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Holy Year Pilgrimage Mercy Door
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**

✙ Spirituality
✙ Tradition
✙ Community

Mass Schedule

Saturday at 5:00pm
Sunday at 8:30am and 10:30am
Monday-Friday at 8:15am

Eucharistic Adoration

Sunday-Saturday, 7:00am-7:00pm

Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday, 3:30-4:30pm
and by appointment

Rev. Michael Ratajczak, Pastor
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Deacon Thomas A. Goeltz

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**Treasures 2016
Rummage Sale
Can You Help?
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**Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 4, 2016**

Pastor's Column

Rev. Michael Ratajczak
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Labor Day

This week we celebrate Labor Day, but how many of us have any idea where the holiday came from or what it celebrates?

The first Labor Day was celebrated on Tuesday, September 5th, 1882, in New York City and was proposed by the Central Labor Union at a time when American workers were struggling for basic rights such as the eight-hour day.

The CLU moved the "workingman's holiday" to the first Monday in September, 1883, and urged other unions to celebrate the date as well. The movement grew throughout the 1880's with 23 states passing legislation recognizing Labor Day as a holiday. By 1894 Congress followed suit and Labor Day became a national holiday.

On that date, in 1894, most American workers still did not have an eight-hour day, the right to organize, social security, health care, or even a living wage. Child labor was common and there were no health and safety laws. Indeed, just being a unionist could get you fired or even killed in some quarters.

During the Progressive era, union activism began to bring some basic reforms, but it was not until the New Deal era in the 1930's that most of the basic rights we take for granted were won. And even then, many workers in the agricultural and public sectors were left out. It was not until the 1960's that public sector workers got the right to organize at the federal level. That only became true in California's education sector in the 1970's.

For much of the 20th century, Labor Day was a real celebration of American workers with parades, picnics, and speeches dedicated to the struggles and triumphs of American unions. The meaning of the holiday has been largely erased from the public memory. People enjoy the weekends but they have forgotten or never learned about the struggles of the American Labor Movement that made our weekends even possible. We lose this history at our peril.

In the midst of our present political climate and the presidential election process, we need to remember the voices that seek to raise everybody up and proclaim that, "An injury to one is an injury to all."

All workers everywhere, union and non-union, deserve a decent job, basic rights, and the dignity that comes with work.

We pray, God, that on this Labor Day we may celebrate the gains made to protect people in the workplace, and that those who are hurting during this time of turmoil may feel the presence and support of our Faith Family and Your nearness.

We make this prayer through Christ, our Lord. Amen!

F.A. Mike

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.

Jail/Detention Ministry

Jesus said, "I was in prison and you visited me. What you did for the least of these you did for me." To volunteer and bring the gifts of presence, compassion, hope, and love to those in prison, call Rita McCarthy at 760-758-4100 x100. For more information, visit www.diocese-sdiego.org/restore, where you will find information on not only visiting those in prison, but ways to provide support for victims or their families and ways to get involved with victim/offender mediation and reconciliation.

Orchids & Onions Update

Thanks to everyone who posted comments about our nomination for an architectural Orchid award for our new church. We made the finals! The team of judges visited at the end of August. In addition to the judges' decision, people can vote too. You can cast your vote for STM by visiting orchidsandonions.org before September 15. Then visit <http://tinyurl.com/hq445e5> for a great article and video from the Union Tribune about the process.

STM Scrip News

Do you shop on Amazon? Use Amazon Smile and raise money for STM while you shop! Click the link at www.stmoside.org/scrip.htm to get started.

Need back-to-school supplies? Get Scrip gift cards for Staples, Target, Wal*Mart, and more and help STM while you shop!

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 encourage every STM family to donate one nonperishable food item each weekend when they come to Mass.

Together we can help feed the hungry in our local community.



Welcome New Parishioners

**Rose Herrero
 Robert & Sharon Rosa**

Announcing the Baptism of

Michael John Cangelosi III

on September 4

Our Christian community welcomes you with great joy!



Congratulations to

Mike & Jocelyn Molony

who celebrated their 21st anniversary of marriage on August 27.

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

Flower Donations

The Altar Flowers for this weekend were given by **Columbia DeFranco** in memory of her husband Andy.



In Memoriam



Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Joan Frimmer, who died on July 3. Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, September 8, at 11:00am at St. Thomas More. Please keep her committed partner, Harvey Oshrin, and her family in your prayers.

Bill Haynes, who died on August 26. His Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, September 22, at 11:00am at St. Thomas More. Please keep his wife, Mary, and his family in your prayers.

Geraldine Barton, who died on August 23. A Memorial Mass will be celebrated on Friday, September 23, at 11:00am at St. Thomas More. Please keep her family in your prayers.

Pat Bannelos, who died on August 23. Her funeral arrangements are pending. Please keep her nephew, staff member Joe Garcia, and her 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

Readings for the Week Ahead

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

Sunday, September 4 (129)

*Twenty-Third Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

Wisdom 9:13-18b
Psalm 90:3-6,12-17
Philemon 9-10,12-17
Luke 14:25-33

Monday, September 5 (437)

1 Corinthians 5:1-8
Psalm 5:5-7,12
Luke 6:6-11

Tuesday, September 6 (438)

1 Corinthians 6:1-11
Psalm 149:1b-6a,9b
Luke 6:12-19

Wednesday, September 7 (439)

1 Corinthians 7:25-31
Psalm 45:11-12,14-17
Luke 6:20-26

Thursday, September 8 (636)

*The Nativity of the
Blessed Virgin Mary*

Micah 5:1-4a
Psalm 13:6abc
Matthew 1:1-16,18-23

Friday, September 9 (441)

Peter Claver
1 Corinthians 9:16-19,22b-27
Psalm 84:3-6,12
Luke 6:39-42

Saturday, September 10 (442)

1 Corinthians 10:14-22
Psalm 116:12-13,17-18
Luke 6:43-49

Sunday, September 11 (132)

*Twenty-Fourth Sunday
in Ordinary Time*
Exodus 32:7-11,13-14
Psalm 51:3-4,12-13,17,19
1 Timothy 1:12-17
Luke 15:1-32

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

Changa Aguilera
Ernie Aichele
Mary Alexander
Christine & Cory Anderson
The Antone Family
Carrie Autrey
Joshua Avery
Addison Abigail Aviña
Bob Baker
Rosemary Ballard
The Banneles & Garcia Families
Jose Luis Barbosa
Patricia Barbour
Francie Barton
The Barton Family
Clarice Bednarz
Taylor Bell
John Bennici
Regina Bentz
Lisa Berg
Roseanne Berg
Mary Betz
Betty Jean Bielich
Pieter Boets & Family
Zane Breier
Beth Brewer
Michael Brice
Janet Brown
Katie Browne
Anita Buerger
Shelby Campbell
Brienne Campos
Aria Cappeluti
Nanette Carey
Jorge Cartajena
Donald Cashmore
Anne Caywood
Peg Chambers
The Vaughn Clevenger Family
Anne Cline
Carl & Dorothy Coleman
James Coleman
Maria Colfer
Addie Colgan
Judy Colson
Karen Connell
Geoff Coolidge
William Costanza
Sandra Cracchiolo
Steven Cresencia
Lene Crowe
Karen Flaharty Daley
Beverly de Gelder
Velia Deal & Family
The Del Sesto Family
Paul Del Vecchio
Hugo Delgado, Jr.
Cassandra D'Ercole
Christine DeSantis
Cecilia DeSimone
David de Villeneuve
Carole Dillon
Elizabeth Doherty's Aunt Jackie
Art & Dave Dossman
Marge Egan
Jerome Elbacha
Arthur Etal
Carolyn Erickson Ey
Victoria Lopez Fenton
The Fiore Family
Fr. James Flanagan
Mary Fleming
Ryan Flum
Ernie Follis
Eugene Franciscus
The Greg French Family
The Frimmer Family
Brian Frink
Dioni Gabriel
Jim Gallagher
The Joe Garcia Family
Kathy Gardner
Joan Gay
Alyssa Gerhard
Merle Glime
Dcn. Jim Gollhofer
Wendy Gonzales' Dad
Rick Gonzalez
The Gonzalez Family
Lou Gordon
George Gritt
Luke Guenst
Coleen Hanna
Tomo Hamasaki
The Hannon Family
The Harker Family
Dorothy Harrison
Michelle Harrison & Family
Barbara Hatem
The Haynes Family
LaNay Hazzard
Lillian Hills
Lisa (Lynn) Hodges
Georgia Ann Hodina
Samara Hook
Susan Hori
Iolanda Iacobelli
Katherine Jacobs
The Jan Riley Family
Jacqueline Johnson
Laura Kater
Dottie Kearney
Connor Kerzie
Peggy Kiernan
Debbie Kinney
Bernie Klimek
Mark Kneisel
Dewey Kolbo
Tony Korwin
Don Kowallek
Faith Kowallek
Helen Kuhn
Lorene Kundert
Lillian Lachance
The Lamelin Family
Pauline Lapre's sister Justine
Brandon LeBlanc
Susan Lee
Jake Lefferdink
Jeremiah Lemus
Aleah Leon
Ashley Load
Cassandra & Lauren Loretto
Jack Lucarelli
Joaquin Maldonado
The Maldonado Family
The Maldonado Trejo Family
Paige Mansell
Gloria Maupin
Colleen McCall
Virginia McConnell
Paige McCoy
Jerry McEniry
The McGinley Family
Ann McMahon
Bob McWilliams
Kalei Mendiola
Lorraine Micallef
Rita Mikridge
Barbara S. Miller
Tom Miller
Phyllis Minaya
June Mitchell
Maria Molina
June Montgomery
Nancy Moore
Elizabeth Muehlbacher
Conrad Murphy
Eddie Murphy
Margie Myers
Abigail Nacional
Andrew Philip Nacional
Angela Nacional
Anthony Nacional
Ethan Jacob Nacional
Fethel 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
Paulette Pouliot
The Joe Prokop Family
Bernie Ptak
Barbara Ramm
Randy Reznicek
Jenni Richard
Evelyn Richards
The Riley Family
Rita Ritchie
Lily Robinson
Bea Rocha
Maria Rogers
The Russo Family
Rachel Sainc
Sam Sam
Cindy Sanelli
Lori Sanna
Linda Schmidt
Joan Shea
Nick Soltau
Derek, Vanessa, & Elba Spizewski
Don St. Pierre
Patricia St. Pierre
Sybil Staples
Mike Steffing
Frank & Mary Ann Stoddard
Laura Bernard Stover, MD
Pete Sullivan
Pat Swanton
The Sylva Bernier Family
Julie Teare
Laura Thiele
Frank & Mary Lou Thompson
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
Rylee West
The Xavier Family
Patricia Zavala
Gracie Zeller
Jeanne Zeltner
The Zemenick Family

Calendar Highlights

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

Sep 4	Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses
Sep 6	Tower Bells Open House 7:00pm
Sep 6-7	Restaurant Fundraiser at Chili's
Sep 7	Bible Study 9:00am
Sep 7	Spirited Seniors Ice Cream Social 6:30pm
Sep 8	Sanctuary Choir Open House 7:00pm
Sep 8	Bible Study 7:00pm
Sep 11	Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses
Sep 11	Wine Tasting 101 Event
Sep 12	Women's Guild SRO Event 11:00am
Sep 13	Relationship Skills Workshop 7:00pm
Sep 17	Aging with Grace Conference
Sep 17	Mental Health Conference
Sep 17-18	Brother Benno's Toiletries Drive
Sep 24	Women's Ministry Prayer Breakfast

Deployed Military

Gunnery Sgt. Fernando Andrade, Jr.
Lt. Devon Czarasty
Capt. Branden M. Felker, USAF
Patrick G. Felker, USN
Grant Fischer
1st Lt. Eric Galamay
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.

September 5
Sr. Lilia Barba, SJS
September 6
Sr. Ruth Marie Barrada, CHS
September 7
Sr. Mary Bartosh, CHS
September 8
Sr. M. Joy Bourgeois, MC
September 9
Sr. Annette Bower, CSJ
September 10
Sr. Grace Boys, SSS
September 11
Sr. Olivete Brandao, FDC

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 3, 5:00pm
Ed Dolnik ☩

Sunday, September 4, 8:30am
Frank Fallone ☩

Sunday, September 4, 10:30am
Gelin Ordonez ☩

Monday, September 5, 8:15am
Frances Hoogstraet ☩

Tuesday, September 6, 8:15am
Melville Douglas ☩

Wednesday, September 7, 8:15am
Elizabeth Wehner ☩

Thursday, September 8, 8:15am
Mary Rader ☩

Friday, September 9, 8:15am
Srs. Jean Schafer & Sheila Novak

Saturday, September 10, 5:00pm
Philip & Jeff Lavelle ☩

Sunday, September 11, 8:30am
Lelan Wong ☩

Sunday, September 11, 10:30am
Cesarina Morelli ☩

Social Ministries & Outreach

Brother Benno's Toiletry Drive

Our once-a-year toiletry and disposable diaper drive is just around the corner; September 17/-18. What we take for granted is a luxury to those in need. The toiletries are used for hygiene packs for the homeless, showers, etc., at the Brother Benno Center; used at one of their rehab houses; and to help the poor stretch their meager income. Disposable diapers are always in need and go almost as fast as they come in...and are expensive, especially for those who have little or no income. Please be generous. Look for Deacon Tom and his truck before all Masses that weekend and may God bless you for your kindness.

St. Bonaventure Indian Mission

Now that the new school year is starting, with new shoes and clothes, don't throw the summer clothes out...save them for our annual clothing drive to help the Navajo served by St. Bonaventure Indian Mission. Men's, women's, and children's clothing; summer, winter, or fall...together with serviceable shoes and boots are desperately needed by some of the poorest of the poor of our country. We will be collecting the first weekend in November. 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. If you or a loved one is experiencing mental health challenges, or if you would like to find out how to become a member, please contact us at 760-758-4100 x104.

The San Diego diocese is offering a free conference entitled: *Faith in Healing* on Saturday, September 17, 8:30am-12:30pm at St. Michael Catholic Church, Poway. It is for anyone interested in or dealing with mental health issues. Register by September 14 or get more information at www.SocialMinistrySanDiego.com.

Aging with Grace

**Saturday, September 17, 8:30am Registration,
9:00am-2:00pm Presentations (Parish Center Lower Level)**

Dr. Susan Writer, from Aurora Behavioral Health, and Dr. Sharon Hamill, from the Institute for Palliative Care at California State University San Marcos, will discuss aging well, quality of life with a chronic illness, caregiving, self-advocacy tips, and tools to help maintain independence. All are welcome!

To register: www.tinyurl.com/AWGsept or 760-750-3550.

Questions? Contact Sr. Maureen at 760-758-4100 x131.



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.



Separated or Divorced?—Do you have a good marriage but want a little jumpstart? Would you and your spouse like to rediscover and reconnect with each other? Then we invite you to attend a Marriage Encounter Weekend. Weekends take place in San Diego and other Southern California locations throughout the year. For more information, visit www.wmme.org or contact Eddie and Sheila Murphy at 760-295-0008.

Relationship Skills Workshops—Deacon John and Debbie Fredette will be presenting Relationship Skills Workshops every Tuesday evening, 7:00-8:30pm, at St. Thomas More in the Parish Center Lower Level, September 13-January 17. Come and explore how to improve your relationship! You can attend one workshop, several, or all of them. There is no pre-registration or fee. For more information call Deacon John at 760-758-4100 x104

Bishops' Letter on Marriage—The Human Body: "Pope St. John Paul II's theology of the body speaks of the human body as having a spousal significance. This means that the human body by its very nature signifies that we humans are directed to relationship—that we are to seek union with others. It is only in relationship that we achieve a true wholeness as a communion of persons." To read the document go to <http://www.usccb.org/loveandlife/>.

Marriage Moments—"Conduct your affairs with humility" (Sirach 3:17). Who is the more humble—you or your spouse? Now that's a fool's question! Don't debate this, just try to defer to you beloved today in quiet ways. By Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net.

Parenting Pointers—Labor Day. Are you an employer? Are your personnel policies family friendly? Are you an employee? Are there any changes you can make in your work schedule that would make your parenting easier?

Evaluate your Life/Work Balance (<http://www.susanvogt.net/EnrichmentEx.htm#WorkLifeBalance>). Not employed and happy. Be grateful. 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.

Mark your calendars for Treasures 2016 on Saturday, October 1. We need volunteers to solicit donations from nurseries by telephone. We need volunteers for the Treasures Committee as well. As always we will need plenty of volunteers for the day of the sale.

To sign up or for any questions, please contact John Murphy at 760-497-6117 or wmurphy8801@aol.com or visit stmoside.org.

Parish Events

Women's Guild News

Thanks to each of you who has renewed her membership or reserved a spot for our September 12 luncheon and entertainment extravaganza, *Standing Room Only*, featuring Paul Del Vecchio and Wayne Smith. They are incredible and will be entertaining us with songs from Broadway and the Big Band era, with lunch to follow. You don't want to miss it, and because the event is open to your spouses and friends too, we need your registration form and \$10 (each) so that we'll know how much food to order. You may drop your envelope with form and money in the collection basket at Mass this weekend, or in the Parish Office, Box 35, by Tuesday, September 6.

If you haven't done so already, remember to renew your Women's Guild membership for just \$10 for the year. We don't want you left out of the directory nor do we want you to miss the outstanding activities and events planned for the 2016-2017 year. The neon pink forms are available in Box 35.

Enjoy the Labor Day weekend and God Bless!

—Kathy Gerhard, president

Men's Fellowship Update

iHunger starts up again Saturday, September 10 at 6:45am in the lower level...breakfast is provided. Hope to see you there! 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 84576.

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 84576.

Our Annual men's retreat: *A Retreat for the Everyday Guy*, featuring men from our Parish along with Immaculate Heart Radio talk show host Cy Kellett, will take place at Green Oaks Ranch in Vista on October 7-9. Registration is going on now, please contact Deacon John at 760-758-4100 x104 for more details or go to www.stmoside.org/men to download your registration form

Catholic Widows and Widowers of North County

On the fourth Sunday of each month we meet for a Communal Mass at various Catholic churches in North County. Check www.cwwnc.com or the bulletin board in the Parish Center Lower Level for our calendar of events including theatre, bowling, bocce ball, dining out, hiking, and more! RSVPs are required. For more information, call Carol Kope 760-726-0533.

Spirited Seniors Fifth Annual Ice Cream Social

If you haven't yet reserved your place in the Spirited Seniors' Fifth Annual **Free Ice Cream Social** on September 7, please let us know if you plan to attend. This event is free to members and prospective members aged 50 and above. We want to have plenty of ice cream (and a lactose-free alternative). Place your name, phone number, and the need for a non-dairy treat in an envelope addressed to Spirited Seniors in the offertory collection or Box 12 in the Parish Office. Or, if you have questions, or wish to register by phone or e-mail, contact Jim and Marilyn Day at 760-509-4545 or jandmday@cox.net.



The Gala Committee will be giving the Parish more money in the coming months from our ongoing "Year of Celebration" events, which are listed below. We invite you to join us!! This is a very fun way to continue doing God's work.

Wine Tasting Party

Waiting list at information table and in Parish Office

Sunday, September 11, 1:00-4:00pm

Parish Center Lower Level

\$50/per person (\$15 tax deductible)

*****Payments Due*****

Oktober Fest

Sunday, October 23, 2:00-6:00pm

\$75/per person (\$25 tax deductible)

Christmas Cookie Exchange

Saturday, December 17, 10:00am-12:00noon

\$20/per person (\$10 tax deductible)

**For information, please contact Chris Smith
760-758-4100 x120 or chriss@stmoside.org.**

Pictorial Directory Update

Thank you to all who had your photos taken!

For those of you who have the complimentary 8x10 photo to pick up, you can come to the Parish Office during business hours (8:30am-4:00pm, Monday-Friday), or pick it up at the information table on the plaza after all weekend Masses.

**Please note that if you did not have your photo taken at STM during our photo sessions in June, July, and August, OR at another Lifetouch photo location but submitted a photo, there will be a \$10 charge for processing and for the photo directory.*

Kim Wright, 760-518-8465, kimw@stmoside.org

New Member Reception September 25

We are inviting all new Parishioners who have joined us since last March to a new member reception and luncheon on Sunday, September 25, after the 10:30am Mass in the Parish Center Lower Level. Invitations have been mailed, and we look forward to meeting you. If you were unable to attend the last reception, please know that you are welcome to attend this one.

Please RSVP as soon as possible to let us know whether or not you will attend by contacting 760-758-4100 x154 or parishoffice@stmoside.org no later than September 19 so that we may adequately prepare as your hosts. For further information, contact Valerie Thompson at 760-630-1703 or valgene2@cox.net.

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!

Liturgy & Music *Worship God*

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

LET EVERYTHING THAT HAS BREATH...PRAISE THE LORD!!!

music ministry start up is THIS WEEK

Why YOU should join the music ministry —

- Cheaper than therapy, healthier than drinking, and possibly more fun than working out!
- Confound those who told you never to sing, especially your children!
- All benefits of a team sport without the eventual knee surgeries!

What more can you ask for? See you at a rehearsal this week!



Luke 14:28

Tower Bells

Tuesdays 7:00-8:30pm

Ringing praise and prayer
on five octaves of English
handbells

All are welcome.



Praise Team

Wednesdays 6:30-8:30pm

Singing and playing the newer
praise tradition of worship

*To audition, contact Joleen at
joleens@stmoside.org.*



Upcoming Music



**SEPTEMBER 11
24th Sunday in
Ordinary Time**



5:00pm

Cantor &
Congregation

8:30am

Tower Bells

10:30am

Sanctuary Choir

Sanctuary Choir

Thursdays 7:00-8:45pm

Drawing from the treasury of
sacred choral music, past and present

All are welcome.



Cappella Choir

Thursdays 9:00-9:30pm

A 12-voice ensemble celebrating the great
tradition of a cappella singing

*Participation in Cappella Choir is by audition.
Contact Douglas (see top right of page).*



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

REACH Begins September 18

Have You Registered Your Child for
Faith Formation?

Contact Debbie in the Faith Formation Office Today!

Sacrament Prep News



First Parent Meeting for
R/E Sacrament Preparation will
be September 18, 12:30-2:00pm.
Contact the Faith Formation
Office for more information



Embracing The Joy of Love



Join us today Sunday, September 4, at 12:30pm for the Diocesan Synod "Listening Session." This will be an opportunity for the Parish to reflect and discuss questions related to Bishop Robert McElroy's upcoming San Diego Diocesan Synod on Marriage and Family Life. Fr. Mike and Parish representative Sheila McKinley will be on hand to take questions from Parishioners and to discuss our Parish's role in the upcoming Synod.



Open during 10:30am Mass for
children up to 5 years of age. Contact
Lia Keane at liak@stmoside for more

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Kick-Off September 18
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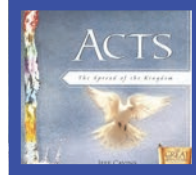
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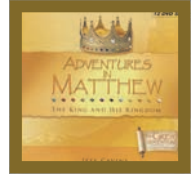
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Adult Faith Formation

Bible Study News



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Wednesday Morning
Bible Study Begins
September 7,

Thursday Evening Bible
Study Begins
September 8



Relationship Skills Workshop

Tuesday evenings, 7:00-8:30pm, beginning
September 13. There is no cost to attend.

Women's Prayer Breakfast

Join Us Saturday Morning September 24, 9:30am for
Guest Speaker, Timmerie Millington, Immaculate
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Collection for Week of August 27/28, 2016

Number of Registered Households	1,229
Offertory	\$9,509.54
Offertory (Loose Collection)	\$1,516.00
Total	\$11,025.54

Mortgage/Building Completion Fund Income

September 15, 2014 to July 31, 2016

Mortgage Offering Collected	\$1,030,628.85
Less Administrative Costs	\$45,826.00
Payment toward Parish Reserves (10%)	\$101,769.39
Payment toward Mortgage	\$915,924.46
Mortgage Payment Due	\$1,001,400.62
Mortgage Payment Overage/(Shortfall)	(\$85,476.16)
Memorial Items	\$1,689,540.90
Please continue to support the Mortgage/Building Completion Fund!	

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**Do at least two people know the location of your
Living Trust and/or Will and Health Directive?**

TOWERS OF FAITH

Future Support & Legacy 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.

Christian Stewardship ~ Managing God's Gifts

It was while I was in India volunteering for the first time with the Missionaries of Charity in Calcutta that I received new insight into using what was entrusted to me.

It was feeding time at Prem Dan, Mother Teresa's home for mentally and physically handicapped destitute. And being a first timer, I could not find any utensils. I remember asking one of the sisters if we had any spoons or forks to feed the people who could not feed themselves. She looked at me and said, "You have hands, don't you?"

It was all so simple. Of course I had hands, and so, I learned to feed myself and others who were unable to put their hand to their mouth.

Seems almost too simple, and yet, as I look at my own life, how many times have I tried to give with what I did not have or wished I had, rather than use what was right before my eyes.

That same sister, God bless her patience, would be there to answer my next question on a day I wasn't sure what to do. "You see a need and you fill it," was her answer to me.

Amazing when we think of the countless meetings we go to trying to determine just what it is we should do. Perhaps we could apply this simple advice and open our eyes and our hearts rather than open yet another committee and, if we see a need, simply fill it.

As Blessed Mother Teresa says, "We put our hands, our eyes, and our hearts at Christ's disposal." We have only to look around us to know how to fill the needs that we see.

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THE SIMPLE PATH

The fruit of silence is PRAYER.

The fruit of prayer is FAITH.

The fruit of faith is LOVE.

The fruit of love is SERVICE.

The fruit of service is PEACE.

—Blessed Mother Teresa

Memorial Item Donations Available

Pipe Organ	\$850,000
Christ on the Road to Emmaus Bronze Sculpture for Daily Mass Chapel	\$27,000
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Roofing	\$45,000
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Plumbing	\$30,000
Plumbing Finish and Fixtures	\$10,000

Memorial Item Donations Partial

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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

Cathedral Catholic High School Information Presentation—Tuesday, September 13, 6:30-7:30pm, at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, Carlsbad. Topics include admissions, academics, athletics, college planning and Q&A. To RSVP, visit www.cathedralcatholic.org, Admissions.

After-Abortion Healing Retreat for Catholic Women (or Catholic-friendly)—September 16-18, given by Rachel's Hope at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 3888 Paducah Dr., San Diego. For information/registration, contact Rosemary at 858-581-3022 or Rachel's_Hope@juno.com or visit www.RachelsHope.org

Marriage Help—The word *Retrouvaille* (pronounced re-tro-vi with a long i) is a French word meaning rediscovery. The program offers tools needed to rediscover a loving marriage relationship. Thousands of couples headed for cold, unloving relationships or divorce have successfully overcome their marriage problems by attending the program. Next program is September 16-18. Space is limited; call 951-259-9474 for information.

Academy of Our Lady of Peace High School for Young Women Open House—Saturday, October 8, 9:00-11:30am. Campus tours and presentations. Register online at www.aolp.org.

Father/Son and Mother/Daughter Chastity Luncheon Retreats—Saturday, October 22, 12:00-6:00pm, for ages 11 years and up. Equip your son and/or daughter with the necessary tools to live a life of chastity and modesty. Parents, this is your chance to speak to your child about this most important topic! For information and registration, visit www.thegorettigroup.com.

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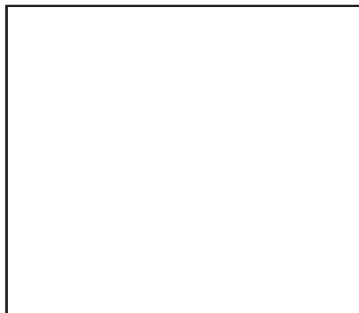
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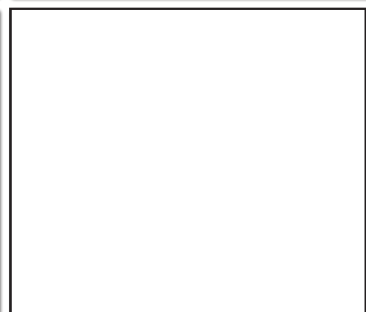


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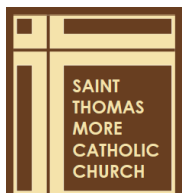
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