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Mark 9:40



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# 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) Sunday, (Vietnamese) 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?...

We have budgeted close to \$4,000 for communion wine and altar bread for this fiscal year!

#### Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 30, 2018

#### Pastor's Column

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

Our Church: Divinely-Inspired, Human, Gifted, Sinful, and Hopeful

Please see the insert for Part Six in the seven-part series.

#### Welcome North County Vietnamese Catholic Community!

After discussions among Bishop Robert McElroy; Auxiliary Bishop John Dolan; Fr. Michael Pham, Vicar for Ethnic & Intercultural Communities; Mr. Giai Do, the President of the Commission for Vietnamese Catholics: Fr. Ruben Arceo, Pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Parish and the Vietnamese Catholic Community Leadership at St. Francis, it was decided that the Vietnamese Catholic Community that has made its home at St. Francis for many years, would now, in the long term interests of the Vietnamese Catholic Community, and both Parishes, move to St. Thomas More Parish.

I welcome this decision, and I know our Parishioners do as well. The Vietnamese Mass will be celebrated each week at 2:00pm.

On behalf of our Faith Community, I greet all of our new members, and say "Welcome to the Family!"

#### Chào Mừng Cộng Đoàn Công Giáo Việt Nam Miền Bắc San Diego!

Sau khi thảo luận giữa, Đức Giám Mục Robert McElroy, Đức Giám Mục phó John Dolan, Cha Michael Pham Minh Cường, Đại Diện Đức Giám Mục về Các Sắc Dân và Liên Văn Hóa, Ông Đỗ Quang Giai, Chủ Tịch Cộng Đồng Công Giáo Việt nam, giáo phận San Diego, Cha Ruben Arceo, chánh xứ giáo xứ St. Francis of Assisi, và Ban Chấp Hành Cộng Đoàn Công Giáo Việt Nam, giáo xứ St. Francis, đã đưa đến quyết định Công Đoàn Công Giáo Việt Nam, từng nhiều năm sinh hoạt tại giáo xứ St. Francis, vì lợi ích lâu dài của Công Đoàn và lợi ích của cả hai giáo xứ, sẽ chuyển đến sinh hoạt tại giáo xứ St. Thomas More.

Tôi hoan nghênh quyết định này và tôi biết giáo dân trong giáo xứ chúng tôi cũng vậy. Thánh Lễ Việt Nam sẽ được cử hành mỗi Chúa Nhật vào lúc 2:00 giờ chiều.

Thay mặt Cộng Đoàn đức tin trong giáo xứ, tôi chào đón các thành viên mới Việt Nam và xin được nói: "Chào Mừng các bạn đến với gia đình St. Thomas More."

—Fr. Mike Ratajczak, Pastor

#### 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!



# Sexual Abuse Crisis Listening Sessions with Bishop McElroy

Oct. 1, Monday, 7:00pm, Our Mother of Confidence Parish, 3131 Governor Drive, San Diego, 92122

Oct. 3, Wednesday, 7:00pm, St. Joseph Cathedral, 1535 Third Ave., San Diego, 92101

Oct. 4, Thursday, 7:00pm, Our Lady of Grace Parish, 2766 Navajo Road, El Cajon, 92020, Moloney Center

Oct. 5, Friday, 7:00pm, St. Charles Parish, 990 Saturn Blvd., San Diego, 92154

Oct. 6, Saturday, 9:00am, St. Mary Parish, 795 La Brucherie Road, El Centro, 92243

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

#### **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**

Linh Hocannsson & Phuong Trang Ngo & Family Greg & Joanne Hoogestraat & Family Michael & Sally Miranda & Family Hieu & Thao Nguyen & Family Hung & Than Thao Nguyen &Family William & Maria Sepeta

#### Congratulations to

**Philip Borowiecki & Heather Phillips** who were married on September 21

**Donovan O'Farrell & Jenna Gritt** who were married on September 22

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



Hoa & Thu Nguyen

who celebrated their 25th anniversary of marriage on August 4.

Daniel & Manuela Alvarez

who celebrated their 55th anniversary of marriage on September 24.

**Robert & Anne Fallone** 

who celebrate their 44th anniversary of marriage on October 5.

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

#### **Flower Donations**

The Altar Flowers for this weekend were given by **Robert & Anne Fallone** in honor of their anniversary.



#### In Memoriam



Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

**Deacon Jesse A. Pagliaro,** a deacon at STM from June 1996 through July 2005, died September 10. His Funeral Mass was celebrated in Illinois. Please keep his family in your prayers.

May his soul and the souls of the all 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 <a href="https://smile.amazon.com/ch/27-3936812">https://smile.amazon.com/ch/27-3936812</a>. 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 <a href="https://tinyurl.com/yc2b4szs">https://tinyurl.com/yc2b4szs</a> or contact the Scrip team at 760-758-4100 x150 or <a href="mailto:scrip@stmoside.org">scrip@stmoside.org</a>.

Nida Navarro

Richard Obsitnik
Gillian Ochoa
Kare O'Dell
Isaiah Ornelas &
Trinity Coles
Laura Paciorek Gloor
The Pagliaro Family

The Pagliaro Family Rosalie Paige Ethan Palm

Cynthia Pearson Kaili Pearson

Salina Pearson

Salina Pearson Marie Perzinskas Dottie Petruzzo Merri Phelps Roxanne Pietila Helen Pingtella Delilah Plasterer Perry Postulka

The Joe Prokop Family Bernie Ptak

#### Readings for the Week Ahead

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

Sunday, September 30 (137) 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Numbers 11:25-29 Psalm 19:8,10,12-14 James 5:1-6 Mark 9:38-43.45.47-48 Monday, October 1 (649) Thérèse of the Child Jesus. virgin, doctor Isaiah 66:10-14c Psalm 131:1b-3 Matthew 18:1-4 Tuesday, October 2 (650) The Guardian Angels Exodus 23:20-23 Psalm 91:1-6,10-11 Matthew 18:1-5,10 Wednesday, October 3 (457) Job 9:1-12,14-16 Psalm 88:10bc-15

Luke 9:57-62 Thursday, October 4 (651) Francis of Assisi, religious Galatians 6:14-18 Psalm 16:1b-2a,5,7-8,11 Matthew 11:25-30

Friday, October 5 (459) Francis Zavier Seelos, priest Job 38:1,12-21,40:3-5 Psalm 139:1-3,7-10,13-14b Luke 10:13-16

Saturday, October 6 (460) Bruno, priest and Marie Rose Durocher, virgin Job 42:1-3,5-6,12-17 Psalm 119:66,71,75,91,125,130 Luke 10:17-24

Sunday, October 7 (140) 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Genesis 2:18-24 Psalm 128:1-6 Hebrews 2:9-11 Mark 10:2-16

**Mass Intentions** 

Saturday, September 29, 5:00pm Carol Filippi 🕆

Sunday, September 30, 8:30am Virginia A. Johnson &

Sunday, September 30, 10:30am Corrie Vasquez

Sunday, September 30, 2:00pm Missa pro Populo

Monday, October 1, 8:15am Susan Meyer &

Tuesday, October 2, 8:15am Robert Morrill &

Wednesday, October 3, 8:15am Max Cardona 1

Thursday, October 4, 8:15am Harry Shull &

Friday, October 5, 8:15am Anthony Korwin

Saturday, October 6, 5:00pm Randy Reznicek P

Sunday, October 7, 8:30am John Bruzas, Jr. 🕈 Sunday, October 7, 10:30am

Phyllis Zarro

Sunday, October 7, 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 Bob Baker Jim Baker Rosemary Ballard Jose Luis Barbosa Patricia Barbour Francie Barron Fr. Karl Bauer Colleen Bechtold Taylor Bell
John Bennici
Regina Bentz
Lisa Berg
Roseanne Berg
David Blecki Brad Booth Lynda Brady Tawnya Brady Zane Breier Janet Brown Todd Brown Anita Buerger Amelia Buerger Amelia Buono Roger & Pat Burkardt Lynn Butcher Shelby Campbell Breanne Campos Aria Cappeluti Nanette Carey Jorge Cartajena Donald Cashmore Ravy Chea Della Clarke The Vaughn Clevenger Family Anne Cline Anne Cline
James Coleman
Maria Colfer
Judy Colson
Karen Connell
Geoff Coolidge
Sandra Cracchiolo
Steven Cresencia Steven Cresencia Lené Crowe Karen Flaharty Daley Sue Dalton Marilyn Day Beverly de Gelder Velia Deal & Family Paul Del Vecchio Hugo Delgado, Jr. Cassandra D'Ercole Cecilia DeSimone Lydia deVillenueve Judith & Joe DiMatteo Elizabeth Doherty's Elizabeth Doherty's Aunt Jackie Art & Dave Dossman Steven Douglas Jerome Elbacha Emma Emma Arthur Ernal
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 Family Family
Brian Frink
Tony Fulcinita
Jim Gallagher
The Joe Garcia Family
Kathy Gardner
Joan Gay
Alyssa Gerhard
Frank Gilchrist
Dan Gilman
Betty Golden Brown &

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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 Hayes LaNay Hazzard Matthew Henry & Family Sunshine Hernandez & Family Lilian Hills Lilian Hills
Georgia Ann Hodina
Samara Hook
Anna Hopkins
Susan Hori
Courtney Jackman
Katherine Jacobs
Kristin Jacobson Jacqueline Johnson Sue Johnston Laura Kater Laura Kater
Dottie Kearney
Connor Kerzie
Peggy Kiernan
Debbie Kinney
Cathy Kleinschmidt
Mark Kneisel
Dewey Kolbo
Tony Korwin &
Kathleen Aviña
Lorene Kundert
Lillian Lachance
The Lamelin Family The Lamelin Family Roberta Lamonica Ashley LaMothe & Family
The Landau Family
Pauline Lapre's sister Justine Brandon LeBlanc Susan Lee Jake Lefferdink Aleah Leon JoAnne Lesser Fr. Rich Lewandowski Ashley Load Lee Loeschnig Cassandra & Lauren Cassandra & Laure Loretto Michael Lucio Evadna Lynn Larry Manquero Paige Mansell Lorraine Martinez Gloria Maupin Jim Maury Jim Maury Kelly Mauss Colleen McCall Virginia McConnell Paige McCoy Gina McDermott Gina McDermott
Jerry McEniry
Ann McGeary
The McGinley Family
Ann McMahan
Bob McWilliams
Joyce Meehan
Kalei Mendiola
Rarbora S, Miller 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 Minava June Mitchell Maria Molina Raymond Montalvo June Montgomery June Montgomery Nancy Moore Ryan Moquin Conrad Murphy Hope Murphy Michele Murphy Clay Murray Margie Myers Andrew Philip Nacional Angela Nacional Melanie Nacional

Barbara Ramm Fr. Mike Ratajczak Gregory Ratajczak Irma Renes Jenni Richard Jenni Richard Evelyn Richards Pat Richart Rita Ritchie Joel Rivera Ralda Rizke Lily Robinson Mateo Rodriguez Chuck & Maria Rogers Paul Roofener Dick & Pauline Rossmaessler Rossmaessier
The Russo Family
The Ruzicka Family
Rachel Sainc
Cindy Sanelli
Lori Sanna Lori Sanna
Rose Mary Saputo
Lani Schiller
Dane & Valerie
Schlemmer
Joe Schmidt Linda Schmidt Ryan Schnell Henry Schwarz Maria Sebiano Dave Shablin Dave Shablin
Elizabeth Shirzad
Barb Slabaugh
Cinda Smits
Nick Soltau
Steve Soule
Darek, Vanessa, &
Elba Spizewski
Don St. Pierre
Patricia St. Pierre
Joy Stanton Joy Stanton Sybil Staples Mike Sterling Betty Stewart Carl E. Stewart Laura Bernard Stover, Laimei Strauss
Pete Sullivan
Pat Swanton
Pat Taunt
Laura Thiele
Sarah Tillinghast
William Tompson William Tompson Stephen Toth, Jr. & Stephen Toth, Jr. & Family Kathy Toulon
The Trejo/Beltran Family Wayne Twilliger 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

#### **Annual Blessing of Animals** Sunday, September 30 4:00pm on the Plaza

Sep 15-30	Stewardship Awareness/
	Renewal
Sep 30	Liturgy of the Word for
	Children at 8:30am and
	10:30am Masses
Sep 30	Annual Blessing of Animals
Sep 30	First Vietnamese Mass at
1	2:00pm
Oct 7	REACH Classes Begin
Oct 8	Women's Guild Luncheon
Oct 13	Treasures Rummage Sale
Oct 12-14	Annual Men's Retreat
Oct 12 14	Timbré Handbell Ensemble
OCt 13	in Concert
Oct 20	An Evening with Sarah Hart
Oct 20-21	Women's Guild Bake Sale
Oct 20-21	
Nov 1	Women's Guild Game Day
NOV I	All Saints Day—Masses at
N. 0	8:15am and 7:00pm
Nov 2	All Souls Day—Masses at
NT 0.4	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
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Jan 20	Pasta by Mary Ratajczak &

#### **Deployed Military**

Family

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**

#### Hold the Date

The San Diego Organizing Project (SDOP), a non-profit interfaith network of congregations that our Parish belongs to, is holding a "Candidate Interview" with 49th Congressional candidate Mike Levin on Monday, October 8, 3:00-4:30pm at our Parish. The purpose is to learn where he stands on issues of importance to our families. All members from SDOP churches are invited. (Please note that this event is by invitation only and not for the general public/social media.) SDOP made multiple attempts to invite candidate Diane Harkey this past month. She has recently declined our invitation. SDOP is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. It does not explicitly or implicitly endorse or oppose any candidate or party. Please RSVP to pete@sdop.net.

#### **Getting Ready to Vote**

The mid-term election is only 37 days away, but that is plenty of time to become informed about all the candidates, referendums, and initatives. Two important races for us are the 49th congressional district and the 5th district County Board of Supervisors. www.sos.ca.gov/elections/ballotmeasures and www.ballotpedia.org/California\_2018\_ballot\_propositions are good sources of information on the statewide ballot measures and you can check out the candidates websites as well as newspaper articles. We need to be informed voters.

#### St. Bonaventure Clothing Drive

While Treasures doesn't take clothing, we do! Please save your gently used items (infant to adult) including shoes (no heels please) and bring them before all Masses the weekend of November 3-4. Last year, thanks to your generosity, a thousand impoverished Navajo received much needed clothing. Any questions, please contact Dcn. Tom at *thomasgoeltz@aol.com* or 760-727-8442.

#### **Ignite! Updates Corner**

"Everyday I say to myself, today I will begin." —Saint Anthony the Great

**Ignite High School Youth Group** will be meeting this week at the **Parish Center Lower Level** on **Monday, October 1, 6:00-8:30pm**. Come by for the final dinner, games, and reflection night before the Fall 2018 Kickoff! **EDGE Middle Schoolers** welcome!

Drop on by this **Wednesday, October 3, 6:00-8:30pm** for **Game'N'Study Night.** Bring homework or a game to share! Snacks will be provided, but eat dinner before or bring your own dinner with you.

We're still collecting items for our monthly **Care Bags**. Currently, we're in need of water, socks, soap, shampoo, razors, and non-perishable food items. Drop them off at the Parish Office or at Tommy's after Mass!

—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 <a href="https://www.wwme-sandiego.org">www.wwme-sandiego.org</a>

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

# LGBTQ Spirituality Ministry Fellowship and Prayer Meet-Up

The meeting originally scheduled for September 15 has been rescheduled to Saturday, September 29, at 6:00pm on the Parish Center Upper Level. For more information, contact Emil Wick at *emilw@stmoside.org*.

#### 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.

#### **Parish Events**

#### Men's Fellowship Update

The annual Men's Retreat for the "Everyday Guy" will be held October 12-14 at Green Oaks Ranch in Vista. This year we are featuring four regular guys from the Parish giving talks on "Resilience." Cy Kellett, the host of *Catholic Answers Live*, will be the MC of this retreat. To get more information or to register, visit *www.stmoside.org/men* or contact Deacon John Fredette at 760-758-4100 x104.

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**

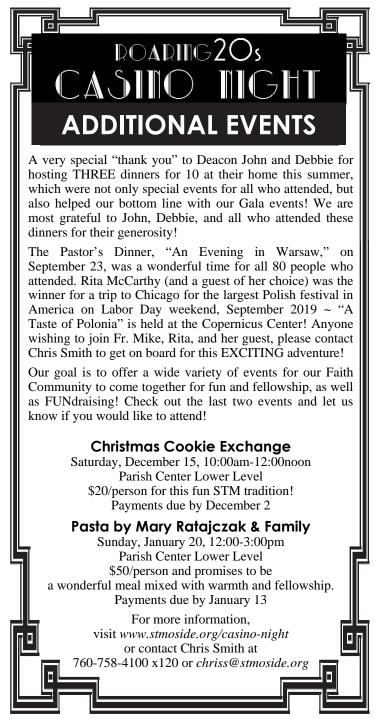
Our upcoming October 8 meeting is already planned. The guest speaker is our own Bob Wong, husband of Women's Guild member Pat Wong. Bob will be giving a fascinating presentation and display of New Guinea artifacts and associated stories about them. Don't miss him at our October 8 luncheon meeting. Cost of luncheon is \$10. Please call/text or e-mail Patty Remington at 760-805-6935 or remingpatty@gmail.com for reservations.

Heads up, ladies! Our first fund raisers start next month, and, boy, do we need your help! The first Bake Sale, led by Anna Marie Martinet, is scheduled for October 20-21, so get your ovens warmed up and your pot holders ready because we need some goodies. The phone tree ladies will be calling some of you to help out, but, sweet treats are welcome from everyone.

October 27 is Game Day, hosted by yours truly, Trish Feeley, and our very own VP Judy Smith. Sign-up sheets were out at the first meeting. The success of Game Day is always due to the extraordinary generosity of all the ladies in the Guild. We need door prizes, baskets, and food donations. I can be contacted at 760-685-6227 or dach1957@gmail.com. Just a reminder that I am on vacation from September 20-October 8. If you have questions in my absence, please 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 Women's Guild membership or become a new member, membership forms are in Box 35 in the church office. Cost is still \$10 to join. We accept memberships throughout the year. At this time, it is too late to be included in the directory. Anna Marie Martinet is VP of Membership and can be contacted at *anapico@aol.com* or 562-881-9232, if you have membership questions.

Have a great week! —Trish Feeley, President



#### **Creation Care Fair**

Remember to visit the Creation Care Fair on the Plaza after Masses this Sunday, September 30.

For further information, please contact Kathleen Aviña, the chairperson of the STM Creation Care Team at *Avina.Kathleen@hotmail.com* or 442-888-4874.

#### 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*.

# Liturgy & Music Worship God

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

#### PRAYING FOR PEACE

#### October is the Month of the Most Holy Rosary

#### Hail Mary full of grace...

We do not pray as we ought...

Not only does this prayer not conflict with the Liturgy, *it sustains it*, since it serves as an excellent introduction and a faithful echo of the Liturgy, enabling people to participate fully and interiorly in it and to reap its fruits in their daily lives.

—Rosarium Virginis Mariae, 4

On October 16, 2002, Saint John Paul II promulgated the apostolic letter, Rosarium Virginis Mariae. In it, he opened with a reminder that October is traditionally a month devoted to the Rosary. And he emphasized the power of that traditional prayer, which "blends easily into the spiritual journey of the Christian life." The pope went on to point out that the Rosary is a means of praying to Jesus, through and with his mother. He wrote that "the Rosary, though clearly Marian character. is at heart a Christocentric prayer." In the mysteries of the Rosary, the faithful follow the thoughts of the Virgin Mary as they contemplate the life of Christ. Thus the Rosary is "an echo

of the prayer of Mary."

Making numerous references to the teachings of the Second Vatican Council, John Paul insisted that it is a mistake to believe that the Church has lost enthusiasm for the Rosary. On the contrary, he said, the Rosary is a natural complement to the liturgical life of the Church. While the Mass is the Church's public act of worship, the Rosary encourages private devotion and a quiet encounter with Christ. "The Rosary," he writes, "precisely because it starts with Mary's own experience, is exquisitely an contemplative prayer."

# For peace throughout the world, through the intercession of Mary, Our Lady of Peace. we pray.

This October, pray the Rosary. Many options include a communal Rosary after every Daily Mass (Monday-Friday) in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, walking in the Prayer Garden behind the Church or on the labyrinth in the Memorial Garden, or anytime, anywhere.

—Kathy ArcieroLiturgy Chairperson



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#### **Blessing of Animals**

St. Thomas More's annual Blessing of Animals is TODAY, Sunday, September 30, at 4:00pm on the Plaza.

In remembrance of St. Francis of Assisi's love for all creatures, we gather with our beloved pets for this traditional liturgy of celebration, prayer, and blessing.

Bring your furry and not-so-furry friends to the parking lot early to meet and greet each other.

We ask that you make sure your pets are under complete control, as we expect the gathering to be boisterous. See you there!



# Upcoming Music

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OCTOBER 7 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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#### 5:00pm

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#### 8:30am

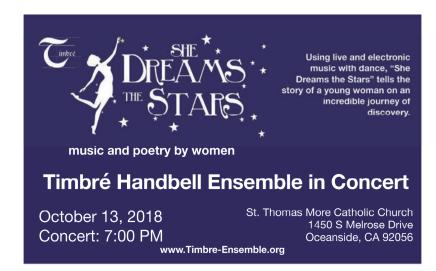
Cappella Choir

#### 10:30am

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#### 2:00pm

Thánh Linh (adult choir)



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#### Family Faith Formation

#### **REACH Begins Sunday, October 7**

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.

#### Sacrament Preparation News

**Baptism News!** Are you a parent or godparent who needs to take a Baptism Preparation Class? Our next class is Tuesday, October 9, 7:00pm. Please contact the Faith Formation Office to register for the class.

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. Sacrament Preparation begins in the first grade. Have you registered your child? Begin the process by calling the Faith Formation office. Registration has begun for 2018/2019, and classes 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.

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 today.

#### "An Evening with Sarah Hart"



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) will also be 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 today to reserve your tickets today at debbief@stmoside.org. Let's make this a sell-out event!

#### The ARK Nursery Is Now Open!



Come check us out! The **ARK**, is now open during the 10:30am Mass on **Sundays!** All children ages 0-5 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**

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 wellbeing. You will learn how to gather, gain, and grow in wisdom, and experience the joy it brings to your life.

#### 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.



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#### Adults Wishing to Celebrate Confirmation

Classes for adults ages 19 and over that would like to receive their Sacrament of Confirmation begin in January 2019. 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 will begin meeting on Sunday evenings from **6:00-8:00pm on the Parish Center Lower Level,** for video study, conversations about life, faith, and fellowship with other young adults. We would love to meet you. Please contact Rory at roryg@stmoside to find out about young adult events.

#### **Youth Ministry**

# Middle School & High School

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# **Stewardship & Development**

# Serve God's People

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#### Collection for Week of September 18-24

Number of Registered Households1,235Offertory\$18,856.85Offertory (Loose Collection)\$1,884.00Total\$20,740.85

#### Seasons Capital Campaign January 1-August 31, 2018

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Our Goal	\$3,300,000.00
Pledged	\$1,473,527.45
Pledge Amount Still Needed	\$1,826,472.55
Total Collected	\$518,669.78
Mortgage Disbursements Total (\$56,968.45/month)	\$455,747.60
STM Households	1214
Supporting Households	315

We are now in the eighth 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?

#### 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.

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

-Acts 17:28

#### A Christian Stewardship Prayer for October



Come, Holy Spirit!
Come down upon us.
Watch over us.
Guide us.

Make us good stewards of your wisdom.

You are the promised one of Jesus, the ultimate protector of the church and its most vulnerable.

You are the Lord, the giver of life who brings us peace in the midst of storms and comfort in our pain and discouragement.

You are the one who transforms weak and timid disciples into bold proclaimers of the Good News.

Breathe your life into us.

Unleash your power upon us.

Set us on fire!

So that our stewardship of the Gospel
may bring hope to others and give glory to you,

Father and Son,
One God, forever and ever.
Amen.

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

This beautiful prayer for the month of October is published by the International Catholic Stewardship Council. I encourage you to pray this throughout the month, with the wish that it brings grace and blessings to our Faith Community.

#### **Memorial Item Donations Available**

#### Sponsorships Available for the Parish Offices

(donations of any amount accepted toward any item)

Lobby/Receptionist Area	\$70,000
Conference Room	\$50,000
Pastor's Office	\$60,000
Pastoral Associate's Office	\$60,000
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Liturgy and Music Director's Office	\$60,000
Assistant's Office	\$40,000
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Assistant's Office	\$40,000
Parish Office Technician's Office	\$60,000
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Storage Room	\$20,000
Kitchenette	\$40,000
Women's and Men's Restrooms	\$70,000
Workroom	\$60,000

## Sponsorships Available for Renovation of the Present Parish Center

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Faith Formation Director's Office	\$30,000
Assistant's Office	\$25,000
Youth Advocate's Office	\$25,000
Spaces for REACH and	¢110.000
Youth Ministry	\$110,000

#### Sponsorships Available for the

Memorial Garden	\$300,000
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Memorials are a way of honoring those whom we love, whether they are living or deceased. Often, memorials are made for a special intention or in thanksgiving for a variety of blessings received from God.

Listed above are items still available for adoption.

All contributions will be recognized in a special memorial to be displayed in our Parish Memorial Garden.

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

## The Larger Church News

**Depression and Suicide: A Conversation for Hope and Healing**—Wednesday, October 3, 7:00-8:30pm, Church of the Nativity commons, 6309 El Apajo, Rancho Santa Fe, 92067. For more information, call 858-367-0049.

**St. Augustine High School Hosting 7th and 8th Grade Students**—Wednesday and Thursday, October 3 and 4, 9:00am-12:00pm. Please contact Mike Haupt at *mhaupt@sahs.org* if you would like your son to join the fun. Go Saints!

**Support Group for Separated and Divorced**—Sunday, October 7, 9:15am and continuing for 8 weeks, St. Elizabeth Seton Church, Parish Center, lower lot, 6628 Santa Isabel, Carlsbad. To register, contact Jan Nadler, Ph.D., at *jnadlerphd@gmail.com* or 760-814-8604

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 <a href="https://www.sandiegointerfaith.org/registeroct30">www.sandiegointerfaith.org/registeroct30</a> 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.

**24/7 Catholic Radio on AM 1000 or RelevantRadio.com**—Sunday Mass is broadcast at 7:00pm on Saturdays and 7:00am and 6:00pm on Sundays, plus a wide variety of programming.

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

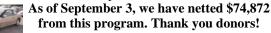
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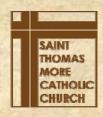
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#### Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 30, 2018

#### Pastor's Column

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#### Our Church: Divinely-Inspired, Human, Gifted, Sinful, and Hopeful

In recent weeks, the Church has once again "been brought to our knees" as we have become aware of the allegations against the retired Theodore Cardinal McCarrick of Washington D.C. and the exposure of the clergy sexual abuse in the six Dioceses of the State of Pennsylvania.

As we look back to view our weaknesses and our sinfulness, and as we move forward to transparency and new life for our future, we realize that this process will take a painfully long time, happening in a variety of places at a variety of times.

We are a Universal Church. The institutional Church will slowly and completely be examined by a variety of sources in which they will find some Church leaders cooperating more readily than others.

The last intense legal and media exposure of clergy sexual abuse happened in 2010. At that time, I ran a series of seven Pastor's Columns that I hoped would help all of us to better understand this reality and to find some peace as we moved forward.

I am now posting these Columns over seven weeks, again in the hope they will provide better understanding and peace, at this time. Pastor's Column #6 was written by William Wan in an article in the *Washington Post* on April 2, 2010. It deals with the struggle that clergy across the country have in regard to how to address this issue with their repective Congregations.

As Easter Nears, Priests Struggle with How, Whether to Address Church Scandals.

This article is an insert in today's bulletin.

If you would like to read Pastor's Column #1 in this series, What Does It Mean to Be Catholic, by Deacon Greg Kendra, or Pastor's Column #2 in this series, Why I Remain a Catholic, by Elizabeth Scalia, or Pastor's Column #3 in this series, The Catholic Church's Catastrophe by Peggy Noonan, or Pastor's Column #4 in this series, Homily at the Easter Vigil, April 3, 2010, by Diarmuid Martin, Archbishop of Dublin and Primate of Ireland, or Pastor's Column #5 in this series, We Are Being Forced to Our Knees by Bishop Raymond Lucker, please go to www.stmoside.org; then click Menu, then News, and then Pastor's Column.

#### As Easter Nears, Priests Struggle with How, Whether to Address Church Scandals

http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/04/01/AR2010040103771.html

or Google William Wan and As Easter Nears, Priests Struggle with How, Whether to Address Church Scandal

—William Wan, Staff Writer The Washington Post April 2, 2010 © The Washington Post Company

# Lift Every Voice This Election

# Where Does 49<sup>th</sup> Congresional District Candidate Mike Levin Stand on Issues of Importance to Our Families?

When: October 8, 3:00 – 4:30pm
Where: St. Thomas More Catholic Church,
1450 S Melrose Dr, Oceanside

The San Diego Organizing Project (SDOP), a non-partisan interfaith network of congregations that our parish belongs to, is holding a "Candidate Interview" with Mr. Levin.\*



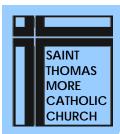
All members from SDOP churches are invited and may bring guests such as friends and neighbors. This is a "by invitation only" event.\*\*

# RSVP to pete@sdop.net to ensure that you receive important event details and updates.

"We need to participate for the common good. Sometimes we hear: a good Catholic is not interested in politics. This is not true: good Catholics immerse themselves in politics by offering the best of themselves so that the leader can govern."

- *Pope Francis, 9/16/13* 

- \* Candidate Diane Harkey declined our invitation to attend. SDOP is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. It does not explicitly or implicitly endorse or oppose any candidate or political party.
- \*\* Please do not send the invitation out in a mass email, post it on social media, invite other organizations, or contact the press.



# October

# Month of the Holy Rosary

Each year, on October 7, we celebrate a well-loved memorial in honor of the Rosary (Our Lady of the Rosary), and according to a long-standing tradition, the entire month of October is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary.

This year, as October 7 falls on the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, we do not celebrate the day, but still celebrate the month.

In the Rosary, with its sequence of prayers and mysteries, we contemplate the Gospel in company with the Blessed Virgin Mary.

As St. John Paul II wrote in 2002, "Through the Rosary the faithful receive abundant grace, as though from the very hands of the Mother of the Redeemer" (*Rosarium Virginis Mariae*, 1).



### Options?

Communal Rosary in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel Monday–Friday, following Daily Mass at 8:15am

Marian Shrine 7:00am–7:00pm, in the Church

Outdoor Rosary
anytime, in the Prayer Garden or on the Labyrinth

Anywhere, Anytime just you and Mary, or with a larger group

Information about praying the Rosary is available in the Parish Office or at www.therosary3.com



#### Message from the Pastor

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

For everyone who was at Mass last weekend (September 22-23), here are the documents from the worship aid as Fr. Mike promised.

If you were not able to attend Mass at STM last weekend, Fr. Mike's homily had four parts:

- 1. These are difficult times for our Catholic church -- we can walk away, or we can "dig in" and do our part to make our church better
- 2. Stewardship Awareness/Renewal month continues with reflections on time, talent, and treasure
- 3. Our Parish's financial situation -- we are falling behind on both operations and capital campaign. The staff and Finance Council will be reviewing and reducing budget items
- 4. The "ASK" -- for all who are currently contributing regularly, THANK YOU! For those who are not, please pray and consider if you can help.

These documents can help us reflect on tithing and sacrificial giving and how we can help.

As Fr. Mike also mentioned, another easy and painless way to help our Parish financially is to buy gift cards from our Scrip program. They cost you nothing extra, but each dollar you spend on Scrip gift cards earns a rebate for our Parish. For example, if you spend \$200 per week on groceries and use Scrip gift cards to buy your groceries, you could be earning \$400 per year for our Parish! Review the flyers in last week's bulletin or visit www.stmoside.org and search SCRIP to learn more.

Thank you!

#### **Firstfruits**

The concept of the Firstfruits derives from God's creation work. Because God created everything that exists, all of creation belongs to God.

Consequently that which is first and best belongs to God and is to be given to God.

Because of God's creative power and ownership of all, the Bible instructs believers to give God the best of the animal sacrifices, the crops, the wheat harvest, olive oil, the finest new wine, honey, and fruit.

The Old Testament makes it clear that everything that God's people have is to be viewed as from God and gained through God's providence.

In the New Testament, believers are the Firstfruits of God's, a kind of Firstfruits of all God created.

God's people are therefore to present themselves as holy Firstfruits to God, as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God.

Paul teaches that Christ in his bodily resurrection is the Firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

Thus Jesus becomes the guarantee that the rest of the harvest would be coming, that is, us, the believers.

So it is God's redemption harvest. First, Christ the Firstfruit has triumphed in his resurrection; then, the rest of his crop, the redeemed, will be raised triumphantly at his second coming.

#### **Tithe**

A tithe is one-tenth part of something, paid as a contribution to a religious organization or compulsory tax to government.

Traditional Jewish law and practice has included various forms of tithing since ancient times.

Orthodox Jews commonly practice tithing (10% of their income to charity).

In modern Israel, Jews continue to follow the laws of agricultural tithing.

Jesus Christ taught the Jews that tithing must be done in conjunction with a deep concern for justice, mercy, and faithfulness.

Tithing was taught at early Christian ecumenical councils as early as 567 A.D.

Tithing remains an important doctrine in many Christian denominations, such as Congregationalist Churches, Methodist Churches, and Seventh-day Adventist Churches.

#### 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.

#### 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:

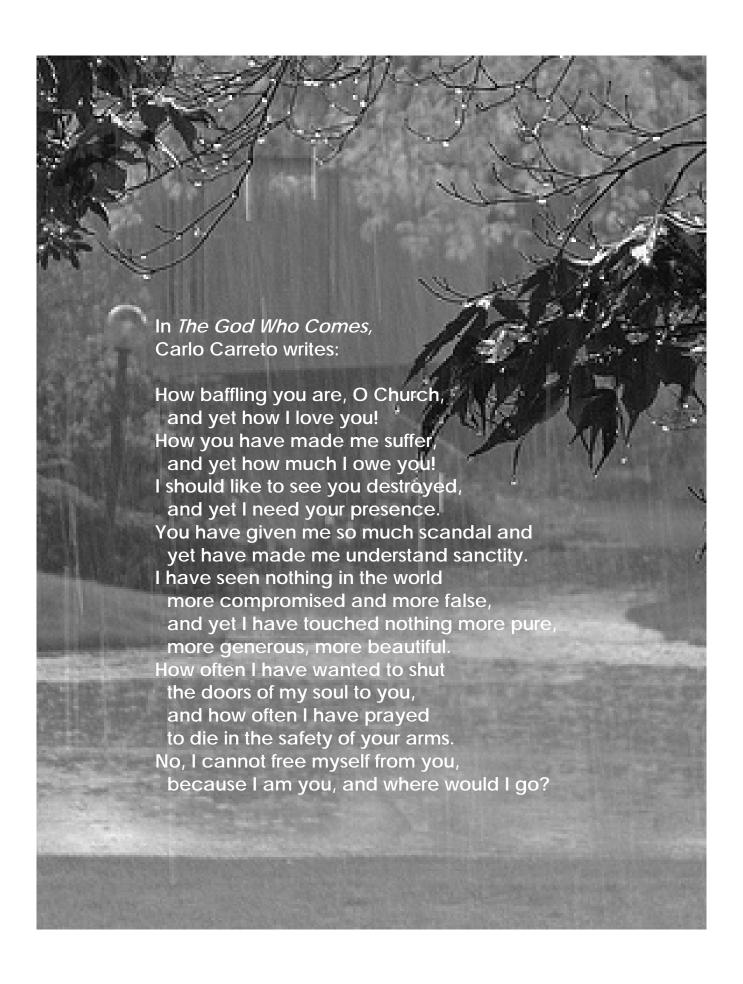
- † Parish Operational Offering
- † Seasons Capital Campaign
- † Religious Education Fees \*
- † Sacrament Stipends (Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals)
- † Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA)
- † All National Collections:
  - Annual Lenten Collection
  - Collection of the Holy Father (Peter's Pence)
  - Propagation of the Faith (Mission Appeal)
  - World Missions Collection
  - National Needs Collection
  - Retirement Fund for Religious Collection

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

Percentage of Income ►	10%	8%	6%	4%	2%
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\$10,000	\$ 19	\$ 15	\$ 12	\$8	\$4
\$30,000	58	46	35	23	12
\$50,000	96	77	58	38	19
\$70,000	135	108	81	54	27
\$100,000	192	154	115	77	38
\$150,000	288	231	173	115	58
\$200,000	385	308	231	154	77
	Amount of Weekly Gift				

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

<sup>\*</sup> The tithe includes the cost of activities which are mandatory for the religious education program, but not for activities that are optional.







# Walk. Run. Race!

# ONE EVENT. TWO LOCATIONS.

SAN DIEGO, CA

De Anza Cove 10.27.18 10 am **DALLAS, TX** 

Campion Trail 11.03.18 8 am REGISTER
ONLINE
TODAY!

All registered participants get an awesome t-shirt, FREE snacks, & prizes!

Friends and family are invited to join us.

Awards will be handed out to the top race finishers overall and in age groups as well as to top fundraisers.

#### RACE PROCEEDS BENEFIT

Life Perspectives provides hope and healing for families impacted by reproductive loss.

Life Perspectives

abortion changes you<sup>\*</sup> miscarriage hurts

For more information and registration please visit WWW.SIDEBYSIDE5K.COM

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#### October 2018

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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	8:15AM Mass (DMC)	8:15AM Mass (DMC)	8:15AM Mass (DMC)	8:15AM Mass (DMC)	8:15AM Mass (DMC)	6:45AM iHunger (OS)
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	3:00PM Moms & Kids	4:00PM SDOP (PCUL)	(PCUL)	<b>10:00AM</b> W.G.	9:15AM Communion	3:30PM Reconciliation
	Play Date (OS)	6:00PM K of C Board	1:30PM Spirited	Quilters (PCLL)	Service (Brookdale	(RC)
ST CHANTERO	6:00PM Ignite (PCLL)	Meeting (PCFL)	Senior Board (PCCT)	1:00PM Centering	@ Carlsbad)	
	6:30PM The Bible and	7:00PM Tower Bells	6:00PM Ignite Game	Prayer (DMC)		Twenty-Seventh
	Prayer (PCUL)	(C)	Night (PCLL)	4:00PM SDOP (PCUL)		Sunday in Ordinary
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				9:00PM Cappella Choir		
				(C)		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Twenty-Seventh	Columbus Day	8:15AM Mass (DMC)	8:15AM Mass (DMC)	8:15AM Mass (DMC)	Men's Retreat @	Men's Retreat
Sunday in	8:15AM Mass (DMC)	9:00AM Donuts and	9:00AM Adult Bible	9:00AM Donuts and	Green Oaks	7:00AM Treasures
Ordinary Time	<b>11:00AM</b> W. G.	Coffee (PCUL)	Study-Wisdom	Coffee (PCUL)	8:15AM Mass (DMC)	(Parking Lot)
8:15AM RCIA (PCUL)	Luncheon (PCLL)	6:30PM SDOP	(PCUL)	9:15AM Communion	9:00AM Bulletin	3:30PM Reconciliation
8:30AM Mass/LOWC (C)	3:00PM Candidate	Leadership	12:30PM Social	Service (Merrill	Stuffing (PCCT)	(RC)
10:30AM Genesis (PCLL)	Interviews (PCUL)	Group (PCUL)	Justice (PCCT)	Gardens)	9:00AM Moms & Kids	
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2:00PM Mass in		(PCLL)	(C)	Choir (C)		<b>5:00PM</b> Mass (C)
Vietnamese (C)				9:00PM Cappella Choir		7:00PM Timbré
3:00PM Edge (PCUL)				(C)		Ensemble Concert
5:00PM High School						(PCUL)
Year 1 (PCUL)						
Year 2 (PCLL)						
6:30PM Post						
Confirmed (PCFL)						
7:00PM Young Adult						
Bible Study (PCA)						
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#### Key

C-Church

**BSC-Blessed Sacrament Chapel** 

**DMC-Daily Mass Chapel** 

**RC-Reconciliation Chapel** 

MR-Music Room

**PCA-Parish Center Ark** 

**PCCT-Parish Center Conf. Table** 

**PCLL-Parish Center Lower Level** 

**PCUL-Parish Center Upper Level** 

PCFL-Parish Center Front Lobby

PCS-Parish Center Stage

**OS-Off Site** 



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test your game show knowledge at our FALL KICK-OFF EVENT

monday, oct. 8th 6-8:30pm parish center lower level



#### laser tag

get your laser tag on! bring \$10 with you

wednesday, oct. 10th 6-8:30pm invasion laser tag san marcos



dinner provided every monday night

permission slips needed for all off-site events

> bring snacks for wednesday nights

#### space

this is your s p a c e! come by to do homework, play games, and hang out



wednesday, oct. 17th 6-8:30pm parish center lower level

## food frenzy

can you eat HOT chicken wings?
come by for food contests & late night s'mores

monday, oct. 15th 6-8:30pm parish center lower level



## get out the vote

make calls to remind 49th district members to vote

wednesday, oct. 24th 4-8pm parish center lower level

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#### charlie brown halloween

celebrate halloween
with your ignite family
wednesday, oct. 31st
5-9pm
location TBD

## praise night

stop by for a message, small groups, and praise & worship

monday, oct. 22nd 6-8:30pm parish center lower level



NO IGNITE

monday oct. 29th



tilly rudolph
youth advocate
tillyr@stoside.org



# Diocese of San Diego

O Jesus,

I pray for your faithful and fervent priests;

For your unfaithful and tepid priests;

For your priests laboring at home or

abroad in distant mission fields.

For your tempted priests;

For your lonely and desolate priests;

For your young priests;

For your dying priests;

For the souls of your priests in Purgatory.

But above all, I recommend to you

the priests dearest to me:

The priest who baptized me;

The priests who absolved me from my sins;

The priests at whose Masses I assisted and who gave me

Your Body and Blood in Holy Communion;

The priests who taught and instructed me;

All the priests to whom I am indebted in any other way

Pope Francis

(especially .....).

O Jesus, keep them all close to your heart,

And bless them abundantly in time and in Eternity.

Amen. By St. Therese of Lisieux

Heavenly Father, in your wisdom you have called certain women to a life of special consecration so that in prayerful observance of a lifestyle of poverty, chaste celibacy, and obedience,

they might be witnesses to us that as St. Paul says,

"our true citizenship is in heaven."

Give them, Lord, the grace of joy and perseverance in their holy vocation.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

#### **Daily Prayer for Vocations**

Jesus, Lord of the harvest, Look with love on this portion of your vineyard.

Bless the Diocese of San Diego with more priests to shepherd your people,

Sr. Selma Yousif, DMI

Priests with hearts like your own.

Monday, October 1, 2018

Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us.

# Daily Prayer

# for Priests and Women Religious

# October 2018

Bishop Robert McElroy	Tuesday, October 2, 2018	Sr. Adriana Rebeca Zuro, SJS
Bishop John Dolan	Wednesday, October 3, 2018	Sr. Millicent Peaslee, OLVM
Bishop Robert Brom	Thursday, October 4, 2018	Sr. Juana Pereyra, SJS
Bishop Gilbert Chavez	Friday, October 5, 2018	Sr. Damien Peters, FDC
Rev. Gilbert Gentile, SJ	Saturday, October 6, 2018	Sr. M. Genevieve Pistacchio, CSN
Rev. Msgr. Anthony Giesing	Sunday, October 7, 2018	Sr. Mary Potter, RSM
Rev. Carl Gismondi, FSSP	Monday, October 8, 2018	Sr. Mary Alice Prieto, DCJ
Rev. Julian Gnall	Tuesday, October 9, 2018	Sr. Barbara Quinn, RSCJ
Rev. William Gold	Wednesday, October 10, 2018	Sr. M. Krista Ramirez, RSM
Rev. Gerardo Gomez Zapien	Thursday, October 11, 2018	Sr. Norma Alicia Reyes, HCJS
Rev. Jose Goopio, SVD	Friday, October 12, 2018	Sr. Celia Robledo, OLC
Rev. John Gorman	Saturday, October 13, 2018	Sr. Virginia Rodee, RSCJ
Rev. John Grace, OSA	Sunday, October 14, 2018	Sr. Eva Lucia Rodriguez, SJS
Rev. John Gubbins	Monday, October 15, 2018	Sr. Paulina Rodriguez, DCJ
Rev. Michael Guinan, OFM	Tuesday, October 16, 2018	Sr. Carmen Romero, CVI
Rev. Manuel Gutierrez Del Torro	Wednesday, October 17, 2018	Sr. M. Rosalia Romero, DCJ
Rev. Brian Hayes	Thursday, October 18, 2018	Sr. Maria Elena Romero, DCJ
Rev. William Headley, CSSp	Friday, October 19, 2018	Sr. M. Priscille Ronicam, MC
Rev. Ronald Hebert	Saturday, October 20, 2018	Sr. Ellen Marie Ryan, CSJ
Rev. Scott Herrera	Sunday, October 21, 2018	Sr. Diana Sabia, SSS
Rev. Alfredo Heyrosa	Monday, October 22, 2018	Sr. Gabriel Marie (Evelin) Sales, UCSC
Rev. Michael Higgins, TOR	Tuesday, October 23, 2018	Sr. Delia Sarabia, CVI
Rev. Kilian Holland	Wednesday, October 24, 2018	Sr. Lourdes Saracho, RJM
Rev. Hak Jun Hong	Thursday, October 25, 2018	Sr. Dolores Cecile Schembri, CSJ
Rev. Edward Horning	Friday, October 26, 2018	Sr. Helen Schwarz, SHCJ
Rev. John Howard, CJM	Saturday, October 27, 2018	Sr. Esther Segura, HCJS
Rev. Barnabas Hughes, OFM	Sunday, October 28, 2018	Sr. Mariacruz Serrano Mier, MGSpS
Rev. Thomas Ianucci	Monday, October 29, 2018	Sr. Patricia Shaffer, RSCJ
Rev. Clement Iorliam	Tuesday, October 30, 2018	Sr. Madeline Shayota, DMI
Rev. Frank Jasper, OFM	Wednesday, October 31, 2018	Sr. Regina Shin, RSCJ

