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"No, if you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them."
Matthew 13:29

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
Every Day, 7:00am-7:00pm

Reconciliation (Confession)
Saturday, 3:30-4:30pm
and by appointment

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Restaurant Fundraiser at Nucci's
Tuesday and Wednesday
July 25 and 26
See the flyer!

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 23, 2017

Pastor's Column

Rev. Michael Ratajczak
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michaelr@stmoside.org

Companions for the Journey

As we go about life and as we try to assist one another in the ways of holiness, how do we "see" each other?

Do we see the other as a friend, a companion?

Or do we see the other as a person that needs "fixing"?

So much is in the attitude with which we see.

I share with you the thoughts of Alan D. Wolfelt, the founder and director of the Center for Loss and Life Transition (*www.centerforloss.com*):

> "…the word 'companion,' when broken down into its original Latin roots means 'messmate': 'com' for 'with' and 'pan' for 'bread,' someone you would share a meal with, a friend, an equal. I have taken liberties with the noun 'companion' and made it into the verb 'companioning' because it so well captures the type of counseling relationship I support and advocate.
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> More specifically, for me, 'companioning' is about:
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> * Honoring the spirit; it is not about focusing on the intellect.
> * Curiosity; it is not about expertise.
> * Learning from others; it is not about teaching them.
> * Walking alongside; it is not about leading.
> * Being still; it is not about frantic movement forward.
> * Discovering the gifts of sacred silence; it is not about filling every painful moment with words.
> * Listening with the heart; it is not about analyzing with the head.
> * Bearing witness to the struggles of others; it is not about directing those struggles.
> * Being present to another person's pain; it is not about taking away the pain.
> * Respecting disorder and confusion; it is not about imposing order and logic.

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Our Church is a House of Prayer for all People!

Our Church and Blessed Sacrament Chapel are open 7:00am-7:00pm, every day.
The door on the left side of our main doors remains unlocked.
Please enter and exit through that door.
You are always welcome!

Pastor's Column *(continued from page 1)*

* Going to the wilderness of the soul with another human being; it is not about thinking you are responsible for finding the way out."

Our Church and our World would be gentler and more loving environments if we chose to companion one another more, rather than always trying to impose our order on one another and always trying to provide the "magic fix."

Let us be companions for the journey!

Fr. Mike

Considering Becoming Catholic?

If you know of someone who is considering joining the Church, NOW would be an excellent time to encourage them to "come and see." A new group is meeting two Sundays each month from 9:00-10:20am on the Parish Center Lower Level. This will become a weekly meeting shortly, leading to initiation in the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil 2018.

Anyone interested should contact Kathleen Bell soon at 760-809-6526 or *80bell80@gmail.com*

Everyone in RCIA has a sponsor who welcomes them into the St. Thomas More community and walks through the process with them as a guide. If you would like to be a sponsor and enrich your faith journey, please contact Kathleen right away.

St. Francis and St. Thomas More Offertory Envelopes

Any St. Francis Offertory Envelopes given to the offertory collection at St. Thomas More will be returned to St. Francis.

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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

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

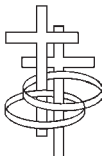
Announcing the Baptism of

Austin Terich

on July 21

Our Christian community welcomes you with great joy!

Congratulations to



Russell Kellogg and Elizabeth Keogh

who were married on July 15

May you grow in love for each other and always know that God is with you.

In Memoriam

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

Hung Tran, who died July 15. His Funeral Mass was celebrated on Saturday, July 22. Please keep his family in your prayers.

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

Flower Donations

The Altar Flowers for this weekend were given by the **Little Flowers** group in thanksgiving.

Food for the Poor Appeal

Father Rich Lewandowski was at our Parish the weekend of July 8-9, to speak about the mission of ***Food for the Poor***. He assists ***Food for the Poor*** in raising awareness and direct relief to the poor throughout Latin America and the Caribbean.

Please be generous in supporting this appeal. Information (including an envelope) was included in the bulletin recently. You may return the envelope anytime during the month of July. Thank you!

STM $crip News

Summer weeekend Scrip schedule: every other weekend (next one is July 30) on the plaza, but still Monday-Friday in the Parish Office.

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.

Do you shop at other online locations? Try Giving Assistant and raise money for STM while you shop! Click the link at *www.stmoside.org/scrip.htm* to get started.

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*.**

Readings for the Week Ahead

Sunday Year A; Weekday Year I
Readings online at *www.usccb.org.*

Sunday, July 23 (106)
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wisdom 12:13,16-19
Psalm 86:5-6,9-10,15-16
Romans 8:26-27
Matthew 13:24-43
Monday, July 24 (604A)
Sharbel Makhlūf, priest
Sirach 3:17-24
Psalm 15:2-4b,5
Matthew 19:27-29
Tuesday, July 25 (605)
James, apostle
2 Corinthians 4:7-15
Psalm 126:1bc-6
Matthew 20:20-28
Wednesday, July 26 (606)
Joachim and Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sirach 44:1,10-15
Psalm 132:11,13-14,17-18
Matthew 13:16-17
Thursday, July 27 (398)
Exodus 19:1-2,9-11,16-20b
Daniel 3:52-56 (Psalm)
Matthew 13:10-17
Friday, July 28 (399)
Exodus 20:1-17
Psalm 19:8-11
Matthew 13:18-23
Saturday, July 29 (400)
Martha
Exodus 24:3-8
Psalm 50:1b-2,5-6,14-15
John 11:19-27
Sunday, July 30 (109)
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Kings 3:5,7-12
Psalm 119:57,72,76-77,127-130
Romans 8:28-30
Matthew 13:44-52

Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 22, 5:00pm
Alice Zemenick ✞

Sunday, July 23, 8:30am
Mary Bruzas ✞

Sunday, July 23, 10:30am
Tillie Gonzalez ✞

Monday, July 24, 8:15am
Pat Hannon ✞

Tuesday, July 25, 8:15am
Frances Mori ✞

Wednesday, July 26, 8:15am
Sylva Bernier ✞

Thursday July 27, 8:15am
Lorraine Kauffman ✞

Friday, July 28, 8:15am
J.C. Gonzalez ✞

Saturday, July 29, 5:00pm
Alfred & Elaine Barrack

Sunday, July 30, 8:30am
Mike Bracci ✞

Sunday, July 30, 10:30am
Giacinto Morelli ✞

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

Changa Aguilera
Ernie Aichele
William Alcala
Mary Alexander
Carrie Autrey
Joshua Avery
Addison Abigail Aviña
Rosemary Ballard
Jose Luis Barbosa
Patricia Barbour
Francie Barron
Fr. Karl Bauer
The Bayliss Family
Clarice Bednarz
The Bednarz Family
Taylor Bell
John Bennici
Regina Bentz
Lisa Berg
Roseanne Berg
Betty Jean Bielich
Pieter Boets & Family
Zane Breier
Janet Brown
Anita Buerger
Amelia Buono
Roger & Pat Burkardt
Shelby Campbell
Breanne Campos
Aria Cappeluti
Nanette Carey
Polly Carroll
Jorge Cartajena
Donald Cashmore
Anne Caywood
Ravy Chea
Della Clarke
The Vaughn Clevenger Family
Anne Cline
James Coleman
Maria Colfer
Addie Colgan
Clara Collins
Judy Colson
Karen Connell
Geoff Coolidge
Roger Cote
JoAnn Coules
Sandra Cracchiolo
Steven Cresencia
Lené Crowe
Karen Flaharty Daley
Beverly de Gelder
Velia Deal & Family
Paul Del Vecchio
Hugo Delgado, Jr.
Cassandra D'Ercole
Cecilia DeSimone
Lydia deVillenueve
Carole Dillon
Elizabeth Doherty's Aunt Jackie
Art & Dave Dossman
Steven Douglas
Tyler Drake
Jerome Elbacha
Arthur Eral
Carolyn Erickson Ey
Rebecca Eyer
Victoria Lopez Fenton
The Fiore Family
Fr. James Flanagan
Mary Fleming
Ryan Flum
Ernie Follis
Dylam Francis
Madison Francis
Eugene Franciscus
The Greg French Family
Jim Gallagher
The Joe Garcia Family
Kathy Gardner
Joan Gay
Alyssa Gerhard
Dan Gilman
Betty Golden Brown & the Golden Family
Wendy Gonzales' Dad
Rick Gonzalez
The Gonzalez Family
Lou Gordon
George Gritt
Luke Guenst
Susan Hallahan
Charlene Hammonds
Dwayne Hammonds
Colleen Hanna
The Harker Family
Dorothy Harrison
Michelle Harrison & Family
Barbara Hatem
Vanessa Hayes
LaNay Hazzard
Matthew Henry & Family
Barry Henwood
Lilian Hills
Lisa Hodges
Rich Hodges
Georgia Ann Hodina
The Hoefner Family
Samara Hook
Susan Hori
Katherine Jacobs
The Jay Maldonado Family
Jacqueline Johnson
Sue Johnston
Laura Kater
Dottie Kearney
Connor Kerzie
Peggy Kiernan
Debbie Kinney
Cathy Kleinschmidt
Mark Kneisel
Dewey Kolbo
Tony Korwin & Kathleen Aviña
Helen Kuhn
Lorene Kundert
Lillian Lachance
The Lamelin Family
Ashley LaMothe & Family
Pauline Lapre's sister Justine
Brandon LeBlanc
Susan Lee
Jake Lefferdink
Aleah Leon
Ashley Load
Mia Loreto
Cassandra & Lauren Loretto
Jack Lucarelli
The Maldonado Family
The Maldonado Trejo Family
Paige Mansell
Gloria Maupin
Colleen McCall
Virginia McConnell
Paige McCoy
Gina McDermott
Jerry McEniry
Ann McGeary
The McGinley Family
Bob McWilliams
Joyce Meehan
Kalei Mendiola
Rita Mikridge
Steven Sr., Stevie, & Noah Miller
Tom Miller
Harold Miller, Jr.
Phyllis Minaya
June Mitchell
Maria Molina
The Molina Family
June Montgomery
Nancy Moore
Ryan Moquin
Catherine Moroz
Ronald Moroz
Elizabeth Muehlbacher
Conrad Murphy
Michele Murphy
Clay Murray
Margie Myers
Andrew Philip Nacional
Angela Nacional
Melanie Nacional
Nida Navarro
Richard Obsitnik
Gillian Ochoa
Kare O'Dell
Laura Paciorek Gloor
Katie Padilla
Robert Padilla
Ethan Palm
Cynthia Pearson
Kaili Pearson
Salina Pearson
Elisa Petrie
Merri Phelps
Roxanne Pietila
Helen Pingtella
Delilah Plasterer
Perry Postulka
The Joe Prokop Family
Bernie Ptak
Barbara Ramm
Jenni Richard
Evelyn Richards
Rita Ritchie
Joel Rivera
Ralda Rizke
Lily Robinson
Mateo Rodriguez
Maria Rogers
The Russo Family
Rachel Sainc
Cindy Sanelli
Lori Sanna
Rose Mary Saputo
John Schmidt
Linda Schmidt
Grace Schweighofer
Doreen Schwynoch
Joan Shea
Teresa Sheehey
Elizabeth Shirzad
Barb Slabaugh
Cinda Smits
Nick Soltau
Steve Soule
Gilda Spiegl
Darek, Vanessa, & Elba Spizewski
Don St. Pierre
Patricia St. Pierre
Joy Stanton
Sybil Staples
Mike Sterling
Betty Stewart
Laura Bernard Stover, MD
Pete Sullivan
Pat Swanton
The Sweet Family
Laura Thiele
Frank Thompson
Tommy & Ginger Thompson
Carol Thomson
Maryann Tien
Sarah Tillinghast
William Tompson
Stephen Toth, Jr.
The Tran Family
Olivia Trejo
The Trejo/Beltran Family
The Trejo/Maldonado/ Uribe Family
Martin Vertson
Lucy Viramontes
Vanessa Vitiello
The Votel Family
Wilson Wanner
Kevin Watson-Graff
Jerry Wechsler
Elaine Weiler
Mona Weir
Rylee West
Gerri Wilmott & Family
Marti Wing
John Woodard
The Xavier Family
Patricia Zavala
Jeanne Zeltner

Calendar Highlights

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

Jul 23	Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses
Jul 23	Pastor's Dinner 2 at Rectory
Jul 25-26	Restaurant Fundraiser at Nucci's in Vista
Jul 26	Breakfast with the King after 8:15am Mass
Jul 26	IGNITE High School Youth Group
Jul 30	Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses
Jul 30	Pastor's Dinner 3 at Rectory
Sep 5,6,7	Music Ministry Rehearsals resume
Sep 11	Women's Guild Luncheon with entertainment by *Standing Room Only*
Sep 12	Spirited Seniors Ice Cream Social
Oct 1	Wine Tasting 101
Oct 14	Treasures Rummage Sale
Oct 15	New Member Luncheon
Oct 29	Diocesan Service of Common Prayer Celebration the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation
Nov 4-30	Stewardship Awareness Month
Dec 16	Cookie Exchange Party

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

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
Major Branden M. Felker, USAF
ET1 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 CTR2, US Navy
Sr. Airman Robert Spear, USAF
Sgt. Charles Watts, USMC
MGY SGT Paul Weisinger

Social Ministries & Outreach

Update on Our Syrian Refugee Family

The Refugee Crisis—it is not just "Our Family" that is in need.

Our sponsorship journey truly opened our eyes to the huge refugee crisis here in San Diego. Working with the staff at Catholic Charities and seeing what they are required to provide to the refugees on the small amount of grant money allotted seems like an impossible task. They have multiple new arrivals everyday. These families are arriving from many places: Haiti, The Congo, Afghanistan, not only Syria. However, the needs are the same. When our Parish showed such an overwhelming response to donate to "our" family, and we were seeing so many families that were being unsponsored, we felt called to do more. We started working with Brother Benno's and would like to reach out to other community groups that would like to take on some small projects that would help these arriving families. One simple project is making a welcome basket. I have a list of the items that need to go in it and would be happy to share it with your group. We were the first Parish in the Diocese to sponsor a family—let's see if we can keep the momentum going and get others involved! *—Lisa Attardo*

Contact me for more information at *Lisaattardo@yahoo.com.*

St. Bonaventure Indian Mission Clothing Drive

Been cleaning and noticing how many items of clothing are out of size, out of style, or outgrown? Funny how kids outgrow clothes before they are worn out. Funny how those midwestern winter coats you were saving in case you moved back...10 years ago...are still gathering dust in the closet. Give these items a new life...Set them aside for STM's annual clothing drive for the Navajo. In the beginning of November we collect much needed clothing, blankets, and shoes (no heels please) for some of the poorest in our wealthy nation. The Mission serves about 100 square miles of the big reservation in New Mexico where these items are much needed. For more information or how to help, contact Deacon Tom at *thomasgoeltz@aol.com* or 760-727-8442.

Brother Benno's

Got those shampoos, soaps, tooth brushes, etc., from your hotel rooms during your vacation? Now what are you going to do with them? It seemed like a good idea to take them at the time but on returning home, your own brands seem preferrable, and now you are stuck...but don't want to just throw them away. We can help. Coming up in Sepember (watch bulletin for specific date), STM will be collecting toiletries for **Brother Benno's**. The small sizes are just right for hygiene packs for the homeless. Larger sizes are great for their rehab houses or their Oceanside facility. We will also be collecting diapers (all sizes including adult) which are desperately needed. Questions? Contact Deacon Tom at *thomasgoeltz@aol.com* or 760-727-8442.

Help Feed the Hungry

We encourage every STM family to donate one nonperishable food item each weekend when they come to Mass. Note that Gatorade and other sweetened beverages are not recommended.

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

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 twice a 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*.

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

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 or *MHMN@stmoside.org.*

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.

Facing Surgery or a Serious Illness?

If you, a family member or close friend is facing surgery or has been diagnosed with a serious illness, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick can be powerful and comforting.

For more information, call the Parish Office at 760-758-4100.

When a Loved One Dies

Call the Parish Office first, before you call the funeral home. Call anytime, night or day! 760-758-4100 option 3

Our Parish has a wonderful Bereavement Team that is available when a loved one dies. They are available to assist the family with many arrangements related to the funeral, which might include meeting with the family to pray, helping to plan the funeral, and providing bereavement support afterwards.

In addition, those who like to plan ahead may meet with a Bereavement Team member to pre-plan preferences and place them on record, which can be a great help for children or other family members when the time comes.

If you have any questions, contact Sr. Maureen at 760-758-4100 x131 or maureenb@stmoside.org.

Parish Events

Men's Fellowship Update

iHunger is on break over the summer and will return in September with an engaging new program on Saturday mornings called "Be a Man! Becoming the Man God Created You to Be" by Fr. Larry Richards. We will continue to have breakfast off-site on the first weekend of each month throughout the summer. We hope you can join us!

To stay informed of what's going on with iHunger via SMS text messages, text **iHunger** to **84576** or email Deacon John at *johnf@stmoside.org* to have your email added to the iHunger distribution group or get more information.

Do 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? If so text **iThirst** to **84576** to stay connected with what's going on.

Women's Guild News

I love how summer wraps itself around you like a warm blanket.
—Kelly Elmore

Ladies—run don't walk to the Women's Guild table on the Plaza the weekend of July 22-23 after all Masses for the annual membership drive. Membership dues are only $10, payable by check to St Thomas More Women's Guild or by cash. You can also return your form and dues to the offertory collection or to the Parish Office (Box 35). The 2017-18 membership directory will include your name when you sign up by September 1.

Join with us! We need you! It's a great way to meet new friends, raise funds for the Parish and have a great time! For specific questions on membership please contact First Vice President, Membership, Barbara Brown Barreras, 760-639-0012.

Our first luncheon meeting will be on Monday, September 11. Our entertainment will be *Standing Room Only*, featuring Paul Del Vecchio and Wayne Smith. It was a smash hit last year! Due to high attendance last year, we will be selling tickets separately to this event. The cost of a ticket is $20. Tickets will be on sale on the plaza the weekends of August 12-13, 19-20, and 26- 27. Hope to see you there!

Have a heavenly summer!

—Trish Feeley, St. Thomas More Women's Guild President

Catholic Widows and Widowers of North County

The second Sunday of each month is our General Meeting and Potluck at 2:00pm at St. Margaret Parish Center in Oceanside. 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 dining out, theater, bowling, bocce ball, hiking, and more! RSVPs are required. For more information call Carol at 760-726-0533.

Spirited Seniors Membership Drive Underway
Watch Your Mail!

2017 Gala Events
continue with…

Superb Wine Tasting 101 on Sunday, October 1
$50 per person ($15 tax deductible) or
Premium Experience for $100 per person

Christmas Cookie Exchange
on Saturday, December 16
$20 each ($10 tax deductible)

Sign up online at *stmoside.org* or on the Plaza after Masses

If you aren't able to sign up to attend an event, you can still support the effort by making a monetary donation or...

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

Jesus, Divine Redeemer and Master of the Universe Mosaic Update

Six of the 54 panels of the mosaic are still available for sponsorship at $5,000/panel.

Once all of the panels have been sponsored, we will be able to begin the restoration of the mosaic and its placement outdoors in our Memorial Garden.

Please contact Chris Smith for details: 760-758-4100 x120 or *chriss@stmoside.org* to sponsor a panel.

Young Adult Ministry Activities

Visit *www.yamsd.org* for complete information on events for young adults, including our local chapter, North County Young Adults.

Also, search *Office of Young Adult Ministry* on Facebook.

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 and Music
douglasl@stmoside.org; 760-758-4100 x140

ALL IN PRAISE OF THE "THRICE-HOLY GOD"

The Preface, part 3

Having explored the Preface to the Eucharistic Prayer as it relates to liturgical time and space, we finish this three-part series linking our earthly liturgical worship to the celestial celebration in the presence of God in heaven.

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The Roman Prefaces place the Church's worship on earth within the context of the worship that is eternally celebrated in the presence of God in heaven. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (CCC) notes, "In the *preface*, the Church gives thanks to the Father, through Christ, in the Holy Spirit, for all his works: creation, redemption, and sanctification. The whole community thus joins in the unending praise that the Church in heaven, the angels and all the saints, sing to the thrice-holy God" (no. 1352).

By including references of the angels in the Preface, we are reminded of their presence in our lives and throughout salvation history. They are continually "announcing this salvation from afar or near and serving the accomplishment of the divine plan" (CCC, no. 332). There are numerous stories of the angels interacting with men and women in the Bible, from the beginning of creation to descriptions of the eschaton. One passage found in Isaiah relates to the function of the Preface as it is used today. In one of the prophet's visions, he describes the following scene:

> I saw the Lord seated on a high and lofty throne, with the train of his garment filling the temple. Seraphim were stationed above; each of them had six wings: with two they veiled their faces, with two they veiled their feet, and with two they hovered aloft. They cried one to the other: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts! All the earth is filled with his glory!" (Is 6:2-3)

This hymn of praise that the angels continually sing in the presence of God demonstrates the ancient proclamation of the "thrice-holy God" that is still found in the liturgy today as the *Sanctus*. The Preface leads into the *Sanctus*, connecting our worship with that of the angels as we join their hymn of praise to God.

This reflection on liturgical time and space in light of the Preface reminds us that our liturgical efforts on earth transcend the bounds of the physical world. The beauty of the heavenly liturgy is reflected in the beauty of the earthly liturgy, where all peoples gather together with the common purpose of praising God and calling out to him in need.

The Prefaces of the Eucharistic Prayer offer a brief but powerful reminder that the actions in the Sacred Liturgy unite every person with the whole Church, both here and in heaven, and place them within the unceasing worship of God throughout eternity.

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"No, if you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them."

Matthew 13:29

Upcoming Music

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The choirs and ensembles of St. Thomas More's music ministry are on summer break from July 30 to September 3. This hiatus allows our musicians to sit with family and friends and to refresh the musical spirit that allows them to sing and play with vigor and deep spiritual commitment.

Music rehearsals resume after Labor Day. We will be back the weekend of September 16/17.

If you are interested in joining one of our choirs or ensembles in September, please contact Douglas (see above right).

CAN YOU HELP?

Flower Minister

The Liturgy Committee seeks a volunteer to order the Sanctuary flowers for our Sunday Masses during Ordinary Time

Duties include:
Order flower arrangement
Coordinate with Parish Secretary
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Family Faith Formation

REACH Is Out for the Summer

Make faith an important part of your family's life!
Contact Debbie in the Faith Formation office for a registration packet or for more information on how to sign up.

Sacrament Prep News

Why not schedule your Baptismal appointment today before the arrival of your little one? Please contact the Faith Formation Office *debbief@stmoside.org* for more information. Our next Parent/Godparent class is Tuesday, August 8th. at 7:00pm. Please call to register for the class.

Reconciliation|First Communion|Confirmation

First Communion

Confirmation

Preparation for these Sacraments is a two-year process and begins in the 1st and 9th grades. Are you a family who would like to have your child receive their Sacraments? Contact Debbie at *debbief@stmoside.org* to enroll in our Faith Formation program today for next fall.

Breakfast with the King Wednesdays

Start your day with Daily Mass and a nourishing cereal breakfast with friends who love the Lord! Talk about the Scriptures, Fr. Mike Schmidt's and Mark Hart's latest YouTube release, and much, much more! Join us Wednesday morning, July 26, at 8:15am. No cost to attend!

Families Welcome! Children under 12 must be accompanied by parent or sibling over 16.

St. Thomas More ARK News

St. Thomas More's Nursery, the **ARK,** will be closed for the summer. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Lia at *liak@stmoside.org.*

Adult Faith Formation

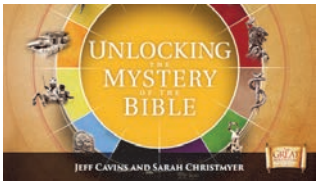
Fall Morning Bible Study

Join us for 11 sessions of *Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come* beginning Wednesday, September 13 9:00-11:00am Parish Center Upper Level Contact the Faith Formation office or Patt Goeltz at *pattg@stmoside.org* for more information and to register. Cost to attend is $35. Register by September 1 to receive workbook in time for first session.

Fall Evening Bible Study

Join Us for 20 sessions of *ACTS: The Spread of the Kingdom* beginning Thursday, September 14, 7:00-9:00pm Parish Center Lower Level Contact the Faith Formation office or Debbie at *debbief@stmoside.org* for more information and to register. Cost to attend is $35. Register by September 1 to receive workbook in time for first session.

Young Adult Bible Study



Young Adults in your twenties—would you like to have a deeper relationship with God and a better understanding of your faith? Register today for ***Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible.*** This Bible Study will meet Sundays from 7:00-8:30pm for the next 5 weeks. Contact Rory at *roryg@stmoside* or text **young-adult** to **84576** to sign up.

Youth Ministry

Specialty Coffee/Homemade Cinnamon Rolls/Donuts/Bagels/Juices. Come check out Tommy's Café after Sunday Masses and Support Youth Ministry at our Parish. ***High School Baristas Needed for Sundays!*** *Contact Debbie about getting involved.*

Support Tommy's Café!

High School

IGNITE Youth Group will be meeting on Wed, July 26 6:30-8:30pm (dinner served) Parish Center Lower Level

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TOWERS OF FAITH

Future Support & Legacy Planning Options

Towers of Faith is a movement that has arisen due to the vision, leadership, and generosity of several of our Parishioners. We stress that this is about the love and thought behind the gift, and not about the gift amount.

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, Wills, Living Trusts, Life Insurance, Stocks and Bonds, Real Estate, and STM Endowment with CCFSD (Catholic Community Foundation of San Diego)

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.*

Do two or more members of your family know where to locate your Will, Living Trust, and/or Health Directive?

Returning our Gifts with Gratitude . . .

What's the difference between a centipede and a caterpillar? They're both small, wiggly creatures with many pairs of legs. Well, one difference is that while a centipede can't fly, a caterpillar can't fly *yet.* That's important. Centipedes will crawl throughout their lives. Caterpillars, however, transform themselves into butterflies. They emerge from their cocoons with wings.

When it comes to stewardship, there are some people who make the mistake of acting like centipedes, rather than caterpillars. If they are not already stewards, it's likely that too often, they'll sit back and watch others contribute.

"Yes, Jane Jones is so active in the church, she's on every committee and sings in the choir too. I don't know how she makes the time." Or, "Oh, Tom Smith, yes, he always brings in bags of food for the food pantry and even tithes. Amazing, tithing these days." They may admire the stewards, but don't consider imitating their generosity. While they may donate a little here or there, they won't make a larger commitment. However, Christian Stewards are something we become, not something we're born.

I remember a conversation I had awhile back with a parishioner regarding increasing the tithe for his family. When he called to have me increase the amount of their family tithe due to a promotion he had received, I thanked him very much for his generosity. He told me, "No need for thanks. Everything we have is gift from God and it is all God's money anyway!" This short conversation has stayed with me and constantly reinforces my faith and that of all of us. STM is blessed with many such people.

As we progress as Christian Stewards we cease to be annoyed by the constant feeling of giving up that which we wish to keep or feel we need for our own use. The temptations of possessions in wealthy America are great. When this occurs, life becomes narrow and self-centered. Our standards of measurement are warped and perhaps broken. We forget God and the Church.

Doubtless, careful attention to the use of what the Lord has given, leads to wise management of all our gifts, with beneficial results. **If we try, we can transform ourselves just as caterpillars become butterflies. Then our own gifts can take flight**.

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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.

—St. Teresa of Calcutta

Memorial Item Donations Available

Jesus on the Road to Emmaus Bronze Sculpture for Daily Mass Chapel	**$30,000**
Parish Offices	
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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*

STM Vehicle Donation Program

Do you have a vehicle you want to donate?
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For more information, contact the Parish Office: 760-758-4100 x100 or *parishoffice@stmoside.org*

The Larger Church News

After-Abortion Healing Retreat for Catholic Women (or Catholic-friendly)—July 28-30, Diocesan Pastoral Center, 3888 Paducah Dr., San Diego. For information/registration contact Rosemary Benefield at 858-581-3022 or *www.RachelsHope.org*.

Summer Presentations and Retreats at Mission San Luis Rey Retreat Center—visit *www.sanluisrey.org* for a lineup of activities this summer, including weekly presentations on varied topics, cooking class, and retreats.

***2017 Summer Speaker Series* Continues—**Tuesday, July 19, 7:00pm, Ascension Catholic Church, 11292 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., San Diego. *Understanding the Book of Revelation*, presented by Jimmy Akin.

Young Adult Volunteer Opportunity—July 21-23, Whispering Winds Summer Camp; special needs buddies needed. For more information, contact Betty Britschgi at (619)793-7997 or *bettybritschgi@gmail.com*.

Celebrate St. Ignatius Day with the Jesuit Community!—Monday, July 31, 6:00pm (Mass), 7:00pm (Dinner and Program), Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, 1770 Kearney Ave., San Diego, 92113, to celebrate 100 years of Jesuit ministry, the launch of a new province (Jesuits West) and the inauguration of a Center for Ignatian Spirituality. Cost: the gift of your presence! RSVP: Fr. John Auther, SJ, at *jauthersj@olgsd.org* or 619-233-3838 x214.

Congratulations on the Fortieth Anniversary of the Associates of St. Joseph of Carondelet!—Celebrated in St. Louis, MO, on July 7. This is the lay associate program of Sr. Maureen's order. To learn more about them, visit *http://csjla.org/become-an-associate/*

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The Vatican—*w2.vatican.va***.**

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Father Joe's Villages Debuts Film Portraying Journey to Overcome Homelessness—Golden Globe-nominated animation studio partnered with Father Joe's to depict an important story of hope. Visit *my.neighbor.org/wesee* to watch the animated film.

Sunday TV Mass for the Homebound—Every Sunday at 9:30am. XDTV Channel 49 (MyTV13) or *www.heartofthenation.org.*

St. Francis Church News

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Parking Lot Rummage Sale—Saturday, August 5, 8:00am-12:00noon. Do you have items to sell? Participate in the sale by renting a space for $30 or two spaces for $50. (Rental fee will help pay for our new parking lot. YOU keep the proceeds from the stuff you sell. Sorry, no food sales.) Sellers will need to fill out a form to reserve a space and pay their fee at the parish office no later than August 3. Spaces are limited. Contact Carleen Hunter at *vistahunters@sbcglobal.net* or 760-726-1053 for more information.

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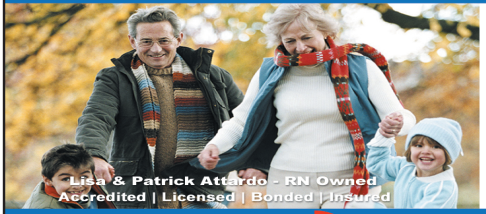
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Are you a good story teller? We need LOWC catechists for both Sunday Masses. Minimal preparation is involved, no time outside of the Liturgy, and the opportunity to share stories of Jesus with children! On-the-job training provided.

Contact Eric and Deborah Williams
760-599-4591
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Contact Rebecca Eyer
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Contact Chris Smith
760-758-4100 x120
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