Matt Franklin, our Youth Advocate, leading the way as we rebuild our Youth Ministry Program, our present is bright and our future is even brighter.

With last week's Confirmation and my reflection on the youth of our Parish, I thought about two other recent events involving young people.

On April 29, the Caterer and his staff at our Gala gave us very delicious food, and I was surprised to see how young the Caterer was as was his entire staff of waitpersons.

They were very competent, friendly, courteous, and professional. I was impressed!

And this past week, as many of you know, I moved to a new home that may become our permanent rectory. I hired "Meathead Movers" for the furniture. I had used them the last time we made a change in rectories.

"Meathead Movers" are college students who move furniture to work their way through college. Again, these young movers were professional, courteous, friendly, and hard-working. I was impressed!

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Annual Catholic Appeal
Every pledge/gift counts!
Help us meet our assessment.

Celebrating THE YEAR OF
Mercy

Be merciful just as your Father is merciful.

LUKE 6:36

www.sdcatholic.org

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So often our young people get a really bad rap. So often we only hear the negatives.

Today I want to give a "shout-out" to our young people. They need our support, and they need to be recognized for the good people they are.

They have a difficult life today, with so many choices and options that fill their world through social media. They have so much they need to muck through every day. Yet they do, they survive, and they are good and desirous of doing the right thing, and of becoming better human beings trying to make us elders proud of them.

So today, let's give a "Shout-out" to young people! They deserve it! They need it!

Fr. Mike

Annual Catholic Appeal

Thanks to all those who have responded already!

Pledges to date:	\$34,628
Families responding:	225
Average pledge per family:	\$153.90

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

Thank You!

Dear Friends and Parish Family,
Thank you for all the love and support you have given to me these past weeks and all the many cards. I cherish them and hold them dear to my heart. —*Love and hugs, Edith Noel*

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

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, 80bell180@gmail.com.

Welcome New Parishioners

Frank & Mary DeFalco & Family
Mark & Elizabeth Jurecki
Ulysses & LaVernon Molina
Erin Weland

Announcing the Baptism of

Faith Juliann Harkless
Payton Henry Labko
Adrian Charles Huber
Casandra Clayton Huber
Francesca Carmen Huber
Veronica Teresa Huber

on May 15

Our Christian community welcomes you with great joy!

**In Memoriam**

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Jean Calderone, who died on April 30. A Celebration of Life was held for her last weekend. Please keep her family in your prayers.

Maxine Maberry, who died on May 1. Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated at Mission San Diego de Alcalá. Please keep her daughter, Patricia Remington, and her family in your prayers.

Alvin Rouse, who died on May 7. His Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, May 27, at 11:00am at St. Thomas More. Please keep 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.

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 in May. Class will be held 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.

STM Scrip News

Scrip is available after weekend Masses and in the Parish Office during the week, as well as online at www.stmoside.org/scrip. 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 helping to feed the hungry with your ongoing donations of **nonperishable** food items



Readings for the Week Ahead

Sunday Year C; Weekday Year II

Sunday, May 15 (63)

Pentecost

Acts 2:1-11

Psalm 104:1,24,29-31,34

1 Corinthians 12:3b-7,12-13

John 20:19-23

Monday, May 16 (341)

James 3:13-18

Psalm 19:8-10,15

Mark 9:14-29

Tuesday, May 17 (342)

James 4:1-10

Psalm 55:7-11a,23

Mark 9:30-37

Wednesday, May 18 (565)

John I, pope, martyr

Revelation 3:14b,20-22

Psalm 23:1-3a,4-6

Luke 22:24-30

Thursday, May 19 (344)

James 5:1-6

Psalm 49:14-20

Mark 9:41-50

Friday, May 20 (566)

Bernardine of Siena

Acts 4:8-12

Psalm 40:2,4,7-11

Luke 9:57-62

Saturday, May 21 (346)

*Christopher Magallanes, priest, and
Companions, martyrs*

James 5:13-20

Psalm 141:1-3,8

Mark 10:13-16

Sunday, May 22 (166)

Most Holy Trinity

Proverbs 8:22-31

Psalm 8:4-9

Romans 5:1-5

John 16:12-15

*Thank you for your prayers for
Cpt. Ryan J. Fullmer, USMC
who has returned home safely.*

Mass Intentions
Saturday, May 14, 5:00pm Joe, Lil, & Jay Seufert ☩
Sunday, May 15, 8:30am Ed Wesel ☩
Sunday, May 15, 10:30am Italino Norelli ☩
Monday, May 16, 8:15am Armand Perez ☩
Tuesday, May 17, 8:15am Paulina Dibeashi ☩
Wednesday, May 18, 8:15am Marge Gillen
Thursday, May 19, 8:15am Meg Shaffer & Steven Shaffer
Friday, May 20, 8:15am Timothy Wilmott ☩
Saturday, May 21, 5:00pm First Communicants
Sunday, May 22, 8:30am First Communicants
Sunday, May 22, 10:30am First Communicants

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
Jose Luis Barbosa
The Barbosa Family
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
The Calderone Family
Shelby Campbell
Brianna Campos
Aria Cappeluti
Jorge Cartajena
Donald Cashmore
Anne Caywood
The Josie Chavez Family
The Vaughn Clevenger Family
Anne Cline
Carl & Dorothy Coleman
James Coleman
Judy Colson
Karen Connell
Geoff Coolidge
Sandra Cracchiolo
Steven Cresencia
Lene Crowe
Karen Flaharty Daley
Emma Davenport & Family
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
Tony Fajardo
Victoria Lopez Fenton
The Fiore Family
Fr. James Flanagan
Mary Fleming
Ryan Flum
Ernie Follis
Eugene Franciscus
Kathryn Franklin
The Greg French Family
Brian Frink
Jim Gallagher
The Joe Garcia Family
Kathy Gardner
Joan Gay
Alyssa Gerhard
Merle Glime
Wendy Gonzales' Dad
Rick Gonzalez
Tillie Gonzalez
Lou Gordon
George Gritt
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 Horn
The Kenny Hunt Family
Iolanda Iacobelli
Katherine Jacobs
Jacqueline Johnson
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
Pauline Lapre's sister Justine
Brandon LeBlanc
Susan Lee
Ted Leeds
Jake Lefferdink
Jeremiah Lemus
Aleah Leon
Ashley Load
Cassandra & Lauren Loretto
Jack Lucarelli
The Maberry & Remington Families
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
June Montgomery
Nancy Moore
Elizabeth Muehlbacher
Conrad Murphy
Eddie Murphy
Margie Myers
Angela Nacional
Melanie Nacional
Nida Navarro
Lien Nguyen
The Noel Family
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
Bernie Ptak
The Quiroz Family
Barbara Ramm
Randy Reznicek
Jenni Richard
Evelyn Richards
Jan Riley
Rita Ritchie
Lily Robinson
Maria Rogers
The Rouse and Cortez Families
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
Frank & Mary Ann Stoddard
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
Don & Maureen Tutino
Anthony Ver-Meer & Family
Martin Vertson
Lucy Vienna
Lucy Viramontes
Vanessa Vitiello
Wilson Wanner
Kevin Watson-Graff
Jerry Wechsler
Rylee West
The Xavier Family
Patricia Zavala
Jeanne Zeltner

Calendar Highlights

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

May 15	Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses
May 15	REACH Classes at Church
May 17-18	Restaurant Fundraiser at Nucci's in Vista
May 19	Spirited Seniors Coaster Trip to Old Town
May 21-22	First Communion at all Masses
May 22	Knights of Columbus Breakfast
May 29	Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses
May 29	Memorial Day Choral Concert
Jun 10-12	Annual Campout
Jun 18-19	Family Shoe Ministry Collection
Jun 20-24	Vacation Bible School
Jun 25-26	Family Show Ministry Collection
Jul 24	Pastor's Dinner
Sep 11	Wine Tasting Event
Sep 25	New Member Luncheon
Oct 7-9	Annual Men's Retreat
Oct 23	Oktober Fest Event

Deployed Military

Gunnery Sgt. Fernando Andrade, Jr.
Lt. Devon Czarzasty
Capt. Branden M. Felker, USAF
Patrick G. Felker, USN
Grant Fischer
MSGT Steve Gallegos, USMC
Sgt. Alex Garcia
Adolfo Granados, MD, U.S. Navy
PFC Samuel Haro, US Army
Cpl Caleb Lemons, USMC
PFC Cody Madere
Jordan Millikan
1st Lt. Jennifer Mozzetta
Jeremiah Gabriel Nelson, USAF
Thomas Kevin Nelson, US Navy
Fireman Griffin Joseph Ochoa, US Navy
Pvt. 2 Jess Phillips, US Army
Nicole Rieger, US Navy
Sr. Airman Robert Spear, USAF
Sgt. Charles Watts, USMC

Pray for Women Religious

Please join us in praying for the women
religious who serve in the Diocese of San
Diego. They have been assigned to days
of the year in alphabetical order.

May 16 Sr. Dolores Cecile Schembri, CSJ
May 17 Sr. Annette Schmeling, RSCJ
May 18 Sr. Madeline Shayota, DMI
May 19 Sr. Joan Bernich Sheridan, SMSM
May 20 Sr. M. Rafqa Simpson, MC
May 21 Sr. Paula Smith, MMM
May 22 Sr. Kim Soon Duk, MC

Social Ministries & Outreach

Get On the Bus

The children had a wonderful time visiting their mothers in prison this past Friday, thanks to the efforts of so many! The children loved the snacks and the back packs filled with so many fun things do on the bus. The wonderful lap blankets kept them warm and comforted during the long hours of travel. On the way home, they enjoyed homemade cookies prepared by some of our parishioners!

Some quotes from this year:

"My best part of the day was hugging her and touching her face. Being in my mom's presence alone was a blessing." (13 yr. old).

(Born in prison and cared for by her grandma, this child talked with her mom on the phone every month but after eight years, this was the first time they met.) "I saw her face for the first time. I didn't expect my mom to be so tall!" (8 yr. old).

"Driving in to the prison is my most favorite suspense" (teenager).

Watch the bulletin next week for a financial report and more quotes from the children! (It is not too late to send in a donation!)

Thank you!

Save the Date: Sunday, July 10!

All American—All Faiths Picnic

Sponsored by the Masjid Al-Ittehad, the Mosque in Vista, and St. Thomas More Catholic Church

Come celebrate with others of all faith traditions in North County that in America we have the freedom to worship God, in public, according to our own consciences!

If you would like to be part of the planning of this celebration, contact Sr. Maureen Brown at maureenb@stmoside.org or 760-758-4100 x131.

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. 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.

St. Bonaventure Indian Mission

I have been told by some that they are already collecting usable shoes, blankets, and clothing for our annual clothing drive in November and going to estate sales and thrift shops to see if they can score some great buys. This is fantastic, as there is much need on the Navajo Reservation. Did you know that it is below zero in the winter and over one hundred in the summer...and that these people are among the poorest in the country? This is why we care so much! If you can help us, please do! Any questions, contact Deacon Tom at thomasgoeltz@aol.com or 760-727-8442.

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 have park play dates on the first and third Monday of each month at a local park, and there are many other events throughout the month posted on our private Facebook page. Join us! Contact Natalia Sada at vzlanaty@yahoo.com or Estelle Eral at estelle.eral@gmail.com.



Civil to Church Marriage—Are you civilly married, but haven't yet been married in the church? Contact Fr. Mike at michaerl@stmoside.org to begin your preparation!

Relationship Skills Workshops—Deacon Ralph and Peggy Skiano are presenting Relationship Skills Workshops every Wednesday night at 7:00pm at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 3888 Paducah Drive, San Diego, beginning June 1 and ending August 31. Come and explore how to improve your relationships. You can attend one workshop, several, or all of them. The topic of the first workshop on June 1 is *Building a Climate of Respect*. For more information call Deacon Ralph at 858-490-8292.

Bishops' Letter on Marriage—Marriage and the Community: "The marital vocation is not a private or merely personal affair. Yes, marriage is a deeply personal union and relationship, but it is also for the good of the Church and the entire community." To read the document go to <http://www.usccb.org/loveandlife/>.

Marriage Moments—On Pentecost we remember how the apostles became strengthened in their commitment. Sure, they loved being with Jesus most of the time, but Pentecost sealed the deal. Yes, we can do this! Share one experience that strengthened your marriage. By Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net.

Parenting Pointers—Pentecost "We are inhabitants of Egypt...Libya...Rome...Arabs, yet we hear them speaking in our own tongues" (Acts 2:8-11). As we increasingly become a global community, how much do your children know about other cultures. Pick one. Google it. Learn at least one new word in a foreign language this weekend. by Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net.

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

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**.

Brother Benno's

A big thanks to Brother Benno's Thrift Shop for donating some great clothing from their excess to our St. Bonaventure clothing drive. If we all help and support each other, we can do wonders for those in need.

Parish Events

Women's Guild News

The Women's Guild last general meeting of the 2015-16 year was well attended and a full agenda kept things hopping. The election of officers took place for the 2016-17 year, and "Congratulations" go to the following: Kathy Gerhard, President; Barbara Barreras, First Vice President (Membership); Genevieve Green, Second Vice President (Programs); Marcy Bernier, Treasurer; Henrietta Black, Recording Secretary and Parliamentarian; Trish Feeley, Corresponding Secretary. The program featured Rebecca Eyer, who introduced her book *In and Out of Community*, a very poignant story of her life experience. Another STM author, Judy Smith, who a few years ago had written a children's book *Eggee's Journey*, offered her remaining copies for sale and generously donated half the proceeds to the Women's Guild. Thank you to Rebecca and Judy! Mary Coxon delivered a lovely tribute to Our Blessed Mother, which was followed by a delicious BBQ lunch with a special dessert from Nothing Bundt Cakes Bakery.

By now, all Parishioners should have received their quilt raffle tickets. These exquisite quilts, hand made by quilters who are Women's Guild members, were shown at our last meeting and will again be on display on the plaza the last weekend in May. The drawing for the quilts will take place at the Installation Luncheon on Saturday, June 11, at Shadowridge Golf Club. Winners need not be present, but those who win and are in attendance will be able to choose their quilt! Your support of this fundraising endeavor is much appreciated. There is a table on the plaza for you to reserve your place at the Installation Luncheon and raffle tickets will be available as well.

Have a Blessed Week! —Kathy Gerhard, president

Spirited Seniors Old Town Excursion

The Spirited Seniors invite members and their guests to tour historic Old Town San Diego and more, on Thursday, May 19. We will meet at the Oceanside Coaster Station and DEPART ON THE 9:42AM COASTER. We can return to Oceanside from the Old Town Coaster Station at 2:22pm, 3:51pm or 4:33pm. The cost of this trip is \$5.50, the price of the round-trip Coaster, for people age 60+. If under age 60, the cost is \$11.

Once in Old Town, you may take a self-guided tour of the historic Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, enjoy unique shopping and lunch on our own in one of the many restaurants in the area, before returning to Oceanside.

Those wishing to tour more of San Diego on the Old Town Trolley should pre-register for a free "Hometown Pass" at www.trolleytours.com/san-diego/hometown-pass-san-diego.asp, which allows two people to tour for the price of one \$39 ticket. Once on the Trolley, you can enjoy the free narrated tour without getting off, or you may "hop-off hop-on" at any of the 11 stops, which include Old Town, the Midway, Seaport Village, Gaslamp Quarter, Coronado, Balboa Park, the San Diego Zoo and more.

The deadline for reservations is May 16. For more information, including help in getting a free "Hometown Pass," contact Jim and Marilyn Day at 760-509-4545 or jandmday@cox.net.

Visit the Parish website: www.stmoside.org
It's mobile friendly!



Stay tuned and sign up for any of the ongoing "Year of Celebration" events listed below. Sign up on the plaza after weekend Masses, online, or in the Parish Office. The fun never ends at St. Thomas More!!!

Make checks payable to STM Gala with event name in memo line or pay online at www.stmoside.org, *Donations*, *Online Giving*.

Pastor's Dinner

Sunday, July 24 ★5:00-8:00pm
at the Crossings in Carlsbad
\$150/per person (\$75 tax deductible)
Payment due June 24

Wine Tasting Party

Sunday, September 11 ★1:00-4:00pm
\$50/per person (\$15 tax deductible)
Payment due August 11

Oktober Fest

Sunday, October 23 ★2:00-6:00pm
\$75/per person (\$25 tax deductible)
Payment due September 23

Christmas Cookie Exchange

Saturday, December 17 ★10:00am-12:00noon
\$20/per person (\$10 tax deductible)
Payment due November 17

Watch for photos, results, and the check presentation to Fr. Mike in early June!

**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.

Catholic Widows and Widowers of North County

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! RSVPs are required. For more information, call Carol Kope at 760-726-0533.

Liturgy & Music *Worship God*

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

PRESENSE, PRESENTS OF GOD



Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in us the fire of your love.

by Patricia
Datchuck Sánchez
and Rafael
Sánchez Alonso,
from Celebration
May 2016, with
permission.

All we are, all we have been, all we shall become, all we do and say, is all due, in absolute measure, to the divine presence of our God. God's presence with and within us is our *raison d'être*, our purpose, our plan, and our goal. This living, breathing, pulsating presence—which, by grace, we know and freely experience—is the source of our authenticity, our holiness, our wholeness, the reason for our survival, and the singularly most important word and witness we have to offer to the world. God's presence with and within us, both as individuals and as church, is made manifest through many faces, through various modes of divine self-communication and through countless overtures of loving self-revelation.

Some of the most significant of these faces and some of the most poignant and profound overtures come together during this month of May. We stand in awe and dumbfounded wonder while God is revealed as an all-pervading and creative Spirit (May 15), as a family of Persons in whose embrace we are privileged to share (May 22), and as

eucharistic Food to feed the hungers of sinners (May 29). While the mysteries revealed through these loving overtures of God are too profound for our thorough understanding, we look at each of these, in turn, like a facet of a gem. As we look on in wonder, grace challenges us to press on beyond mere understanding to faith, which is willing to learn, to grow, and to find joy and fulfillment in the process. Like the earliest followers of Jesus, with whom we renewed our acquaintance during the weeks after Easter (including May 1 and 8), we are a work in progress, not left to our own devices but always free to choose how carefully, how deeply we wish to cooperate with the presence of God with and within us.

In the very center of May, our celebration of Pentecost offers an opportunity to become more keenly attuned to the movements of the Spirit. Sometimes subtle, sometimes bold, these movements are meant to stir us, to shake us, to blow out whatever "cobwebs" might accrue within us. This is the same Spirit Jesus breathed upon his first disciples, empowering them for a mission of peace, forgiveness, and evangelization. From the Acts of the Apostles and ensuing church history, we know of their valiant efforts. We take them as our patrons and our inspiration as that same Spirit is breathed into us. Except for the Spirit, how else could we account for the church's survival? Through wars, schisms, sinful and corrupt leadership; through violent persecutions and periods of ignominy; through disease, famine, and infidelities too numerous to count and too shameful to call to mind, the church has survived and thrived due to the unfailing presence of the Holy Spirit with and within the sinful, struggling body of Christ.

scripture themes for May

For this, our hearts must beat anew with humble, grateful praise.

We are also grateful for and humbled by the gift we celebrate on May 22—our triune God. God is revealed as three members who are one in mutual love. God is Trinity: Mother/Father, Son and Brother, and Spirit, a relational God whose very being invites us to share in that divine relationship. On Trinity Sunday, in what was to be the last year of his life, Henri Nouwen encouraged those with him at Eucharist to live out all of their human relationships in God (*Sabbatical Journey*, Crossroad Pub. Co., New York: 1998). By claiming the Holy Trinity as the home for our relational lives, we acknowledge the presence of God's grace to help us forgive and be forgiven, and thereby to be more authentic witnesses to the presence of God with and within us.

Our revelry in God's gracious presence comes to a climax as we celebrate Christ's Most Holy Body and Blood on May 29. Bread blessed, broken, and shared is the sign and the means whereby believers continue to encounter Jesus. Ordinary sustenance is assimilated by the one who eats, but with the eucharistic gift of bread and wine, the one who eats is assimilated by the One whose very body and blood are present in the eucharistic sacrament. In this sacred Food and in our sharing, we become our true selves, beloved children of our Mother/Father God; beloved brothers and sisters of our Lord, God and Brother Jesus; alive with the breath of the Spirit. In that capacity, we are graced so that we may be willing to be blessed, broken, shared, and fully consumed by the hungers of this world. Can there be any greater calling? Can there be any truer love?

Upcoming Music

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MAY 22
The Most Holy Trinity

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5:00pm

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8:30am

Praise Team

10:30am

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Sacrament Prep News



First Communion Masses will be celebrated the weekend of May 21-22. Please continue to pray for all children receiving their sacrament of First Eucharist.



Expecting ??

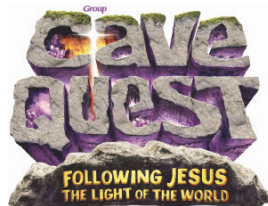
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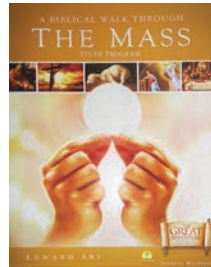
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Join us free of charge on the next three Wednesday mornings at 9:00am or Thursday evenings at 7:00pm for the video portion of our program.

Contact the Faith Formation Office or Patt Goeltz at pattg@stmoside.org for more information.

Support Tommy's Café after Masses!

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 help provide a scholarship.

Are You a New Babysitter?

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Our parish REACH program raised more than \$800 to support Catholic Relief Services! Thanks to all who participated!

Youth Ministry



Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

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Collection for Week of May 7/8, 2016

Number of Registered Households	1,210
Offertory	\$20,043.96
Offertory (Loose Collection)	\$1,644.00
Total	\$21,698.96

Mortgage/Building Completion Fund Income

September 15, 2014 to April 30, 2016

Mortgage Offering Collected	\$922,216.30
Less Administrative Costs	\$41,660.00
Payment toward Parish Reserves (10%)	\$91,141.23
Payment toward Mortgage	\$820,271.07
Mortgage Payment Due	\$866,981.99
Mortgage Payment Overage/(Shortfall)	(\$46,710.92)

Memorial Items \$1,554,604.90

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**Do at least two people know the location of your
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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.

Embracing Those Who Suffer From Mental Illness (Part 2)

When we encounter mental illness among family members, friends, neighbors, fellow Parishioners, what should we do?

- † Seek understanding instead of passing judgment. Mental illness is a disease, one we may not initially understand.
- † Get more information—read a book, do some research online, or perhaps even attend a workshop sponsored by the National Alliance on Mental Illness.
- † Resist the temptation to believe that people in treatment have all their needs met; mental health professionals can't be expected to provide all the needs of one in treatment. It takes a community to provide acceptance, spiritual guidance, and compassion.
- † Offer positive support and be sensitive to those seeking medical intervention
- † Be silent if you don't know what to say—but be there for and merciful to those with mental illness.
- † If you're not a mental-health professional, acknowledge your limitations, but remember no professional qualifications are required to be friendly and kind or to enter into a supportive friendship.
- † Offer the dignity of a handshake and a smile, companionship and perhaps even friendship.
- † Remember in your prayers those who suffer from mental illness, their families, caregivers, as well as all mental-health professionals.

—Adapted from a reflection by Mary Ann Otto, Stewardship Director, Diocese of Green Bay, WI (ICSC e-bulletin, May 2016, with permission)

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone.

To every individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit.

As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ.

For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of this one Spirit.



—1 Corinthians 12 . . . First letter of St. Paul

A very blessed and fulfilling Pentecost to all!

—Chris

Memorial Item Donations Available

Pipe Organ	\$850,000
Christ on the Road to Emmaus	
Bronze Sculpture for	\$27,000
Daily Mass Chapel	
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) 13 available	\$5,000/each
Priests' Concelebration Vestments (4) 4 available	\$400/each
Pew Seating for the Church (1,000) 707 available	\$300/each
Daily Mass Chapel and Choir Chairs (200) 93 available	\$300/each
Altar Server Albs (15) 8 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
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The Larger Church News

Sixth Annual Our Lady's Tea—Sunday, May 22, 11:00am-2:00pm, at the Prado in Balboa Park, San Diego. Featured speaker is Gianna Jessen, abortion survivor. Tickets are \$50 per person and include lunch. Sponsored by Culture of Life Family Services. For more information, call 619-692-4401.

Military Family Camp at Whispering Winds—Thanks to a generous donation, Family Camp for military families at Whispering Winds Catholic Camp is just \$100. Military scholarships are limited and based on a first-come, first-serve basis. Family Camps will be held June 17-19, 24-26, and July 8-10, 15-17 and include six delicious meals, free child care for kids 5 and younger zipline, swimming pool, campfire, Mass, inspiring adult speakers, and more in the beautiful mountains of Julian! Please register online at www.whisperingwinds.org.

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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.

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

Catholic Charities Food Resource Center Has Volunteer Opportunities for YOU!—Drivers, Daily Food Packers, Intake Workers, and CalFresh (food stamp) Advocate. For information call Marco Lemus at 760-631-4792.

Young Adult Opportunities around the Diocese

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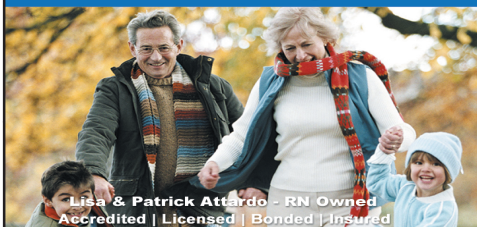
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Whether you need a new family portrait for your Christmas card, as a gift for our children's grandparents, or just to hand on the living room wall with other keepsake photos, why not make a memory right here at St. Thomas More?



Can you find Fr. Mike? (1975)

Fr. Mike



WE WANT YOU!
In our new
photo directory

Photography Dates

Parish Center Upper Level (most days 1:00-8:30pm)

June						
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Sunday, May 22
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9:00-10:30 a.m.



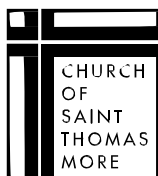
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St. Thomas More Spirited Seniors

SUMMER SOCIAL

Tuesday, June 14 - 5:00-6:30pm

Parish Center Lower Level

\$11 members, \$14 non members

Catered by Nacho's Taco Shop of San Marcos

Choice of Chicken Fajitas or Pork Carnitas

Spanish Rice

Traditional Refried Beans

Garden Salad with choice of 2 dressings

Flour and/or Corn Tortillas

Chips and Salsa

Guacamole

Salsa Bar

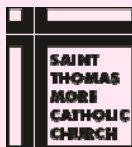
Water and Lemonade



Please complete the registration form.

Place it in an envelope marked "Spirited Seniors Summer Social"
and return it to the offertory collection or the Parish Office, Box 12, by June 6.

For more information, contact Jim and Marilyn Day at 760-509-4545 or jandmday@cox.net.



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Name:	Telephone:	Today's Date:
Guest Name(s):	☐ # of attendees preferring corn tortillas ☐ # of attendees preferring flour tortillas	Total enclosed: \$ _____
Email:	☐ x \$11 per member = \$ _____ ☐ x \$14 per guest = \$ _____	