

SAINT
THOMAS
MORE
CATHOLIC
CHURCH

Holy Year Pilgrimage Mercy Door
and Eucharistic Adoration
open 7:00am-7:00pm
seven days a week.
Stop by for a visit!

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



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

✝ Spirituality
✝ 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
Rev. Karl Bauer, Senior Priest
Deacon John Fredette
Deacon Thomas A. Goeltz

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**Join Us for
Blessing of Animals
Sunday, October 2
4:00pm
Human Supervision Required**

**Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 2, 2016**

Pastor's Column

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

Parish Mortgage Update

In our efforts to be financially transparent, we have included in the Bulletin each week, the monthly report on our mortgage.

Some questions have been raised regarding this, so I wanted to give a report as we complete the second year of our Mortgage/Building Completion Fund.

Mortgage/Building Completion Fund Two-Year Report: Sep 15, 2014–Sep 30, 2016

Mortgage Fund

Amount of Mortgage	\$6,600,000
Length of Mortgage	20 years
Length of Mortgage Remaining	18 years
Interest Rate	5.345%
Fixed or Adjustable Interest Rate	Fixed
Monthly Mortgage Payment	\$44,806.21
Source of Mortgage	National Office of the Knights of Columbus (KoC)
Mortgage Offering Collected	\$1,104,334.70
Memorial Donations to Mortgage Offering	\$34,586.00
Total Mortgage Offering	<u>\$1,138,920.70</u>
Less Administrative Costs (through 6/30/16)	(\$45,826.00) ¹
Less 10% of Mortgage Collection toward Parish Reserves	(\$109,309.47)
Total Mortgage Payment Applied	\$983,785.23
Total Mortgage Payment Due to KoC (as of 9/30/16)	\$1,091,013.04
Mortgage Shortfall	\$107,227.81
Monthly Average Shortfall (amount divided by 24 months)	\$4,467.83 ²

¹ Beginning July 1, 2016, the administrative costs are being taken from the Operations Budget rather than the Mortgage Fund.

² The monthly mortgage shortfall is relatively small! With just a bit more effort, as a Parish we can easily meet our payment each month.

Building Completion Fund

Memorial Donations	<u>\$1,698,250.90³</u>
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³ All money collected has been directed toward the construction of our Church. It is important to note that a large portion of these donations has come from our Towers of Faith Program.

Total Mortgage/Building Completion Fund **\$2,837,171.60**

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Pastor's Column (continued from page 1)

I am so gratified for this extremely generous response to our Mortgage/Building Completion Fund which began two years ago.

Please remember that all of this is a separate budget and is not connected to our Operations Budget!

Your response makes a Pastor proud!

As is noted, as good as this is, we do need to have just a bit better response so that we can end the monthly shortfall of \$4,467.83.

Please let's keep up this good response. For those who are not yet contributing to the M/BCF, I would encourage you to do so. If you are contributing, and are in a position to increase your gift, please do so.

For everything and everyone, thank you!

F. A. Mike

St. Thomas More Church Has Been Nominated for an Orchid Award!

The San Diego Architectural Foundation has nominated our Church for an Orchid Award.

Fifteen projects in the San Diego area have been nominated to receive this Orchid Award for quality architectural design.

Orchids & Onions is the only interactive, community-based program geared towards raising awareness and encouraging practical discourse in response to San Diego's built environment.

Each year, a jury of design professionals is selected to determine the official Orchids and Onions based upon public submissions in a variety of categories.

The Awards Ceremony Celebration, on Thursday, October 13, begins at 5:00pm in Horton Plaza Park, Downtown San Diego, with great catered food and drink, followed by the actual Awards Ceremony at nearby Spreckels Theater at 8:00pm.

It is at this Awards Ceremony at 8:00pm that the GRAND ORCHID WINNER will be announced! St. Thomas More is in the running.

If you would like to be a part of this very special evening and celebration, go online to www.orchidsandonions.org to purchase tickets.

It promises to be an evening of good food, drink, fellowship, and a celebration of the architecture that graces America's Finest City!

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.



Welcome New Parishioners

Jose & Patricia Carrillo & Family
Annie Mintle

Congratulations to

Rory & Stacey Griffin

who celebrated their 27th anniversary of marriage on September 30.

Bob & Anne Fallone

who celebrate their 42nd anniversary of marriage on October 5.

*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 **Bob & Anne Fallone** in honor of their anniversary.



In Memoriam



Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Peggy Chambers, who died on September 2. Her Memorial Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, October 15, at 9:30am at St. Andrew Church, 311 N. Raymond Ave., Pasadena, CA 91103. Please keep her family in your prayers.

Frank Stoddard, who died on September 26. His Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, October 15, at 10:00am at St. Thomas More. Please keep his wife, Mary Ann, 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.*

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

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.



Readings for the Week Ahead

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

Sunday, October 2 (141)

*Twenty-Seventh Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4
Psalm 95:1-2, 6-9

2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14
Luke 17:5-10

Monday, October 3 (461)

Galatians 1:6-12

Psalm 111:1b-2, 7-9, 10c
Luke 10:25-37

Tuesday, October 4 (641)

Francis of Assisi, religious

Galatians 6:14-18

Psalm 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11
Matthew 11:25-30

Wednesday, October 5 (463)

Francis Xavier Seelos, priest

Galatians 2:1-2, 7-14

Psalm 117:1bc, 2
Luke 11:1-4

Thursday, October 6 (652)

*Bruno, priest; Marie Rose Durocher,
virgin*

Philippians 3:8-14

Psalm 1:1-4, 6

Luke 9:57-62

Friday, October 7 (653)

Our Lady of the Rosary

Acts 1:12-14

Luke 1:46-55 (Psalm)

Luke 1:26-38

Saturday, October 8 (466)

Galatians 3:22-29

Psalm 105:2-7

Luke 11:27-28

Sunday, October 9 (144)

Twenty-Eighth Sunday

in Ordinary Time

2 Kings 5:14-17

Psalm 98:1-4

2 Timothy 2:8-13

Luke 17:11-19

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

Changa Aguilera
Ernie Ajchele
Mary Alexander
Christine & Cory Anderson
Carrie Autrey
Joshua Avery
Addison Abigail Aviña
Bob Baker
Rosemary Ballard
The Bannelos & Garcia Families
Jose Luis Barbosa
Patricia Barbour
Francie Barron
Clarice Bednarz
Taylor Bell
John Bennici
Regina Bentz
Lisa Berg
Roseanne Berg
Mary Betz
Betty Jean Bielich
Pieter Boets & Family
Zane Breier
Janet Brown
Katie Browne
Amita Bueger
Amelia Buño
Shelby Campbell
Brianne Campos
Aria Cappeluti
Nanette Carey
Jorge Cartajena
Donald Cashmore
Anne Caywood
The Chambers Family
The Vaughn Clevenger Family
Anne Cline
Carl & Dorothy Coleman
James Coleman
Maria Colfer
Addie Colgan
Judy Colson
Gary Comier
Karen Connell
Geoff Coolidge
Sandra Cracchiolo
Steven Cresencia
Lené Crowe
Karen Flaherty Daley
Beverly de Gelder
Velia Deal & 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
Steven Douglas
Marge Egan
Jerome Elbacha
Arthur Eral
Carolyn Erickson Ey
Victoria Lopez Fenton
The Fiore Family
Fr. James Flanagan
Mary Fleming
Ryan Flum
Ernie Follis
Eugene Franciscus
The Greg French Family
Brian Frink
Dioni Gabriel
Jim Gallagher
The Joe Garcia Family
Kathy Gardner
Joan Gay
Alyssa Gerhard
Merle Gline
Dcn. Jim Gollhofer
Wendy Gonzales' Dad
Rick Gonzalez
Lou Gordon
George Gritt
Luke Guenst
Susan Hallahan
Colleen Hanna
The Harker Family
Dorothy Harrison
Michelle Harrison & Family
Barbara Hatem
The Haynes Family
LaNay Hazzard
Lilian Hills
Lisa (Lynn) Hodges
Georgia Ann Hodina
Samara Hook
Susan Hori
Iolanda Iacobelli
Katherine Jacobs
Craig Johnson
Jacqueline Johnson
Sue Johnston
Laura Kater
Dottie Kearney
Connor Kerzie
Peggy Kiernan
Debbie Kinney
Mark Kneisel
Dewey Kolbo
Tony Korwin
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
Evadna Lynn
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
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
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
The Joe Prokop Family
Bernie Ptak
Barbara Ramm
Randy Reznicek
Jenni Richard
Evelyn Richards
Rita Ritchie
Ralda Rizke
Lily Robinson
Bea Rocha
Maria Rogers
The Russo Family
Rachel Sainc
Sam Sam
Cindy Sanelli
Lori Sanna
Linda Schmidt
Grace Schweighofer
Joan Shea
Elizabeth Shirzad
Nick Soltau
Derek Vanessa, & Elba Spizewski
Don St. Pierre
Patricia St. Pierre
Sybil Staples
Mike Stelling
The Stoddard Family
Laura Bernard Stover, MD
Pete Sullivan
Pat Swanton
Steve Tandy
Julie Teare
Laura Thiele
Frank & Mary Lou Thompson
Tommy & Ginger Thompson
Sarah Tillinghast
William Tompson
Stephen Toth, Jr.
Olivia Trejo
The Trejo/Beltran Family
Frank Urso
The Trejo/Maldonado/Uribe Family
Josephina Velasquez
Martin Vertson
Lucy Vienna
Lucy Viramontes
Vanessa Vitiello
Wilson Wanner
Kevin Watson-Graff
Kevin Webb
Jerry Wechsler
Rylee West
The Xavier Family
Patricia Zavala
Jeanne Zeltner

Calendar Highlights

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

Oct 2	Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses
Oct 2	REACH Classes at Church
Oct 2	Blessing of Animals
Oct 4-5	Restaurant Fundraiser at Rosati's Pizza in Vista
Oct 7-9	Annual Men's Retreat
Oct 9	Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses
Oct 23	Oktober Fest Event
Oct 28	Fr. Donald Calloway presents <i>No Turning Back: A Witness to Mercy</i>
Nov 1	All Saints Day Masses at 8:15am and 7:00pm
Nov 2	All Souls Day Masses at 8:15am and 7:00pm
Nov 5-6	St. Bonaventure Clothing Drive
Nov 20	Prayer Service for the end of Jubilee Year of Mercy
Dec 17	Christmas Cookie Exchange

Questions? Contact Henny at
760-758-4100 x100
hennyj@stmoside.org.

***The Prayers for Women Religious
have moved to the monthly
calendar insert—
please check there.***

Deployed Military

As a faith community let us pray for all who serve our country in these troubled times. We pray especially for those connected to our Parish who have been deployed:

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, US 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

Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 1, 5:00pm
Vincent Palumbo Jr. ☩

Sunday, October 2, 8:30am
Charles Ray ☩

Sunday, October 2, 10:30am
Eugene & Isidoro Iacobelli ☩

Monday, October 3, 8:15am
Robert Morrill ☩

Tuesday, October 4, 8:15am
Ann Buko ☩

Wednesday, October 5, 8:15am
Tom Clarke ☩

Thursday, October 6, 8:15am
Melanie Petitto

Friday, October 7 8:15am
Gina Jajo ☩

Saturday, October 8, 5:00pm
Beverly Young ☩

Sunday, October 9, 8:30am
Douglass Price-Williams ☩

Sunday, October 9, 10:30am
Marie Fallone ☩

Social Ministries & Outreach

La Posada Men's Shelter Fundraiser Luncheon

Support *La Posada de Guadalupe*! Come to the Annual Luncheon Friday, October 28, at the Holiday Inn, Palomar Airport Road, 11:30am-1:00pm. Tickets: \$75 per person; \$650 per table.

La Posada de Guadalupe, the Inn of Our Lady of Guadalupe, located off Faraday Avenue in Carlsbad, welcomes homeless men and farm workers from all of North County. The shelter has a diverse population. Most of the men are between 35-55 years of age. Last year, 24 of them were veterans. Besides room and board, the men receive a variety of case management services that support them to become independent, healthy, and contributing members of their communities. Farm workers have jobs but need a place to sleep and eat; they pay for part of their room and board.

We need your help! The Friends of La Posada are hosting this annual fundraiser. Please join us! Cathy Blecki and other members of the Social Justice Committee will be on the plaza after Masses on October 8-9 to sell tickets, hand out free newsletters, and accept any donations you would like to make. You may also visit our website to sign up and pay for the luncheon at www.friendsoflaposada.org or call Cathy Blecki at 760-704-6407.

St. Bonaventure Indian Mission

Want to help but don't have clothing to give? Visit neighborhood garage sales and ask if they would like to donate any left over clothing or shoes...Check with coworkers to see if they would like to help with donations...Visit thrift shops and buy bargain clothing. All types of clothing and foot wear (excluding heels) for all ages are needed. The weather is over 100 degrees during the summer and below freezing during the winter. Our Drive is November 5-6. Questions? Contact Deacon Tom at thomasgoeltz@aol.com or 760-727-8442.

Brother Benno's

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Your generosity is appreciated...as always. We collected a large amount of toiletries and an unbelievable number of much needed diapers. While unloading Deacon Tom's truck, one worker said "someone's going to be happy." Those items we take for granted are necessities for the poor and homeless who can't afford them. Your loving giving greatly helps those in need. Thank you again!!!

Heartnotes

Are you interested in teaching CPR? With five classes scheduled for October it's likely that we will expand the program in 2017 and will need more instructors. You don't need a medical background to be an effective CPR instructor. Contact us for more information at drphilg@cox.net.

Auditing a CPR class is free. If you're not sure if you can handle the physical side of CPR you are welcome to audit a class. Most of the class time is dedicated to recognizing an emergency, how to contact emergency services, using the AED, etc.

Classes on demand—if one or more families would like to take a CPR class (Adult or Infant/Child) but the current schedule is not convenient, we can set up a class at a time of your choosing provided the parish center space is available. Classes are only available at the Parish Center.

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 Divorces? The Separated/Divorce Ministry of St. James' Parish invites those going through the pain of separation and divorce to find help and healing in a supportive small group setting. Meetings are held each Sunday at 10:15am at St. James Catholic Church at 625 South Nardo Ave., Solana Beach. Contact Frank Grant at 760-533-1520 or fwgrant@gmail.com for more information.

Natural Family Planning—Struggling to conceive but nothing is happening? Or doctors tell you IVF is your only hope? Want to space children naturally and effectively? Come listen to a free Introductory Presentation of the Creighton Model FertilityCare system. Every third Thursday of the month. Next presentation: Thursday, September 15, 7:00pm, St. Thomas More, Parish Center Lower Level. Please RSVP with Beth at 619-630-8086 or beth@veritasfertilitycare.com.

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 through January 17. Come and explore how to improve your relationship! You can attend one workshop, several, or all of them. The topic for October 11 (no meeting on October 4) is *Re-defining the Power Struggle*. There is no pre-registration or fee. For more information call Deacon John at 760-758-4100 x104.

Bishops' Letter on Marriage—Unitive & Procreative: "Conjugal love expresses the unitive meaning of marriage in such a way as to show how this meaning is ordered toward the equally obvious procreative meaning. The unitive meaning is distorted if the procreative meaning is deliberately disavowed...Likewise, the procreative meaning of marriage is degraded without the unitive." To read the document go to <http://www.usccb.org/loveandlife/>.

Marriage Moments—Trading places with your partner can increase your ability to understand and connect with each other. The next time you have a disagreement, physically trade places with your partner to remind yourself that there is more than one way to see and understand an issue. (adapted from www.CoupleTalk.com) By Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net.

Parenting Pointers—October is Respect Life month. Are there people in our world that you find difficult to respect? (criminals, people who are lazy or mean, people of a different political persuasion...) Yes, even these are worthy of human respect. Talk to your children about giving respect—even to people they don't like. 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.

STM Scrip News—visit www.stmoside.org/scrip.htm

Parish Events

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 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.

Women's Guild News

The Women's Guild Luncheon Meeting will take place on Monday, October 10, at 11:00am in the Parish Center Lower Level. The room will be decorated beautifully and complement our program, which will feature Japanese and Hawaiian dancing. Our guest dancers are Valerie Thompson and Marilee Garcia for the Hawaiian portion, and Takamei Stephens for the Japanese performance. What a wonderful program—again!! Please remember to email Hospitality Chair, Patty Remington, cprem@pacbell.net, to let her know you are coming so that we can have an accurate lunch count. In case you are not an email user, you can leave her a message at 760-805-6935. We hope to have the new Women's Guild Directories available for distribution at this meeting.

Mark your calendars for Game Day on Saturday, November 19! Snacks and lunch will be served, and you are encouraged to bring your friends and games for several hours of fun and excitement. Watch future bulletins for more information and details!

Hope to see you on October 10! Meanwhile, I wish God's blessings to you and yours. —Kathy Gerhard, president

Bone Marrow Donor Needed

One of our young Parishioners, Jerome Elbacha, age 11, needs our help. He was diagnosed with Leukemia and was in remission for over a year. Unfortunately, this horrific cancer has returned, leaving Jerome with no other alternative than to undergo a bone marrow transplant. He will need an exact bone marrow match as soon as possible in order to be completely cured of this life-threatening illness.

Here is how we can help him: the website, www.BetheMatch.org will give you vital information if you, a loved one, or someone you know may qualify to become a donor. Please take the time to log on this website and follow the simple steps provided to see if you are eligible to donate the gift of life to this precious child.

Thank you for taking the time to check and thank you for supporting Ralda, Joseph, and Jerome Elbacha.

God's Blessings



The Gala team thanks you for your support in the coming months during our "Year of Celebration" events, listed below. We invite you to join us!! This is a FUN way to continue doing God's work.

Oktober Fest

Sunday, October 23, 1:00-5:00pm

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

Waiting List

*** Payments Due ***

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

We are expecting delivery between December 8-15!

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

Thanksgiving Dinner Update

After preparing and serving Thanksgiving Dinners at St. Thomas More for the past eleven years, we regret that we will no longer be able to perform this service. We have immensely enjoyed doing this, sharing the holiday with so many wonderful people, and we want to thank the Parish staff for their support over the years. If anyone is interested in taking over this tradition, please contact the Parish Office. We have purchased many items over the years that we would be happy to pass along, and we certainly will be available to "mentor" anyone who would like to continue the dinners.

—Bruce and Wilma Rolland and Tom and Karen Oshinski

Do YOU Recycle?

The youth of the Parish will soon be starting a recycling ministry to raise money for their activities. The California CRV program provides a wonderful opportunity for fundraising, as more than 60% of the money raised through the CRV program never gets redeemed. Watch for the blue recycling bins on the plaza after Masses in the coming weeks and make sure to deposit your eligible drink containers in them. There will also be an information table on the plaza explaining how the program works.

Liturgy & Music *Worship God*

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

MEMORABLE CHARACTERS

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

Blessing of Animals

**Sunday
October 2
4:00pm**

Join us!



Upcoming Music

✠

**OCTOBER 9
28th Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

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5:00pm

Cantor &
Congregation

8:30am

Tower Bells

10:30am

Sanctuary Choir

Most of us, if we have any family at all, know certain characters who have stood out in our memory and become a treasured aspect of our personal history. There's the uncle who served in the armed forces and needs no prompting to recount the battles he has fought. There's the aunt who never tires of sharing her "battles" on the operating table and is willing to give you a peek at her scars. Then there's the grandma whose prize-winning pies and cakes are known and appreciated by all. In our family, we had an adopted Uncle Bob who would come to every family event and show off the latest addition to his frog collection—the ceramic type, not the ribbiting kind.

These wonderful characters with all their qualities and idiosyncrasies are part of the fabric of our existence. In the sacred texts for October, we are reacquainted with memorable and admirable characters who are part of our spiritual heritage. In keeping with his penchant for choosing unusual and unexpected heroes, Luke will feature characters like the grateful Samaritan leper (Oct. 9). Doubly regarded as an outcast because of his ethnicity (Jews despised Samaritans) and for his illness (lepers were ostracized from society), this man is featured, nevertheless, as a model of faith to be emulated by Jesus' disciples.

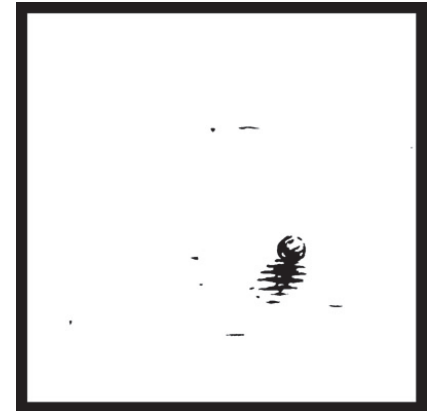
In a world where widows had few—if any—rights, and were obliged to rely on the compassion of others for survival, Luke held out for admiration the example of a widow (Oct. 16). A judge who "neither feared God nor respected any human being" was stubbornly refusing to rule in her favor. Only her dogged persistence moved him to action. Through her example, Jesus wished his disciples to learn how to pray "always and without becoming weary."

scripture themes for October

On Oct. 23, two contrasting characters will further the formation of Jesus' disciples, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. One presumed his own righteousness and proudly declared his virtues before God. He even compared himself favorably to others lest God underestimate his worth. In the end, he did not really pray to God; he merely advertised himself before God and the praying assembly. The tax collector, on the other hand, knew himself to be in the presence of his Maker. That awareness made him conscious of his sins and, humbly, he prayed for God's mercy. Most of us would like to think that our prayer is humble and authentic, but the examples Jesus holds forth challenge us to examine whether this is so. At whom are we looking when we pray? Perhaps we need to regain our focus and our center in God.

Wonderful, impulsive Zacchaeus will speak to our hearts on Oct. 30. Not content to remain just part of the crowd who watched and waited for Jesus to pass by, he climbed a tree to see the man from Nazareth whose reputation preceded him. When Jesus, who searches and knows every heart, saw him, he invited himself to Zacchaeus' home. Jesus was, in effect, asking if Zacchaeus would welcome him into his heart. This he did, eagerly and with joy. Open to Jesus and to grace, Zacchaeus was also willing to be transformed, such that he promised to right the wrong in his life and reach out, as Jesus did, to help the poor, not merely out of his abundance but of his substance. How many of us are willing to stretch the 10 percent tithe to 50 percent, as Zacchaeus did?

In addition to these uniquely Lucan characters, we are also privileged this month to encounter Paul, who,



If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea," and it would obey you.

Luke 17:6

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in his pastoral advice to Timothy, reveals his good heart as well as his loving concern for the growing church. Like Zacchaeus, Paul underwent a thorough transformation from persecutor to preacher par excellence of the good news of salvation. Like Jesus, he suffered dearly for his convictions, but nothing quenched his spirit or dampened the fire of his faith. Pastors will find in his writings the inspiration and encouragement they need to persevere. People in the pews will be buoyed by his indomitable courage. His devotion to God's inspired word is second only to that of Jesus. We can only be proud and grateful to revere him as our mentor in the faith. Like him, we too are to proclaim the word and "be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient." Like him, we are to "convince, reprimand, and encourage through all patience and teaching" (Oct. 16). Amen.

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October 16 is the next Parent Meeting for Reconciliation/Eucharist Sacrament Preparation from 12:30-2:00pm on the Parish Center Upper Level.

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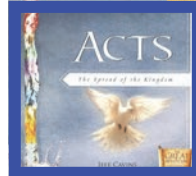
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Offertory (Loose Collection)	\$1,115.00
Total	\$16,404.02

Mortgage/Building Completion Fund

Please see the Pastor's Column on page 1 for an update.

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For more information please contact:

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A Christian Stewardship Prayer for October



Lord Jesus Christ,

We serve in your name as did your apostles before us.

And we live, as they did, in anxious times,
painfully aware of sin's presence in the world;
a world in need of your Father's mercy.

As your disciples, we also live in hope,
confident that your light is breaking through
the changing moods of life – healing, embracing and
transforming as your presence moves deep within us.

Help us see every hour of our lives as a moment of grace:

A time when we open our hearts to you in prayer,
discover your Truth in our work and leisure and
live each moment as blessings to one another.

Make us better stewards of the great wealth
of gifts you have bestowed upon us.
And show us how to teach others to open
their hearts to those who hunger,
thirst or who are strangers.

Refresh our minds, renew our faith,
and inspire us to proclaim your Gospel
with a new energy in word and in deed
for you live and reign with the Father
and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

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**Permanence, perseverance, and persistence in spite
of all obstacles, discouragements, and impossibilities:
It is this that in all things distinguishes
the strong soul from the weak.**

—Thomas Carlyle

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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.

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

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.

The Glory of the Lord Shines Upon You: Epiphanies in LGBT Lives—January 6-8, 2017; Non-silent Retreat for Women and Men at The Jesuit Retreat Center of Los Altos, California; Fr. Michael Zampelli, SJ; Dr. Sheila Nelson; and, Mr. Gregory Dale Schultz. A weekend retreat for the LGBT community to relax and reflect on the mysteries of Incarnation and Epiphany... How does God take flesh in our lives? How does God's glory shine upon us? How are we being called to become "a light for the nations?" The weekend will include ample opportunity for private, silent prayer, communal prayer, and group faith sharing. Information Contact: reservations@jrclosaltos.org.

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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.

Young Adult Opportunities around the Diocese

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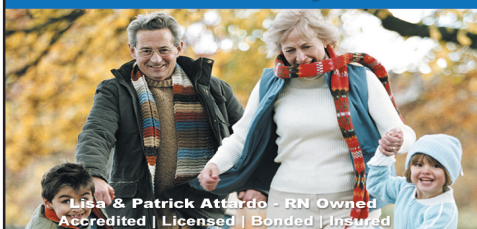
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Aging with Grace

Responding to a Parish survey, our Parishioners requested information on aging: the spiritual, emotional, psychological, and practical aspects to growing older! The Social Justice Committee responded by providing the Conference: **Aging with Grace** on September 17. About 144 people attended—some from other Parishes, retirement homes, and organizations, but most were from St. Thomas More. We can't thank them enough for their enthusiastic participation!

The speakers were Dr. Susan Writer from Aurora Behavior Health, Dr. Sharon Hamill from California State University, San Marcos Institute for Palliative Care (and an STM Parishioner), and her assistant, Lisa Lipsey. Their excellent presentations helped us understand the multi-level issues that most of us face or will face in our aging process. After responding to questions from the participants, they invited us to write down topics for future gatherings. All participants received written information on local resources and practical ideas on how to live full and healthy lives. Our Parishioners and local stores provided the continental breakfast, and we especially thank our neighbor, Aegis at Shadowridge, for a delicious complimentary lunch!

Stay tuned for future gatherings!

For more information, contact Sr. Maureen at 760-758-4100 x131 or maureenb@stmoside.org



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