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A Roman Catholic Parish in the Diocese of San Diego

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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

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Blood Drive Our fall blood drive is on Sunday, October 16, 8:30am-2:30pm on the Parish Center Upper Level.

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 16, 2016

Pastor's Column

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

The Challenge of Faithful Citizenship

As we continue to prepare for the Election in November, we are mindful that October is "Respect Life" month. As Catholics, we are a people who believe in life, and the promotion and protection of life from womb to tomb. We call this stance, this perspective, being "pro-life."

During the many conversations taking place regarding the Presidential Election, I have been amazed by the number of people who seem to think that being "pro-life" only means being "anti-abortion."

In deeper discussion with these people, they said to me that they understood that to be "pro-life" was to be "anti-abortion" and they did not realize that the Catholic Church saw being "pro-life" in a much broader perspective.

Reflecting upon their comments, it seems that because the Church has so focused on the abortion issue, and rightly so, we have lost our focus on the other life issues.

The challenge is to still be as strongly focused on being "anti-abortion" while promoting and keeping focused on all the other life issues as well.

Neither major political party, Democrat or Republican, is "pro-life" as the Catholic Church is "pro-life." Yet, as Catholics, we must exercise our responsibilities and duties as citizens of this country. We must take the values of the Catholic Church, and through our informed consciences, support the candidates and positions that best reflect a consistent "pro-life" ethic. This becomes an issue of conscience and not political party affiliation.

Written in 2004, yet still very timely, I share with you these "10 Questions for the Campaign" that comes to us from the Administrative Committee of the United States

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Did You Know?

There are fees for the use of credit cards and other electronic financial transactions by which donations are made to the Parish through the Automated Clearing House Network (ACH). The use of ACH is very helpful to us because it assures us of regular payments, which in turn can better help us to budget our "Operation Costs."

The service company we use to process electronic transactions is Vanco Payment Solutions, and our fees average \$1,221.54 per month, which comes to a yearly total of \$14,658.48.

This is the cost of doing business! Your donation to the "Did You Know?" Campaign helps us balance our bottom line. Your support is always appreciated!

Pastor's Column (continued from page 1)

Conference of Catholic Bishops in their statement, "The Challenge of Faithful Citizenship—A Catholic Call to Political Responsibility":

- 1. After September 11, 2001, how can we build not only a safer world, but a better world—more just, more secure, more peaceful, more respectful of human life and dignity?
- 2. How will we protect the weakest in our midst—
 innocent unborn children? How can our nation not
 turn to violence to solve some of its most difficult
 problems—abortion to deal with difficult pregnancies,
 the death penalty to combat crime, euthanasia and
 assisted suicide to deal with the burdens of age and
 illness, and war to address international disputes?
- 3. How will we address the tragic fact that more than 30,000 children die every day as a result of hunger, international debt, and lack of development around the world?
- 4. How can our nation help parents raise their children with respect for life, sound moral values, a sense of hope, and an ethic of stewardship and responsibility? How can our society defend the central institution of marriage and better support families in their moral responsibilities?
- 5. How will we address the growing number of people without affordable and accessible health care? How can health care better protect human life and respect human dignity?
- 6. How will our society combat continuing prejudice, overcome hostility toward immigrants and refugees, and heal the wounds of racism, religious bigotry, and discrimination?
- 7. How will our nation pursue the values of justice and peace in a world where injustice is common, desperate poverty widespread, and peace is too often overwhelmed by violence?
- 8. What are the responsibilities and limitations of families, community organizations, markets, and government? How can these elements of society work together to overcome poverty, pursue the common good, and care for creation?
- 9. When should our nation use, or avoid the use of military force—for what purpose, under what authority, and at what human cost?
- 10. How can we join with other nations to lead the world to greater respect for human life and dignity, religious freedom and democracy, economic justice and care for God's creation?

I encourage you to take time with these questions, to read them, reflect upon them, pray over them. May these help all of us to expand our vision on what it means to be "pro-life" in the Catholic spirit.

And take time to prepare so that when you vote on November 8, you will do so with an informed conscience.

Welcome New Parishioners Vincent Ventures & Bernadette Salustiano & Family

Congratulations to

John & Mary Vancelette

who celebrated their 27th anniversary of marriage on October 14.

Greg & Claire Ratajczak

who celebrated their 31st anniversary of marriage on October 16.

Allan & Ruthie Price

who celebrated their 50th anniversary of marriage on October 15.

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 Breanne, Gregory, and Dominic Ratajczak in honor of their parents, Greg and Claire Ratajczak, on their anniversary of marriage.



In Memoriam



Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

Jerry Ratajczak, who died on October 8. His funeral arrangements are pending. Please keep his brother, Fr. Mike, and his family in your prayers.

Bob Brownell, who died on October 11. His funeral arrangements are pending. Please keep his wife, Naomi, and his family in your prayers.

May his 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 16 (147) Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Exodus 17:8-13 Psalm 121:1-8 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2 Luke 18:1-8

Monday, October 17 (660) Ignatius of Antioch, bishop, martyr Philippians 3:17–4:1 Psalm 34:2-9 John 12:24-26

Tuesday, October 18 (661) Luke, evangelist

2 Timothy 4:10-17b Psalm 145:10-13,17-18 Luke 10:1-9

Wednesday, October 19 (662) John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues priests, and companions, martvrs

2 Corinthians 4:7-15 Psalm 126:1bc-6 Matthew 28:16-20

Thursday, October 20 (663) Paul of the Cross, priest 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Psalm 117:1bc, 2 Matthew 16:24-27 Friday, October 21 (477)

Ephesians 4:1-6 Psalm 24:1-4b,5-6 Luke 12:54-59

Saturday, October 22 (478)

John Paul II, pope Ephesians 4:7-16 Psalm 122:1-5 Luke 13:1-9

Sunday, October 23 (150) Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sirach 35:12-14,16-18

Psalm 34:2-3,17-19,23 2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18 Luke 18:9-14

Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 15, 5:00pm Fiorina DiDuca Tusei

Sunday, October 16, 8:30am Nikola Ljubic 🏗

Sunday, October 16, 10:30am Joe & Silvio Vozza 🕏

Monday, October 17, 8:15am Eugene Masseth P

Tuesday, October 18, 8:15am Bradley Johnson &

Wednesday, October 19, 8:15am Fiorina Tusei 🕈

Thursday, October 20, 8:15am Brian Peak

Friday, October 21 8:15am Lucy Retz 1

Saturday, October 22, 5:00pm Gabriel Shaffer & Margaret Mary Miller

Sunday, October 23, 8:30am Marion Smith &

Sunday, October 23, 10:30am Marilyn Clarke 🕈

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
Addison Abigail Aviña
Bob Baker
Rosemary Ballard
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
The Brownell Family
Anita Buerger
The Buono Family
Shelby Campbell
Brianne Campos
Aria Cappeluti
Nanette Carey
Jorge Cartalena
Donald Cashmore
Anne Caywood
Sarah, Evan, & Mason Chamberlain
The Chambers Family
Dr. David Chao
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
Lene Crowe
Karen Flaharty Daley
Beverly de Gelder
Velia Deal & Family
Paul Del Vecchio
Hugo Delgado, Jr.
Cassandra D' Ercole
Christine DeSantis
Cecilia DeSimone
David deVillenueve
Carole Dillon
Elizabeth Doherty's Aunt Jackie
Arthur Fral Arthur Eral
Carolyn Erickson Ey
Victoria Lopez Fenton
The Fiore Family
Fr. James Flanagan
Mary Fleming
Ryan Flum
Erme Follis
Eugene Franciscus
The Greg French Family
Brian Frink
Jim Gallagher
The Joe Carcia Family
Kathy Gardner
Joan Gay
Alyssa Gerhard
Merle Glime
Wendy Gonzales' Dad
Rick Gonzales' Dad
Rick Gonzalez
Lou Gordon
George Gritt
Luke Guenst
Susan Hallahan
Colleen Hanna
The Harker Family
Dorothy Harrison
Michelle Harrison & Family
Barbara Hatem
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
Don Kowallek
Faith Kowallek
Faith Kowallek
Faith Kowallek
Faith Kowallek
Faith Kowallek

Lorene Kundert
Lillian Lachance
The Lampelin Family
Pauline Lapre's sister Justine
Brandon LeBlanc
Susan Lee
Jake Lefferdink
Jake Load
Jake Luaren Loretto
Jack Lucarelli
Mary Anne Lucio
Joaquin Maldonado
The Maldonado Family
The Maldonado Family
The Maldonado Trejo Family
Paige Mansell
Gloria Maupin
Colleen McCall
Virginia McConnell
Paige McCoy
Jerry McEniry
The McGinley Family
Ann McMahan
Bob McWilliams
Jove Meehan
Kalei Mendiola
Lorraine Micallef
Kita Mikride
Barbara & Harold Miller
Steven Sr., Stevie, & Noah Miller
Tom Miller
Phyllis Minaya
June Minthell
Maria Molina
June Montgomery
Nancy Moöre
Elizabeth Muehlbacher
Conrad Murphy
Margie Myers
Andrew Philip Nacional
Angela Nacional
Nelanie Nacional
Nida Navarro
Richard Obstinik
Kare O Dell
Laura Pactorek Gloor
Ethan Paim
Cynthia Pearson
Salina Pearson
Jisa Petrie
Merri Phelps
Helen Pingtella
Delilah Plästerer
Perry Postulka
The Joe Prokop Family
Bernie Ptak
The Ratajczak Family
Barbara Ramm
Randy Reznicek
Jenni Richard
Ryelyn Richards
Ryelyn Richards
Rya Richie
Ryelyn Richards
Rya Richie
Ralda Rizke
Jily Robinson
Bea Rocha
Maria Rogers
The Russo Family
Rachel Saine
Sam Sam
Cindy Sanelli
Lori Sanna
Linda Schmidt
Grace Schweighofer
Joan Shea
Lilizabeth Shirzad
Nike Stelling
The Steddar Family
Laura Bernard Stover, MD
Pete Sullivan
Park Vanessa, & Elba Spizewski
Don St. Pierre
Brian C. Stanton
Sybil Staples
Mke Stelling
The Steddar Family
Laura Bernard Stover, MD
Pete Sullivan
Pat Swanton
Steve Tandy
Julier Teplo
The Trejo/Maldonado/Uribe Family
Frank Urso
Josephina Velasquez
Martin Vertson
Lucy Vienna
Lucy Vien

Calendar Highlights

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

Oct 16	Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses
Oct 16	Blood Drive
Oct 16	REACH Classes at Church
Oct 22-23	Women's Guild Bake Sale
Oct 22-23	Liturgy of the Word for
OCI 23	Children at 8:30am and
	10:30am Masses
Oct 23	Knights of Columbus
OCI 23	Breakfast
Oct 23	Bone Marrow Donor Event
Oct 23	Oktober Fest Event
Oct 28	Fr. Donald Calloway
OCI 28	presents No Turning Back:
	A Witness to Mercy
Nov 1	All Saints Day
NOV I	Masses at 8:15am and
	7:00pm
Nov 2	All Souls Day
NOV Z	Masses at 8:15am and
Nov 3	7:00pm
NOV 3	Spirited Seniors Outing to
	Miniature Engineering
Nov. 5 6	Craftsmanship Museum
Nov 5-6	St. Bonaventure
N 12	Clothing Drive
Nov 13	Veterans Brunch
Nov 19	Women's Guild Game Day
Nov 20	Prayer Service for the end
N 04	of Jubilee Year of Mercy
Nov 24	Thanksgiving Day Mass at
N 26	8:15am
Nov 26	Advent Workshop
Dec 17	Christmas Cookie Exchange

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 Czarzasty Capt. Branden M. Felker, USAF Patrick G. Felker, USN Grant Fischer Gunnery Sgt. Julian Fyffe, USMC 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, ÚS Army Nicole Rieger CTR2, US Navy Sr. Airman Robert Spear, USAF Sgt. Charles Watts, USMC

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, located off in Carlsbad, welcomes homeless men and farm workers from all of North County. The shelter has a diverse population, including 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.

Special All Souls Day Mass

There will be a special All Souls Day Mass at 7:00pm on Wednesday, November 2. Let us gather as a Parish community to remember our loved ones who have gone before us and now rest in the peace and joy of God's presence.

St. Bonaventure Indian Mission

"Lord, when did we see you naked and fail to clothe you?" Our annual clothing drive to help the Navajo served by St. Bonaventure Mission is coming up on November 5-6. These good people are among the poorest of the poor in our great country and in great need of clothing of all sorts, of all ages, and all sizes. They are also in need of shoes (no heels please). STM conducts the only dedicated drive to help the mission, and they have come to rely on our continued help. Please collect your serviceable used clothing and footwear and bring them to the STM parking lot on the above date. Any questions, contact Deacon Tom *thomasgoeltz@aol.com* or 760-727-8442. Thank you and God Bless!

Brother Benno's

Although our toiletry and diaper drive is successfully over, the needs of the people served by Brother Benno's continues. Please remember them in your prayers and in your generosity. Visit www.brotherbenno.org.

Veterans Brunch Sunday, November 13, 11:30am-1:00pm

For Active/Reserve/Retired, and spouses of veterans (including the faithful departed). Please join us for remembrance, comradeship, and information about veterans benefits resources. To RSVP or for more information, visit www.eventbrite.com and Browse Events, then search for St. Thomas (no space).

In Gratitude!

We will be forever grateful to the wonderful STM community for your prayers and support during Katie's illness. Her latest test results show good news! —*Tom & Katie Browne*

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 *michaelr@stmoside.org* to begin your preparation!

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, October 20, 7:00pm, St. Thomas More, Parish Center Upper Level. Please RSVP with Beth at 619-630-8086 or beth@veritasfertilitycare.com.

Relationship Skills Workshops—Deacon John and Debbie Fredette will present 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 18 is *Control Issues*. There is no pre-registration or fee. For more information call Deacon John at 760-758-4100 x104

Bishops' Letter on Marriage—Contraception: "By using contraception, married couples may think that they are avoiding problems or easing tensions, that they are exerting control over their lives. At the same time, they may think that they are doing nothing harmful to their marriages. In reality, the deliberate separation of the procreative and unitive meanings of marriage has the potential to damage or destroy the marriage. Also, it results in many other negative consequences, both personal and social." To read the document go to http://www.usccb.org/loveandlife/.

Marriage Moments— It's easy to say "Pray always" (Luke 18:1), but is it really practical? If we broaden our concept of prayer it is. Service to the family can be a form of prayer. Think doing dishes, fixing stuff around the house, taking care of sometimes crabby kids, providing an income for necessities... Bring prayerful mindfulness to one such act today. By Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net.

Parenting Pointers— "Moses' hands grew tired" (Ex 17:12). We all grow tired at some point in life. (Even kids eventually get tired of crying.) When this happens we need the support of those close to us. Ask your family to lighten another member's load in some way this week. 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.

Spirited Seniors Outing—SAVE THE DATE!

Thursday, November 3, to the Miniatures Museum just off Melrose and lunch at Round Table on Marron Rd. \$10 for members; \$12 for guests. Watch for the flyer!

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.

Women's Guild News

Our October luncheon meeting was a resounding success thanks to the beautiful Hawaiian and Japanese dances performed by Valerie Thompson's troupe and Takamei Stephens. The program was both mesmerizing and educational, as Valerie demonstrated the meaning of the hand movements in the Hawaiian portion. The graceful way they told their stories in dance was so lovely, we hope to have them back in the future! Our November luncheon meeting will include a panel discussion including Sally Fay, Valerie Thompson, and Cyndy Hamasaki, who will share their breast cancer experiences, with a Q&A session to follow. More information on this will be available in upcoming bulletins.

The new Women's Guild membership directory is now available. They were distributed to each member present at our October meeting and will be available at future meetings for those who have not yet received one.

Women's Guild semi-annual Bake Sale takes place after each of the Masses October 22-23. Be sure to stop by the tables on the plaza and purchase a goody to share with family and friends. Your donation of a home baked item or two would be most welcome as well. Please label the item if it contains nuts, and avoid items requiring refrigeration. See the flyer for details.

Game Day is Saturday, November 19, 10:00am-3:00pm. This is a day of fun that includes lively games of your liking, snacks, lunch, door prizes and opportunity baskets. Everyone is welcome—family and friends alike. Tickets are \$20 and will be sold on the plaza for several weekends prior to the event. Watch for the flyer in an upcoming bulletin!

Have a blessed week. —Kathy Gerhard, president

Catholic Widows and Widowers of North County

The second Sunday of each month is our General Meeting and Potluck at 2:00pm. On the fourth Sunday 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 more! RSVPs are required. For more information call Carol Kope 760-726-0533.

World Mission Sunday

World Mission Sunday, organized by the Propagation of the Faith, is a day set aside for Catholics worldwide to recommit themselves to the Church's missionary activity through prayer and sacrifice. The envelope may be returned any time during October. Mission dioceses around the world—about 1,100 at this time—receive regular annual assistance from the funds collected. Your prayers and contributions are most appreciated!



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 in this FUN way of continuing God's work.

Oktober Fest

Sunday, October 23, **1:00-5:00pm** *PLEASE NOTE THE TIME CHANGE*

\$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

HISTORY OF HYMNS

The church of Christ, in every age, beset by change but Spirit-led, must claim and test its heritage and keep on rising from the dead.

Across the world, across the street, the victims of injustice cry for shelter and for bread to eat, and never live until they die.

Then let the servant church arise, a caring church that longs to be a partner in Christ's sacrifice, and clothed in Christ's humanity.

For he alone, whose blood was shed, can cure the fever in our blood, and teach us how to share our bread and feed the starving multitude.

We have no mission but to serve in full obedience to our Lord, to care for all, without reserve, and spread his liberating Word.

- Fred Pratt Green

Upcoming Music

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OCTOBER 23 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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5:00pm

Sanctuary Choir

8:30am

Praise Team

10:30am

Cappella Choir

his Sunday we hear Jesus tell the Parable of the Persistent Widow—or the Parable of the Unjust Judge, depending on how you look at it.

In choosing our music for the weekend, I chose Fred Pratt Green's hymn "The Church of Christ, in Every Age" as our recessional song since the text exactly mirrors our liturgy's Gospel theme.

We have sung this hymn (by which I mean the text) before, but as it is unfamiliar to some of us, I though I would share some information about the hymn text and its author.

(The tune is also familiar, as we sing it to three different texts: "For All the Saints Who've Shown Your

The Church of Christ in Every Age

Love" and "When Love Is Found" in addition to this text.)

They hymn's author, Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000) was born in Roby, England, just outside of Liverpool. The youngest of three children, he was born into a Christian home he described as "a place where religion scrupulously observed but never made burdensome." Following his education, Green was ordained in the British Methodist Church in 1924 and continued his ministry in various parishes throughout England well into the 1940s.

As a minister, he rarely had time for outside interests, but when he met devout poet Fallon Webb, he was instantly fascinated. The two exchanged poetry for nearly 20 years, setting the stage for Green to focus on hymn writing after his retirement from active ministry.

Green's hymns reflect his concern with social issues. Many were written to serve the liturgical needs of the modern church, such as specific seasons of the Christian year. Others speak to topics for which there were few traditional hymns available.

Green composed this hymn in 1969, a time of social unrest throughout much of the world, including the U.S., Europe, and South Africa. Published at first under the heading of "The Caring Church," it appeared in Green's 26 Hymns (1971) and then in New Church Praise (1975), where it came into prominence.

The first U.S. hymnal to publish the hymn was the *Lutheran Book of Worship* (1978). Since then, "The Church of Christ in Every Age" has been included in many hymnals, including those by all three major Catholic music publishers (GIA, OCP, and WLP).



There was a judge...and a widow. Luke 18:2-3

The Rev. Carlton Young, editor of the *United Methodist Hymnal*, notes, "This hymn calls the church to be the agent of change and reconciliation in the struggle against injustice and hunger."

Particular phrases in the hymn reveal the provocative and powerful images for which Green is known. For example, stanza one concludes that the church "must claim and test its heritage / and keep on rising from the dead." Stanza two focuses on the poor and hungry, and stanza three challenges the "servant church" to become "a partner in Christ's sacrifice" and to be "clothed in Christ's humanity." Stanza four focuses on the image of Christ "whose blood was shed," and who as a result "can cure the fever in our blood" so that we will "share our bread and feed the starving multitude." The final stanza clarifies the purpose of the church: "We have no mission but to serve in full obedience to our Lord." The mission of the church is to "spread [Christ's] liberating word."

Amen!

—Douglas

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Family Faith Formation

Our Next REACH Day Is October 16

Is your child Enrolled in Faith Formation?
It's not too late to register for classes!
Contact Debbie in the Faith Formation Office today!

Sacrament Prep News



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

October 24 is our Next XLT for all Parish

October 24 is our Next XLT for all Parish Families. Dinner served at 6:30pm and the XLT event starts promptly at 7:00pm.

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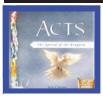
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Bible Study Continues
October 27
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Relationship Skills Workshop



Tuesday evenings, 7:00-8:30pm
The next session will be held on October 18.
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Expecting?



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

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Collection for Week of October 8/9, 2016	
Number of Registered Households	1,235

\$18,577.75 Offertory Offertory (Loose Collection) \$903.00 Total \$19,480.75

Mortgage/Building Completion Fund Income September 15, 2014 to September 30, 2016

Mortgage Offering Collected	\$1,104,334.70
Less Administrative Costs	\$45,826.00
Payment toward Parish Reserves (10%)	\$109,309.47
Payment toward Mortgage	\$983,785.23
Mortgage Payment Due	\$1,091,013.04
Mortgage Payment Overage/(Shortfall)	(\$107,227.81)
Memorial Items	\$1,698,250.90
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Mortgage/Building Completion Fund!

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Got Deductions? 2016 YEAR-END CHECKLIST



- BE SURE TO COMPLETE all gifts by December 31 to qualify for tax savings on this year's tax return. Advance planning with the Parish Office is essential, since the office will be closed from Friday, December 23, 2016, at noon and will reopen on Tuesday, January 3, 2017.
- Donations received at the Saturday, December 31, 2016 Vigil Mass will be credited in the 2016 tax year.
- Envelopes POSTMARKED by Saturday, December 31, 2016, will be counted toward the 2016 tax year.
- **Annual Catholic Appeal** ~ Parishioners with a balance due on their pledges made to this year's ACA are requested to conclude payments by December 31, 2016. (Tithing families, know that your tithe covers your ACA contribution.)
- Keep all gift receipts and acknowledgment letters, especially for gifts of \$250 or more.

For more information please contact:

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St. Francis: A Stewardship Saint for Our Time

Scientists say that most of us will never experience the full wonder of the star-filled nighttime sky because of the "light pollution" which keeps our modern world too bright to see true night. No doubt, this would have saddened St. Francis of Assisi, whose feast we celebrate October 4.

The saint who embraced the glory of creation, Francis is the patron saint of ecology and a model steward for our present age. Always one of our most popular saints, you



need only visit a garden shop to find that, even in the midst of secular commerce, you can find a lawn statue of the 12th century native of an Umbrian hill town. Yet like many famous folk, Francis has become somewhat stereotyped, those statues always adorned sweetly with little birds.

In reality, Francis was a bold and inspired man, a good steward of creation, who embraced it as bountifully good, emphasizing the original outpouring of God's love into the world (at a time when the emphasis was often placed heavily on the stain of original sin.) Francis was a good steward of his neighbor. He famously embraced a leper he met on the roadway, even though he deeply feared the disease. When the man appeared to vanish, Francis felt he had encountered Christ himself which strengthened his belief that God is found in all of creation.

Francis heard the words "Rebuild my church" while visiting the worn-down chapel at San Damiano. Only later did he and others regard those words as a challenge not to repair a structure but to reinvigorate Christian spirituality. Today, in a time of environmental crisis, Pope Francis is the first pontiff to take the saint of Assisi's name as his own. The Holy Father's encyclical, "Laudato Sí, On Care for Our Common Home," speaks to the need to be good stewards of creation, to protect and cherish God's great gift. St. Francis left us, along with a deep love for creation, with a spirituality that embraces simplicity and love for the poor.

October offers Christian stewards an opportunity to pray outdoors in the beauty of autumn, the changing leaves, the early dusk. Be a good steward of your prayer life: Take a prayer walk, as St. Francis would. Ask the saint to help you recommit to a simpler lifestyle, recycling, reusing, honoring resources, to seeing the earth and its poor as holy. Perhaps we might even venture out to the garden late at night, to see as many stars as we can.

—ICSC October 2016 e-bulletin (with permission)

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Memorial Item Donations Available

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Christ on the Road to Emmaus Bronze Sculpture for Daily Mass Chapel	\$27,000
Parish Offices	
Metal Framing Exterior Walls	\$60,000
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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.

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For more information or to adopt an item, contact Chris Smith 760-758-4100 x120 or *chriss@stmoside.org*

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The Larger Church News

Fifth Annual White Mass for Catholic Health Care Professionals—Saturday, October 22, 10:00am-12:00pm, St. Thérèse of Carmel, 4355 Del Mar Trails Rd., San Diego. For more information, visit *StGiannaPhysicians.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.

Annual Life Perspectives LifeWalk—Saturday, November 5. Visit www.crowdrise.com/donate/event/LifeWalkRun2016 to register or donate.

Casa de Molina Children's Christmas Party—Saturday, December 16. Volunteers and donors needed. For more information, contact Vicky Molina at *motherv*5@cox.net

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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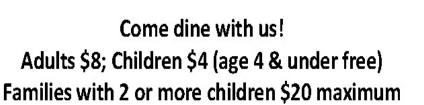
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