

**SAINT  
THOMAS  
MORE  
CATHOLIC  
CHURCH**

*He smeared the clay on his eyes.  
—John 9:6*



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

- ✝ Spirituality
- ✝ Tradition
- ✝ Community

**Mass Schedule**

Saturday at 5:00pm  
Sunday at 8:30am and 10:30am  
Monday-Friday at 8:15am

**Eucharistic Adoration**

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

**Reconciliation (Confession)**

Saturday, 3:30-4:30pm  
and by appointment

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**Fourth Sunday of Lent  
March 26, 2017**

**Pastor's Column**

*Rev. Michael Ratajczak  
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**Faith Not Fear Summit—Standing Together to Protect Our Families**

“And I will come near you for judgment; I will be a swift witness, against sorcerers, against adulterers, against perjurers, against those who exploit wage earners and widows and orphans, against those who turn away an alien—because they do not fear Me, says the Lord of Hosts” (Malachi 3:5).

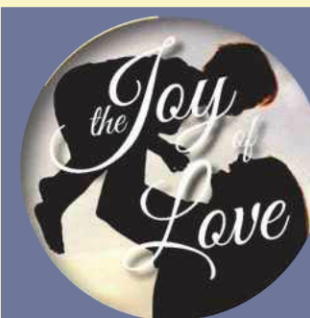
Rooted in faith, our families are ready to stand in solidarity with our most threatened community members and neighbors.

Bishop Robert McElroy, the Roman Catholic Bishop of San Diego, Bishop George McKinney of St. Stephen's Church of God in Christ in San Diego, Bishop Terrell Fletcher of the City of Hope International Church in San Diego, and Imam Taha Hassane, Imam of the Islamic Center of San Diego, and other Faith Leaders from San Diego County are convening an “Assembly of Peoples” on Wednesday, April 19, at 6:30pm, at a site in San Diego yet to be determined.

At this event they are pledging and encouraging others to take united action to protect all families, protect immigrants and refugees, protect everyone's right to healthcare, and protect our neighborhoods with compassionate policing.

**The Vision of this Event:** To form a united, mobilized, inspired group of leaders from our local faith communities that will work in partnership to protect each other and secure justice for everyone.

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**2017 Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA)**

Thank you to those who have already responded!

We have pledges for \$17,961 toward our total assessment of \$50,000.

Visit [www.sdatholic.org/ACA](http://www.sdatholic.org/ACA).

Choose to donate online to the Diocese.

Watch a video about the ACA:

<https://tinyurl.com/haxkvqp>



**Our Church is a House of Prayer for all People!**

**Our Church and Blessed Sacrament Chapel are open  
7:00am-7:00pm, every day.**

**The door on the left side of our main doors remains unlocked.  
Please enter and exit through that door.  
You are always welcome!**



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

**The Purpose of this Event:** The main purpose of the event is to obtain commitments from people to encourage them to join in efforts of forming solidarity teams that will respond to ICE raids; stand against instances of hate; and to resist moves to return to "tough on crime" and "stop and frisk" policing policies. Attendees will be commissioned to form teams and receive follow-up training. Congressional delegates and other local elected officials will be invited as well as all local media/broadcasting outlets.

Watch the bulletin for more information. Also contact Sr. Maureen Brown, CSJ, our Pastoral Associate, who is the liaison to the San Diego Organizing Project (SDOP) who is sponsoring this event. You may contact Sr. Maureen at 760-758-4100 x131 or [maureenb@stmoside.org](mailto:maureenb@stmoside.org).

Fr. Mike

**Annual Lenten Collection**

This collection supports the works of Catholic Relief Services, the Church in Africa, and the Church in Latin America. Pink envelopes were attached to the bulletin recently. You may return the envelopes any time over the next four weeks. You may designate your contribution to the causes listed on the collection envelope. Please respond generously to this worthwhile annual collection. Thank you!

**Lenten Reconciliation Services at Local Parishes**

|              |         |                                 |
|--------------|---------|---------------------------------|
| Mon, Mar. 27 | 7:00pm  | St. John, Encinitas             |
| Tue, Mar. 28 | 7:00pm  | Nativity, Rancho Santa Fe       |
| Thu, Mar. 30 | 1:00pm  | Mission San Luis Rey, Oceanside |
| Thu, Mar. 30 | 7:00pm  | Mission San Luis Rey, Oceanside |
| Wed, Apr. 5  | 7:00pm  | St. Elizabeth Seton, Carlsbad   |
| Thu, Apr. 6  | 6:30pm  | St. Mark, San Marcos (Spanish)  |
| Mon, Apr. 10 | 6:30pm  | St. Mark, San Marcos (English)  |
| Tue, Apr. 11 | 10:30am | St. Peter, Fallbrook            |
| Tue, Apr. 11 | 6:00pm  | St. Peter, Fallbrook            |

**The Easter Story for Children**

*The First Easter Bunny* is a charming narrative aimed at a youthful audience. It deals with the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus—as seen through the eyes of a little rabbit. In the story, the bunny is the first creature to see the resurrected Jesus, and so is bestowed with the honor of bringing sweet treats to children every year at Easter to celebrate and emphasize the actual meaning of Easter event.

With Easter approaching, parents, grandparents, clergypersons, and religious educators search for a tool to teach children the truth about this feast day. Fr. Richard Lewandowski, Sacramental Minister at St. Richard Parish, Sterling, MA, first published his story, *The First Easter Bunny*, in 1995. This paperback edition has been reprinted, is being distributed through Amazon.com, and is available at many bookstores.

Copies of the book are available on the plaza or at the Parish Office for \$7.50 each.

**Welcome New Parishioners**

**John & Maria Burke & Family**  
**Michael & Eva LaMar**  
**James & Mary Rumer**  
**Thomas & Karen Sanchez**

**In Memoriam**

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

**Katherine Bollaert**, who died on February 22. Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, March 28, at 11:00am at St. Thomas More. Please keep her family in your prayers.

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

**Local Hospitals with Catholic Chaplains Available**

If you or a loved one is in one of these hospitals and need the ministry of a Catholic priest, please contact the Chaplain's Office to make the arrangements.

| Hospital          | Chaplain's Office |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| Tri-City          | 760-940-7954      |
| Palomar           | 442-281-1328      |
| Scripps Encinitas | 760-633-7784      |
| Scripps Green     | 858-554-3698      |
| Scripps Mercy     | 619-260-7020      |
| UCSD Thornton     | 619-543-2103      |
| Kaiser Zion       | 619-528-5188      |

**Help Build a Labyrinth**

Ian Gritt is an involved STM Parishioner who has decided to integrate his faith into his Eagle Scout project and plans to construct a labyrinth in front of the Daily Mass Chapel. Envelopes were attached to a recent bulletin and are also available at the Parish Office if you would like to help by donating toward this project. Thank you for your prayerful consideration!

**STM Scrip News**

Do you attend the 5:00pm Mass? Can you spare 20 minutes after Mass? If so, the Scrip Ministry would like your help to sell Scrip. Please contact Andrea Sweeney at 626-824-7973 or [scrip@stmoside.org](mailto:scrip@stmoside.org). Volunteers for the other Masses are needed as well. Remember this Ministry supports our Church Operation Fund.

Do you shop on Amazon? Use Amazon Smile and raise money for STM while you shop! Click the link at [www.stmoside.org/scrip.htm](http://www.stmoside.org/scrip.htm) to get started.

We appreciate your continued support for the Scrip program. For more information, visit [www.stmoside.org/scrip.htm](http://www.stmoside.org/scrip.htm) or contact the Scrip team at 760-758-4100 x150 or [scrip@stmoside.org](mailto:scrip@stmoside.org).

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