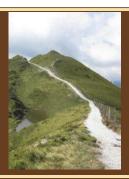


Hãy đi bán những gì anh có, rồi hãy đến theo tôi. Mc 10:17-30



Go, sell what you have... then come, follow me.
Mark 10:21

A Roman Catholic Parish in the Diocese of San Diego

- ♣ Spirituality
- **☆** Tradition
- **†** Community

Mass Schedule

Saturday at 5:00pm (English) Sunday at 8:30am (English) Sunday at 10:30am (English) Sunday at 2:00pm (Vietnamese) Monday-Friday at 8:15am (English)

Eucharistic Adoration

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

Reconciliation (Confession)

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

Rev. Michael Ratajczak, Pastor Rev. Karl Bauer, Senior Priest Deacon John Fredette Deacon Thomas A. Goeltz

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Did You Know?...

Did you know that if we break down our yearly Gas and Electric bill, it costs approximately \$300.00 per day, 7 days a week, to operate the facilities!

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 14, 2018

Pastor's Column

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

"70 is sweet!"

This has been my response to the many greetings received at the time of my recent birthday.

I am so happy to be alive and to be able to celebrate this pilgrimage of faith.

Aging is bittersweet! It is such a gift to see life at 21 and to see life at 70. In a sense, it is the same world, but with experience and age, the world looks so different.

Over the years, a confidence builds about oneself, about one's talents and virtues, and, yes, one's failings and vices.

Aging provides an opportunity to become friends with life, and to prepare oneself for the journey ahead to return home into the loving embrace of our God.

At the beginning of this new decade, I rededicate myself to God, to Jesus, and the gathering of his disciples that we call "Church."

"Thank You" to everyone for the many birthday greetings and gifts!

A very special "Thank You" to the group of people who helped raise the money so that a small greenhouse will be attached to the rectory. I plan to raise orchids!

The gift also included patio furniture for the rectory as well.

Two wonderful additions for the Parish rectory.

Finally, for all that has been "Thank You!" For all that will be "Yes!"

Fr. Mike

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

Cám ơn! Cám ơn! Cám ơn tất cả quý ông bà và anh chị em!

"Tuổi 70 thật là ngọt ngào!"

Đây là cảm nhận của tôi về những lời chúc của quý ông bà và anh chị em trong ngày Sinh Nhật năm nay của tôi.

Tôi rất hạnh phúc khi vẫn sống và khi vẫn còn có thể kỷ niệm hành trình đức tin của mình

Già đi thì buồn vui lẫn lộn! Nó là một món quà để vừa được thấy cuộc đời ở tuổi 21 và vừa được thấy cuộc đời ở tuổi 70. Trong một ý nghĩa nào đó, cũng là một thế giới, nhưng với kinh nghiệm và tuổi tác, thế giới lai được nhìn khác đi.

Qua năm tháng, mỗi người càng tự tin về bản thân, về tài năng và đức hạnh của mình, và, đúng, về cả những thiếu xót và những thói hư tât xấu của mình nữa.

Già đi cũng cho cơ hội để dễ dung hòa thân thiện hơn với cuộc sống, và để chuẩn bị trở về nhà trong vòng tay ôm ấp yêu thương của Thiên Chúa.

Vào đầu thập niên này, tôi lại hiến mình cho Thiên Chúa, cho Đức Giê-su, và sự tập hợp các môn đệ của Ngài mà chúng ta gọi là "Giáo Hội".

Xin gửi lời "Cám ơn" đến quý vị về những lời chúc mừng sinh nhật và những quà tăng!

Xin gửi lời "Cám ơn" đặc biệt đến một số quý vị đã quyên góp tiền để xây một nhà kính nhỏ trồng cây sát nhà xứ. Tôi dự định sẽ trồng lan trong ấy!

Món quà này cũng bao gồm những bàn ghế dùng ngoài sân cho nhà xứ nữa.

Hai món quà trên thật là tuyệt vời đối với nhà xứ

Sau cùng, xin "Cám ơn" những gì đã nhận và xin "Vâng" với những gì sẽ đến.

Our Church is a House of Prayer for all People!

Open 7:00am-7:00pm, every day.
The door on the left side of our main doors remains unlocked.
You are always welcome!



Sexual Abuse Crisis Listening Sessions with Bishop McElroy

Oct. 17, Wednesday, 7:00pm, Church of the Nativity, 6309 El Apajo Road, Rancho Santa Fe, 92067 Oct. 18, Thursday, 7:00pm, St. Gabriel Parish,

13734 Twin Peaks Road, Poway, 92064,

Msgr. Charles Dollen Hall

Nov. 5, Monday, 10:00 am, USD-Joan B. Kroc Institute, 5998 Alcalá Park, San Diego, 92110

Special All Souls Day Mass

There will be a special All Souls Day Mass on Friday, November 2, at 7:00pm. 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.

World Mission Sunday

Envelopes were attached last week for this national collection and may be returned any time during October. Thank you!

Considering Becoming Catholic?

If you have been thinking seriously about becoming Catholic (or know someone you can encourage), NOW is a great time to take the first step!

Contact Kathleen Bell at 760-809-6526 or 80bell80@gmail.com to take the first step to a deeper relationship with God in a vibrant faith community.

Assistive Listening Devices

The assistive listening device receivers and ear speakers are located in a case on the Parish information table on the Plaza. Please tell a greeter that you would like to use an assistive listening receiver and ear speaker. The ear speaker may be taken home and brought back each week for personal use. You may also bring your own ear buds or headphones. Our assistive listening receivers will accept any device with a standard 3.5mm audio cable plug.

Please be sure to return the assistive device receiver to the case at the end of Mass so that it can receive a full charge for the next use.

Welcome New Parishioners

Grant & Abby Boudon & Family Quang Bui Toan Chu & Giao Tran & Family Vincent & Helen Dang & Family Ben & Melanie Encabo & Family David & Christine Francy & Family Eric Ho & Stephanie Bui & Family Minh Hoang & Tammy Vu & Family Dich & Mythe Huynh Benjamin Le & Hanh Nguyen & Minh Le & Tri Nguyen Anthony Ngo & Thu Pham & Family Duc & Kim Nguyen & Family Duy Nguyen & Hanh Tran & Family Lam Nguyen & Que Pham Nu Nguyen & Tuan Phan Phuc Nguyen & Lina Diep & Family Phuc & Mary Nguyen

Tam Nguyen Thanh & Nghia Nguyen & Family Toan Nguyen & Julia Thai & Family Tommy & Kim Nguyen & Family Peter Pham & Michelle Pham Nguyen Eric & Tanya Sohl & Family Dieu Tran & Thu Nguyen Vinh Pham & Lien Vu Joseph & Michelle Schilling & Family Hieu & Danica Tran & Family Kim Tran Tam Tran & Kimberly Hoang & **Family** Huan Vu & Lan Nguyen & Family Ngoc & Ruyen Vu Han Wright

Announcing the Baptism of

Aurelia Helene Davis



on October 14

Our Christian community welcomes you with great joy!

Congratulations to

John & Mary Vancelette

who celebrate their 29th anniversary of marriage on October 14.

Allan & Ruthie Price

who celebrate their 52nd anniversary of marriage on October 15.

John & Donna Carriveau

who celebrate their 65th anniversary of marriage on October 17.

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

In Memoriam



Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Emile Ianni, who died October 7. His Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Monday, October 15, at 10:00am at St. Thomas More. Please keep his family in your prayers.

Raymond Cerda, who died October 4. His Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, October 26, at 11:00am at St. Thomas More. Please keep his family in your prayers.

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

STM \$crip News

Did you know that purchasing just \$200 in Scrip gift cards each month for your groceries and gas can earn our church up to 3.75% which comes out to about \$90 a year per family? We have over 1,200 registered families. If every family participated by spending just \$200 per month on purchases you are already making, our earnings could be \$108,000 a year! Stop by the Scrip table for information on how your family can be Fundraising While You Shop!



Do you shop on Amazon? Use Amazon Smile and raise money for STM while you shop! Instead of going to Amazon.com or using your Amazon App, go to https://smile.amazon.com/ch/27-3936812. You will see our charity name Saint Thomas More Parish in Oceanside Calif. We appreciate your continued support for the Scrip program. For more information, visit https://tinyurl.com/yc2b4szs or contact the Scrip team at 760-758-4100 x150 or scrip@stmoside.org.

Melanie Nacional

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Nida Navarro
Richard Obsitnik
Gillian Ochoa
Kare O'Dell
Isaiah Ornelas &
Trinity Coles
Laura Paciorek Gloor
The Pagliaro Family
Rosalie Paige
Ethan Palm
Cynthia Pearson

Cynthia Pearson

Kaili Pearson

Salina Pearson Dottie Petruzzo

Merri Phelps Roxanne Pietila Helen Pingtella

Readings for the Week Ahead

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

Sunday, October 14 (143) 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Wisdom 7:7-11 Psalm 90:12-17 Hebrews 4:12-13 Mark 10:17-30 Monday, October 15 (657) Teresa of Jesus, virgin, doctor

Romans 8:22-27 Psalm 19:8-11

John 15:1-8 **Tuesday, October 16** (658) Hedwig, religious

Margaret Mary Alacoque, virgin Sirach 26:1-4,13-16 Psalm 128:1-5

Mark 3:31-35 Wednesday, October 17 (660) Ignatius of Antioch, bishop, martyr Philippians 3:17–4:1

Psalm 34:2-9 John 12:24-26 Thursday, October 18 (661)

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

Friday, October 19 (662) John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, priests, martyrs, and companions, martyrs 2 Corinthians 4:7-15 Psalm 126:1bc-6

Matthew 28:16-20 Saturday, October 20 (472) Paul of the Cross, priest Ephesians 1:15-23

Psalm 8:2-3ab,4-7 Luke12:8-12 Sunday, October 21 (146) 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Isaiah 53:10-11

Psalm 33:4-5,18-20,22 Hebrews 4:14-16 Mark 10:35-45

Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 13, 5:00pm Jeanne Nussrallah P

Sunday, October 14, 8:30am Dick Clarke 🕆

Sunday, October 14, 10:30am Vera Bayliss 🕏

Sunday, October 14, 2:00pm Missa pro Populo

Monday, October 15, 8:15am Kritin Halsey &

Tuesday, October 16, 8:15am Eugene Masseth &

Wednesday, October 17, 8:15am Bob Petruzzo T

Thursday, October 18, 8:15am Casey & Angie Thompson

Friday, October 19, 8:15am Gabriel Shaffer

Saturday, October 20, 5:00pm Rita Mickas T

Sunday, October 21, 8:30am Joan & Anna Mae Stringer ₽

Sunday, October 21, 10:30am Rosemarie Salas P

Sunday, October 21, 2:00pm Missa pro Populo

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

Changa Aguilera Ernie Aichele Mary Alexander Carrie Autrey
Joshua Avery
Addison Abigail Aviña
Kathleen Aviña Bob Baker Jim Baker Rosemary Ballard Jose Luis Barbosa Patricia Barbour Francie Barron Fr. Karl Bauer Colleen Bechtold Taylor Bell Carmela Benitez John Bennici John Bennici Regina Bentz Lisa Berg Roseanne Berg David Blecki Jean Boady Brad Booth Lynda Brady Tawnya Brady Zane Breier Mike Bristol Janet Brown Janet Brown
Todd Brown
Anita Buerger
Amelia Buono
Roger & Pat Burkardt
Shelby Campbell
Breanne Campos
Aria Cappeluti
Nanette Carey
Grace Carlos
Michael Carriker Michael Carriker Jorge Cartajena Donald Cashmore The Cerda Family The Cerda Family
Ravy Chea
Della Clarke
The Vaughn Clevenger
Family
Anne Cline
James Coleman
Maria Colfer
Judy Colson
Karen Connell
Geoff Coolidge
Sandra Cracchiolo
Steven Cresencia
Lené Crowe
Ms. Cynthia Ms. Cynthia Karen Flaharty Daley Karen Flaharty Daley Marilyn Day Beverly de Gelder Velia Deal & Family Paul Del Vecchio Hugo Delgado, Jr. Cassandra D'Ercole Cecilia DeSimone Lydia de Villenueve Judith & Joe DiMatteo Elizabeth Doherty's Aunt Jackie Art & Dave Dossman Steven Douglas Jerome Elbacha Emma Emma Jerome Elbacha
Emma Emma
Arthur Eral
Carolyn Erickson Ey
Rebecca Eyer
Baby Sienna Fallone
Victoria Lopez Fenton
The Fiore Family
Fr. James Flanagan Mary Fleming Ernie Follis Pat Forshey Eugene Franciscus The Greg French Family Brian Frink Tony Fulcinita Jim Gallagher The Joe Garcia Family Kathy Gardner Joan Gay Alyssa Gerhard Frank Gilchrist Dan Gilman Betty Golden Brown & the Golden Family Wendy Gonzales' Dad Rick Gonzalez Matthew Gora Lou Gordon

Bill Gough Luke Guenst Donna Hackett Susan Hallahan Larry Hallbick, Jr. Tomo Hamasaki Charlene Hammonds Dwayne Hammonds The Harker Family Dorothy Harrison Michelle Harrison & Family Family Roxanna Hartt Barbara Hatem Vanessa Haves LaNay Hazzard Matthew Henry & Family Sunshine Hernandez & Sunsnine Hernandez of Family Lilian Hills Georgia Ann Hodina Samara Hook Anna Hopkins Susan Hori The Ianni Family Courtney Jackman Katherine Jacobs Kristin Jacobson Lacqueling Johnson Kristin Jacobson
Jacqueline Johnson
Sue Johnston
Laura Kater
Dottie Kearney
Connor Kerzie
Peggy Kiernan
Debbie Kinney
Cathy Kleinschmidt
Mark Kneisel
Dewey Kolbo Dewey Kolbo Tony Korwin Tony Korwin
Lorene Kundert
Lillian Lachance
Virginia Lambillotte
The Lamelin Family
Ashley LaMothe &
Family
Pauline Lapre's sister
Justine Justine Brandon LeBlanc Susan Lee Jake Lefferdink Jake Lerietunik Aleah Leon JoAnne Lesser Fr. Rich Lewandowski Ashley Load Lee Loeschnig Cassandra & Lauren Loretto Michael Lucio Evadna Lynn
Larry Manquero
Paige Mansell
Lorraine Martinez
Gloria Maupin
Jim Maury
Kelly Mauss
Colleen McCall
Virginia McConnell
Paige McCoy
Gina McDermott
Jerry McEniry
Ann McGeary
The McGinley Family
Ann McMahan
Bob McWilliams
Joyce Meehan Evadna Lynn Joyce Meehan Kalei Mendiola Kálei Mendiola Barbara S. Miller Noah Miller Steven CE Miller Steven F. Miller Steven Sr.. Stevie, & Noah Miller Harold C. Miller, Jr. Harold C. Miller, Sr. Phyllis Minaya June Mitchell Maria Molina Raymond Montalyo Maria Molina
Raymond Montalvo
June Montgomery
Nancy Moore
Ryan Moquin
Conrad Murphy
Hope Murphy
Michele Murphy
Clay Murray
Margie Myers
Andrew Philip
Nacional
Angela Nacional

Delilah Plasterer Perry Postulka The Joe Prokop Family Bernie Ptak Bernie Ptak
Debbie Pupping
Barbara Ramm
Fr. Mike Ratajczak
Gregory Ratajczak
Irma Renes
Jenni Richard
Evelyn Richards
Pat Richart
Rita Ritchie
Loel Rivera Joel Rivera Ralda Rizke Lily Robinson
Mateo Rodriguez
Chuck & Maria Rogers Paul Roofener Dick & Pauline Dick & Pauline
Rossmaessler
The Russo Family
The Ruzicka Family
Rachel Sainc
Cindy Sanelli
Lori Sanna
Rose Mary Saputo
Lani Schiller
Dane & Valerie
Schlemmer
Loe Schmidt Joe Schmidt Linda Schmidt Ryan Schnell Mr. Sean Maria Sebiano Dave Shablin Elizabeth Shirzad Barb Slabaugh Cinda Smits Nick Soltau Nick Soltau Steve Soule Darek, Vanessa, & Elba Spizewski Don St. Pierre Patricia St. Pierre Joy Stanton Sybil Staples Mike Sterling Betty Stewart Carl E. Stewart Laura Bernard Stover, MD MID
Laimei Strauss
Pete Sullivan
Pat Swanton
Pat Taunt
Laura Thiele
Sarah Tillinghast
William Tompson Ann Toms Stephen Toth, Jr. & Family
The Trejo/Beltran The Trejo/Beltran Family Wayne Twilliger José Vallejo Corrie Vasquez Martin Vertson Lucy Viramontes Vanessa Vitiello Wilson Wanner Kevin Watson-Graff Jerry Wechsler Elaine Weiler Mona Weir Linda Willingham Gerri Wilmott & Family Family John Woodard The Xavier Family Patricia Zavala Jeanne Zeltner

Calendar Highlights

More details at www.stmoside.org, Events

An Evening with Sarah Hart Saturday, October 20

Oct 20	Treasures 2018 Flea
0-4-20	Market—Rescheduled
Oct 20	An Evening witg Sarah Hart
Oct 20-21	Women's Guild Bake Sale
Oct 21	Liturgy of the Word for
	Children at 8:30am and
	10:30am Masses
Oct 27	Women's Guild Game Day
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 3-4	St. Bonaventure Clothing
	Drive
Nov 6	Election Day—Are you
	registered to vote?
Nov 8	Spirited Seniors Trip to San
	Clemente
Dec 15	Christmas Cookie Exchange
2019	
2017	
Jan 20	Pasta by Mary Ratajczak &

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

Family

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 M Sgt Jana Madrid 1st Lt. Jennifer Mozzetta ETN3 TJ Myers, US Navy Jeremiah Gabriel Nelson, USAF Thomas Kevin Nelson, US Navy Fireman Griffin Joseph Ochoa, US Navy Pvt. 2 Jess Phillips, US Army AWS2 Peter Princi, US Navy Nicole Rieger CTR2, US Navy Sr. Airman Robert Spear, USAF Sgt. Charles Watts, USMC MGY SGT Paul Weisinger

Social Ministries & Outreach

Getting Ready to Vote

No democracy can survive without a committed and educated populace who vote in each election. The deadline to register for the November election is October 22. You can register on-line, at the registrar's office, or at the DMV. If you have moved within San Diego County, and you have filed a change of address with the DMV, your address will be automatically changed on the voter list. To check your voter registration status, go online to www.sdvote.com.

St. Bonaventure Clothing Drive November 3-4

For over 20 years St. Thomas More has been helping St. Bonaventure Indian Mission with the only **dedicated** clothing drive for the impoverished Navajo that they serve. The need still exists and once again we will be collecting gently used clothing (men's, women's, and children's) and shoes (no heels please). The collection will take place before **all** Masses the weekend of November 3-4. Please place your donation in a heavy duty trash bag (for ease of loading the truck with a maximum of clothing). The truck will be leaving promptly at 2:00pm Sunday. Please be generous! Last year your generosity helped 1,000 needy. Any questions contact Deacon Tom at *thomasgoeltz@aol.com* or 760-727-8442. Thank you and God Bless.

Calling All Scouts

Do you know a Boy Scout, Cub Scout, Girl Scout, American Heritage Girl, or other Scout in our Parish? Please make sure that our Religious Awards Coordinator has your contact info. She has opportunities for Parish service along with information about medal programs and other religious patch programs. CONTACT: Kellee ReligiousAwardsCoordinator@gmail.com.

Ignite! Updates Corner

Ignite Tomorrow: Stop on by Ignite **Monday, October 15, 6:00-8:30pm** for **FOOD FRENZY!** Come on by for dinner, some crazy food challenges, and contests, followed by late night s'mores. We'll be meeting at the Parish Center Lower Level. Bring friends!

S P A C E: Introducing "s p a c e" which will be this **Wednesday, October 17, 6:00-8:30pm** at the Parish Center Lower Level. This is your space! Come by to do homework, play games, and hang out. Bring a snack to share or dinner for yourself!

Get Out the Vote!: Next Wednesday, October 24, we will be working with the San Diego Organizing Project to make calls to the 49th district members to remind them to vote in the upcoming midterms. We'll be meeting from 4:00-8:00pm at the Parish Center Lower Level. Dinner will be provided. This can count for service hours! Please e-mail me at tillyr@stmoside.org if you are interested.

—Tilly Rudolph, tillyr@stmoside.org

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 Emily Beckman at 760-845-4065 or Natalia Sada at *vzlanaty@yahoo.com* or Estelle Eral at *estelle.eral@gmail.com*.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter—starts with the love you have for your spouse and helps you build, expand, and deepen that relationship. We invite all married couples to sign up for November 2-4. The weekend starts at 8:00pm on Friday and ends at 4:00pm on Sunday. Your meals and lodging are provided. There is a \$75 fee and a voluntary donation requested at the end of the weekend. Sign up today at www.wwme-sandiego.org

For more information, visit *www.sdcatholic.org* Ministries/Marriage and Family Life or call Caleb and Sheila McKinley at 858-245-1761.

Catholic Widows and Widowers of North County

On October 14 (second Sunday of the month), our General Meeting/Potluck will be at St. John the Evangelist in Encinitas at 2:00pm. Guests are very welcome but RSVPs are required.

For information, call Carol Kope at 760-726-0533. Check *www.cwwnc.com* or the bulletin board on the Parish Center Lower Level for our calendar of events including bowling, bocce ball, dancing, dining out, concerts/theatre, hiking and more!

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.

Rapid Response Network for Immigration Issues

The network is a coalition of nonprofits that will pool resources to respond to actions such as immigration checkpoints, raids, and arrests. The group has a 24-hour hotline (619-536-0823) to document such activities, provide emergency assistance, and connect affected people with resources. Contact Sr. Maureen at 760-758-4100 x131 or *maureenb@stmoside.org* for more information or if you wish to volunteer to help.

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

Parish Events

Treasures 2018 Postponed to October 20

Treasures 2018, which was originally scheduled to take place this Saturday at St. Thomas More, has been postponed one week due to weather reports of a storm this Saturday morning. Since Treasures is an outside event, we need to postpone this event for a variety of reasons, including the health and safety of our volunteers, and those who shop at this event. Treasures will now be held on Saturday, October 20, 7:30am-12:30pm. We will be taking donations on Friday, October 19, from 4:00-8:00pm. Any questions, contact Mike Sterling at *biggiesterls@yahoo.com*.

Men's Fellowship Update

iHunger starts up again on Saturday mornings with a new video series by Bishop Robert Barron on "The Pivotal Players." The morning starts with breakfast in the Parish Center Lower Level. We hope you can join us! No registration necessary! *Breakfast is off-site on the first weekend of each month all year round.*

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

iThirst: Are you thirsty for some occasional fellowship over a beer at a local micro-brewery 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 heard that our second meeting was very interesting, amazing ,and entertaining. Thanks so much to Bob Wong for bringing his interesting artifacts, the slideshow, and telling us of his adventures in New Guinea.

We have a great November meeting planned, so, please don't miss it! The program is titled, "A Thurber Carnival," performed by the Main Street Players. One of the members is our Treasurer Valerie Thompson. All of the actors are experienced having performed in many and varied productions. I'm sure this will be a program full of laughs and fun. So, please come and enjoy!

Heads up, ladies. Our first fundraisers are this month, and, boy do we need your help! The first bake sale, led by Anna Marie Martinet, is scheduled for October 20-21. So, put on your chef's hats and get out your recipes, because we need some goodies. The phone tree ladies will be calling some of you to help out, last names beginning I-Z. However, sweet treats are welcome from everyone.

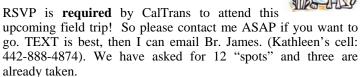
October 27 is Game Day, hosted by Trish Feeley and VP Judy Smith. The success of Game Day is always due to the extraordinary generosity of all the ladies in the Guild. We need door prizes, opportunity baskets and food donations. I can be contacted at 760-685-6227 or dach1957@gmail.com or contact Judy Smith at 760-597-9223 or moundkidii@yahoo.com. Price for Game Day is \$20, same as last year.

If you would like to renew your membership or become a new member, membership forms are in Box 35 in the church office. Cost is still \$10 to join. Although, it is too late to be included in the directory, we accept memberships throughout the year. Anna Marie Martinet is VP of Membership and can be contacted at anapico@aol.com or 562-881-9232, if you have membership questions. —Trish Feeley, President



Creation Care Field Trip

Br. James Lockman, OFM, has kindly agreed to lead us on a field trip to see the work Tierra Data crews are doing to restore native trees, grasses, and plants at the Vessels Ranch burned by last year's fires. Our trip will be on Saturday, October 20.



Field Trip Details

Meetup 8:30am at the Park and Ride at Old 395 and Hwy 76. Consolidate and carpool from there to Vessels Ranch.

The site is **not** wheelchair accessible nor ADA recommended.

In order to protect tiny rare plants and critters we ask only older children attend and toddlers remain home.

Wear **long** pants, sturdy shoes, sunscreen, and hats. Consider bug repellant. Bring water, binoculars if desired, and lunch for a picnic (at tables).

We hope to see native tree seedlings growing, as well as hear early-rising native birds. We may see native toads, lizards, and salamanders but hope to avoid rattlesnakes.

If you "Google" Vessels Ranch and You Tube, a 2014 real estate video comes up. Beautiful! You can also check out Tierra Data online.

Liturgy & Music Worship God

Douglas Lynn
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THE "HEART" OF THE CHURCH

Pope Francis' Catechesis on the Holy Mass—Part II

We continue this week with Pope Francis' personal reflections on the Mass offered during his weekly General Audiences at the Vatican from November 2017 to April 2018. His purpose was "to rediscover...the beauty that is hidden in the Eucharistic celebration and that, once revealed, gives full meaning to each person's life" (Nov 8, 2017).

Last week, Pope Francis presented some initial considerations. This week, he turns to the Introductory Rites.

Introductory Rites Dec 20, 2017 to Jan 10, 2018

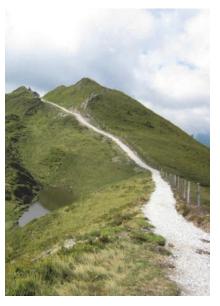
Pope Francis first draws out the profound meaning of the Sign of the Cross. "The Mass begins with the Sign of the Cross. The whole prayer moves, so to speak, within the space of the Most Holy Trinity-'In the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit'-which is the space of infinite communion; it has as its beginning and end the love of the Triune God, made manifest and given to us in the Cross of Christ. In fact his Paschal Mystery is the gift of the Trinity, and the Eucharist flows ever from his pierced Heart" (Dec 20). The Penitential Act acknowledges the twofold nature of sin. "It is good to emphasize that we

confess to being sinners both to God and to our brothers and sisters: this helps us understand the dimension of sin which, while separating us from God, also divides us from our brothers and sisters, and vice versa. severs: sin severs relationship with God and it severs the relationship with brothers and sisters, relationships within the family, in society and in the community: sin always severs; it separates; it divides" (Jan. 3 2018). The Pope also highlights the importance of silence in liturgical prayer. In the Collect, "[t]he priest says 'let us pray' and then there is a brief silence, and each one thinks about the things they need, that they wish to ask for in the prayer. The silence is not confirmed to the absence of words but rather to preparing oneself to listen to other voices: the one in our heart and. above all, the voice of the Holy Spirit" (Jan 10).

Part III in two weeks...

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The Holy Father's catechesis is available at http://w2.vatican.va/content/ftancesco/en/audiences.index.html



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Mc 10:17-30

Go, sell what you have... then come, follow me.

Mark 10:21

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10:30am

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2:00pm

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Family Faith Formation

Our Next REACH Sunday Is October 21

Make Faith Formation an important part of your whole family's life! Sunday classes for children ages three through Young Adult are available. Call the Faith Formation office to receive your registration packet today. We still have some room!

Sacrament Preparation News

Baptism News! Are you a parent or godparent who needs to take a Baptism Preparation Class? Our next class is Tuesday, November 6, 7:00pm. Please contact the Faith Formation Office to register for the class. Pre-registration is required.

Reconciliation/First Communion News! Reminder for families in their 2nd year of Sacrament Preparation. The first of seven Parent meetings will be on Sunday, October 21, 12:30-2:00pm in the Daily Mass Chapel. Sacrament **Preparation** begins in the first grade. Have you registered your child? Begin the process by calling the Faith Formation office. Classes have begun for 2018/2019, and fill up fast. Register in the Faith Formation office today.

Confirmation News!! Preparation classes for the Sacrament of Confirmation for teens grades 9 thru 12 are now closed. Contact the Faith Formation office if you would like to be placed on a waiting list for next year.

M3 Reminder for Year 1 & Year 2 Confirmation Families: Remember to join us for 5:00pm Mass, spaghetti dinner, and Sarah Hart concert on Saturday, October 20. This is a mandatory event for all Confirmation families, so remember to purchase your tickets and return your envelopes to the Faith Formation office today.

Last Call for "An Evening with Sarah Hart"



This event is less than a week away and tickets are still available for our Fall Family Parish Mission featuring Grammy Award winner, singer/songwriter, and Catholic motivational speaker Sarah Hart! This event will be held on Saturday, October 20, at 7:00pm. Early Bird Tickets (\$10) are on sale now! Spaghetti Dinner and Performance ticket packages (\$17) are also available for purchase, prior to the day of the event. Please help support the Youth Ministry of our Parish. Affordable Family Package options are available. Return your payment envelopes to the Faith Formation Office. Reserve your tickets today debbief@stmoside.org.

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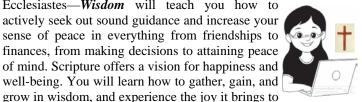
Parents with children ages 0-5, come check us out! The ARK Nursery is open during the 10:30am Mass on Sundays! All children ages 0-5 are welcome! Please contact Lia at liak@stmoside.org to volunteer or to purchase your ARK card at a discount.

Adult Faith Formation

Bible Study News

your life.

Weekly Bible Study is back with the program Wisdom: God's Vision For Our Life. This study will draw on the wisdom literature of the Bible-Proverbs, Wisdom, Sirach, and Ecclesiastes—Wisdom will teach you how to actively seek out sound guidance and increase your sense of peace in everything from friendships to finances, from making decisions to attaining peace of mind. Scripture offers a vision for happiness and



Studies are held on Wednesday mornings 9:00-11:00am.

In the meantime, did you know that Bible Studies are still available to you online? Watch video sessions when you want to-from your own home-from anywhere you have internet access. Same cost—same workbook—same great video series! Contact the Faith Formation Office to check out our studies and to find out how to register for a study today.

You are never too busy for a Bible Study!

Adults Wishing to Celebrate Confirmation

Classes for adults ages 19 and over that would like to receive their Sacrament of Confirmation begin in January. Complete your initiation into the Catholic Church and find community and fellowship while doing it. Contact the Faith Formation Office at debbief@stmoside.org to register for these preparation classes. Classes meet two Sundays a month from 6:00-8:00pm.

Young Adult Bible Study

Are you a Young Adult in your twenties?—Just a reminder that our Young Adult group have begun meeting on Sunday evenings from 5:00-7:00pm on the Parish Center Lower Level. Along with conversations about life, faith, and fellowship with other young adults, you will be participating in the Bible study, "The Great Adventure" facilitated by Jeff Cavins. We would love to have you join us. Please contact Rory at roryg@stmoside to find out about young adult events and how to register.

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Seasons Capital Campaign January 1-September 30, 2018

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Our Goal	\$3,300,000.00
Pledged	\$1,492,007.45
Pledge Amount Still Needed	\$1,807,992.55
Total Collected	\$566,053.36
Mortgage Disbursements Total (\$56,968.45/month)	\$512,716.05
STM Households	1250
Supporting Households	320

We are now in the tenth month of our 36-month Campaign. Have you made a pledge to the St. Thomas More: A Parish For All Seasons Capital Campaign?

Your help is needed! We still have a long way to go...

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

Got Deductions? It is that time again! 2018 Year-end Option to Consider



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St. Thomas More: A Parish For All Seasons In God, we live and move and have our being! —Acts 17:28

We Stewards Are a Testimony to Hope

This is a heart-wrenching time for our Church. We are numbed by recent reports of past sexual abuses and the failure of some Church leaders to protect the most vulnerable among us. These reports reveal a crisis in our midst and the anger and dismay are natural. How do we respond? How do we, as Christian stewards, participate in the healing and guiding work of the Holy Spirit? How do we become a testimony to hope?



First, we can re-think how we work within the Church to protect the most vulnerable among us. How might we become better stewards of those entrusted to us? Stewards do not stand idly by. We open our hearts to conversion, draw closer to those who suffer and seek ways to respond to injustice even if it is within our own family of faith.

Second, let's make an honest assessment of our own life in Christ, beginning with the stewardship of our prayer lives. We pray for the victims and their families; for the innocents who continue to suffer; for a new resolve to reform the structures that have abetted wrongdoing; and even for those who have sinned.

But let's be honest about our conversations with God and the way we reveal our own weakness and frailty. It is here that we come to know the power of the Holy Spirit within us. It is here that Christ declares, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness" (2 Cor. 12:9).

Third, let us embrace a new awareness of our stewardship of the Church. Our Church is found in our Parish at the Eucharistic celebration, at faith-formation gatherings, at our dinner table, in providing meals one Sunday a month to Solutions for Change, or visiting assisted living homes in our area, and so much more.

It is found in the many ways we give witness to Christ's loving presence in a suffering world and offer hope. One of the most prophetic voices of the 20th century, Karl Rahner, insisted:

Quite enough terrible and base things have happened in the history of the Church... Where would we go if we left the Church? Would we then be more faithful to the liberating spirit of Jesus if, egotistical sinners that we are, we distanced ourselves as the "pure" from this poor Church? We can do our part to remove its meanness only if we try to live in the Church as Christians and help bear the responsibility of constantly changing it from inside. (The Practice of Faith, New York: Crossroad, 1983, p. 15).

As we persevere through the current crisis, let us remain mindful that Jesus taught us how not only to overcome evil, but to redeem it. It is in fidelity to this stewardship, made manifest in prayer, word, and deed, that our testimony of hope emerges to reveal the healing power of Christ's presence, here and now.

—Partially excerpted ICSC, October 2018 Stewardship e-bulletin, (with permission)

Dear Lord, Give us the gift of leading by example ~

Sacrificial Giving

Sacrificial Giving is the process of consciously examining one's household income and making a decision to give a percentage of it to the Church. If the "leap of faith" of tithing seems to be too great for you, we ask that you consider the "gradual approach." Please examine and review not only the dollar amount that you presently give to St. Thomas More, but the percentage of your gross household income that dollar amount represents.

When you add up all your gifts to St. Thomas More, what percentage is that amount of your gross household income? Maybe it is ½%, 1%, 3%, or more? You are encouraged to increase it by a percentage each year until you have made that leap of Faith and are tithing.

Remember that the Lord is never outdone in generosity. Pray that more and more of us are willing to be challenged by the Biblical directive to give back to the Lord a tithe of all that we have and are.

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\$50,000	96	77	58	38	19
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\$100,000	192	154	115	77	38
\$150,000	288	231	173	115	58
\$200,000	385	308	231	154	77
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Tithing

Parishioners are invited to tithe (10% of all gross household income) to the Lord—8% to St. Thomas More Catholic Church and 2% to other charities of your choice. The **tithe** covers the following:

- † Parish Operational Offering
- † Seasons Capital Campaign
- † Religious Education Fees *
- † Sacrament Stipends (Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals)
- † Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA)
- † All National Collections:
 - Annual Lenten Collection
 - Collection of the Holy Father (Peter's Pence)
 - Propagation of the Faith (Mission Appeal)
 - World Missions Collection
 - National Needs Collection
 - Retirement Fund for Religious Collection
- * The tithe includes the cost of activities which are mandatory for the religious education program, but not for activities that are optional

The Seasons Capital Campaign receives half of the 8% St. Thomas More tithe, with the other half being distributed among the remaining items.

The Larger Church News

Dementia Care Presentation at Aegis—Thursday, October 18, 1:00-3:00pm, 1440 S. Melrose Dr., Oceanside. RSVP required; call 760-806-3600.

Mater Dei Catholic High School Open House—Sunday, October 21, 10:00am-1:00pm, For more information or to RSVP, visit www.materdeicatholic.org.

Side by Side 5k for Life Perspectives—Saturday, October 27, 10:00am at DeAnza Cove in San Diego. For more information or to register, visit *www.sidebyside5k.com*.

Through the Storm Chorus in Concert—Sunday, October 28, 4:00-5:30pm, Christ Presbyterian Church, 7807 Centella St., Carlsbad. Freewill offering to benefit Jubile USA Network. For information, call 760-436-2707.

Explore Troubling Experiences of People of Color with Law Enforcement: An Interfaith Conversation—Tuesday, October 30, 10:45am-1:00pm, Good Samaritan Episcopal Church, 4321 Eastgate Mall, San Diego, 92121. \$10 pre-paid, lunch included. Visit www.sandiegointerfaith.org/registeroct30 to register and for more info.

The Vatican—w2.vatican.va.

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops—usccb.org.

Diocese of San Diego—sdcatholic.org.

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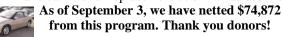
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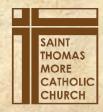
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The Challenge of Faithful Citizenship

As we continue to prepare for the Mid Term Elections 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 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 "antiabortion" while promoting and keeping focused on all the other life issues as well.

Neither major political party, Democrat or Republican, is "prolife" 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 Conference of Catholic Bishops in their statement, "The Challenge of Faithful Citizenship – A Catholic Call to Political Responsibility:"

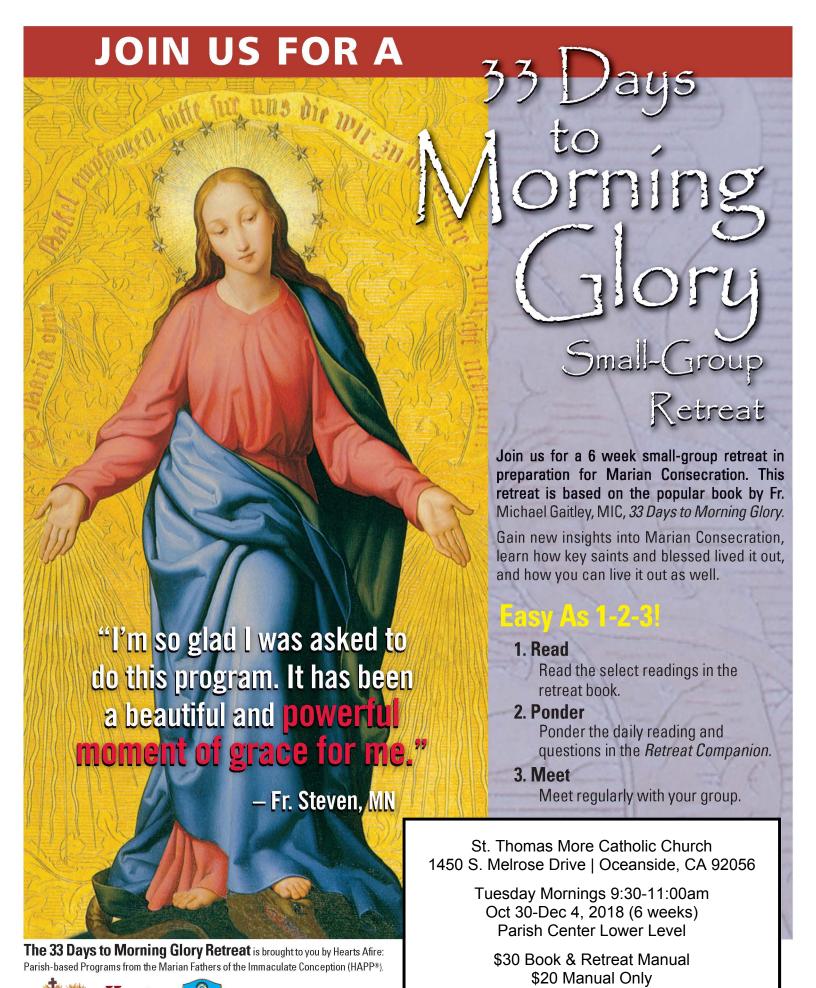
- 1. After September 11, how can we build not only a safer world, but a better world more just, more secure, more peaceful, more respectful of human life and dignity?
- 2. How will we protect the weakest in our midst innocent unborn children? How can our nation not turn to violence to solve some of its 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 6, you will do so with an informed conscience.

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