

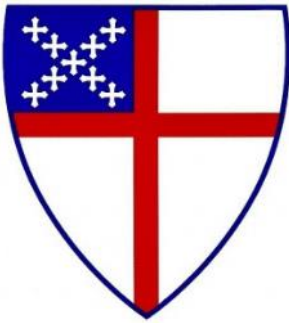


THE ANCHOR

OCTOBER 2019

St. Clement's by-the-Sea
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Welcoming all since 1929



**Member, Anglican
Communion
PARISH MISSION:**

Follow Christ through the way we live and love, spreading the good news of God in Christ, opening our hearts to all, and experience and spread joy in the process.



“This Church of Ours is Open To All...There Will Be No Outcasts.”

-The Most Rev. Edmund Browning Emeritus
Presiding Bishop



Angels...

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, which wert, and art, and evermore shall be.¹

You surely recognize those words from the much-loved hymn, *Holy, holy, holy!* And it includes a reference to those mystical beings, angels, which are celebrated on this day (the feast day of St. Michael and All Angels) when I wrote this article.

We often refer to angels in hymns. And angels are mentioned in many places in holy scripture. There are at least three orders (or types) of angels cited in the Bible, and as illustrated in the hymn above two of them are “cherubim and seraphim.” There are also those named angels, like Michael, whom we call Archangels.

Michael is certainly one of the most well-known of those names, but he isn't the only named Archangel. There is also Uriel, Raphael and the one who appeared to the Blessed Virgin Mary, and for whom my own daughter is named, Gabriel. These are the only ones mentioned in our version of the Bible (NRSV with Apocrypha). But there are traditions that speak of seven named Archangels and you may see some Anglican churches that feature seven Archangels in stained glass, for example.² These additional three come from extracanonical sources, that is to say, books not included in our Bible.

The fact that we know very few of the angelic names may be intentional. When Manoah, the father of Sampson, is visited by an angel (who tells him of the coming birth and about the uniqueness of the child), Manoah asks the angel his name. To which the angel replies, “Why do you ask me my name? It is too wonderful [for you]!” (Judges 13:18). Manoah seems to have begun to focus too much upon the messenger and not the message. And this points to the primary role of angels, as messengers of God. We do see them in other roles, as discuss below, but this is certainly the most ubiquitous.

I think it is safe to say that our belief and celebration of angels in our present age is not very robust, regrettably. Our book of saints, *Holy Women, Holy Men*, includes the following comment:

Christians have always felt themselves to be attended by healthful spirits – swift, powerful, and enlightening. Those beneficent spirits are often depicted in Christian art in human form, with wings to signify their swiftness and spacelessness, with swords to signify their power, and with dazzling arraignment to signify their ability to enlighten. *Unfortunately, this type of pictorial representation has led many to dismiss the angels as “just another mythical beast, like the unicorn, the griffin, or the sphinx.”³*

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Well, let the world think what it will! We do believe in those creatures of God who attend upon the Almighty, whose voices shake the very threshold of the House of God, as they perpetually cry, “holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.” (Isa 6:3) This is a phrase we repeat every week in our Eucharistic Prayer, “Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory” (BCP, 334). Those from the 8am service will recognize that as the Rite I prayer, but it is essentially the same in the contemporary version.

The idea is that we join our voices with those of the heavenly court who are ever singing God’s praise and glory. This too is one of their functions, and it is one of ours. We share a belief in angels with the other Abrahamic faiths, Judaism and Islam, but also with other traditions. Some of the other functions that we find in reference to angels, that we find in scripture and in some of those other extracanonical sources referred to earlier, are that of watchers, glorious ones, thrones and powers.⁴ Thus the beloved hymn we sang just this past Sunday, whose first line refers to these orders of angels.

*Ye watchers and ye holy ones, bright seraphs, cherubim and thrones,
raise the glad strain, Alleluia! Cry out dominions, principedoms, powers,
virtues, archangels, angels’ choirs, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*⁵

That’s a lot of “alleluias!” But, this hymn points to another of the functions of angels, that of watchers, or guardians. St. John in *Revelation* writes to the seven churches of Asia Minor after he sees a vision of Christ who tells John of many things, including “the seven angels of the churches” (1:20) to whom John will write. Was Christ meaning that these were the ones watching over those seven churches? Is there one watcher over St. Clement’s? I don’t mean the building but over God’s people, who are the church. You’ve heard me, during the birthday and anniversary prayers at announcements, beseech God to send his angels to watch over, guard, or guide this person or this couple in this new year of their lives.

While it seems to fall to the seraphim who sing to God in endless praise, scripture indicates that it is the cherubim who carry the very throne of God. Far from the angelic infant images we see depicted in popular art (which bear that name today), according to Ezekiel (see especially ch. 10), they are instead powerful, even fear inducing creatures, with four faces, and four wings that can fly in every direction. It was these that were appointed by God in the story of *Genesis*, after the expulsion of Adam and Eve, to block the way of return, with flaming swords in their hands (3:24). They mean business!

I realize that last paragraph was a bit too far for some of you. But perhaps it highlights why angels seem to greet people in scripture so often with the words “Fear not!” There is something surely other worldly about finding oneself in the company of one of the heavenly hosts, who appear and disappear without warning. And yet, their words bring us such comfort, guidance and Good News. Or perhaps they greet us with those words when they come to us in the most fearful, self-doubting or faith defying moments in our lives, a mercy of God to bring us a word of hope and courage to help us persevere.

As their name suggests, angels are bearers of Good News, from whence we get the word “evangelists.” The author of the book of *Hebrews* says, “Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it” (13:2). I’ll bet you have! Or maybe you did know it. Perhaps someone brought you a word of hope in a miserable or hard time in your life, a word that inspired you and made all the difference. A word that reminded you that God is with you! Angels are surely all around us.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Patrick

1. *Hymnal 1982*, #362, v.2, words by: Reginal Heber (1783-1826)
2. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Archangel#/media/File:Seven_Archangels_\(St_Michael's,_Brighton\).jpg](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Archangel#/media/File:Seven_Archangels_(St_Michael's,_Brighton).jpg)
3. *Holy Women, Holy Men*, (New York: Church Publishing, 2010), Pg. 612
4. *The Anchor Bible Dictionary*, Vol. I, David Noel Freedman, Editor (New York: Doubleday, 1992) pg. 249
5. *Hymnal 1982*, #618, words by: John Athelstan Laurie Riley (1858-1945)



A Quinceañera Celebration

This Summer I had the privilege of celebrating a *Quinceañera* from one of our parishioners at the Noon Service. As I was sharing with Fr. Patrick the photos, I took with Kelly and her family and also how beautiful she looked and how moving the service and music were, he encouraged me to write something about what it means to us, Latinos, to celebrate a girl's fifteen years of age.

To be honest, I wasn't sure where to start. I guess I will start sharing with you what it meant to me to have my *Quinceañera* celebration. A couple of years before my birthday (organizing a *Quinceañera* takes a lot of time) my dad offered me two options. I could either have my celebration or I could travel to Spain. I didn't think twice, I told him I wanted to have my celebration. My thought back then was that God-willing I was going to be able to travel in the future but a *Quinceañera* celebration would only happen once in my lifetime.

So, the plans for my celebration began that day. My mom was amazing. She put together everything and she was as excited as I was. My *Quinceañera* was everything I wanted. It was like a dream come true. As it usually happened on my birthday in Guatemala, it was pouring that night, but the Cathedral and the reception ball were packed with family and friends. I think every *Quinceañera* remembers her day as magical and in my case both my parents made sure that I also understood what a blessing it was and how fortunate I was to be able to give thanks to God for that special moment in my life.

Until today, I never really stopped to reflect what it meant to me to have my *Quinceañera*. Perhaps it was something I wanted to have because all my friends were also planning theirs or perhaps it was because I knew that it meant also that I was finally growing up. I believe this happens to all of us when we are young. We cannot wait to grow up. In my heart, I knew that it was a moment of transition for me, I was becoming a young woman.

In the Latino community, the *Quinceañera* is both a celebration and a rite of passage in which the girl who is turning fifteen years old, transitions from one phase of life into another phase which normally makes her more mature. It involves a set of actions that even though they may vary due to our nationalities, they generally have very common traditions and actions.

This tradition is observed in many parts of Latin America as in the case of Mexico, Central America, some countries of South America and in the Caribbean. Due to the large presence of immigrants from Mexico and Latin America, this tradition has also found a home in the United States and in our communities of faith.

A beautiful tradition we have here at St. Clement's is that the *Quinceañera* offers her bouquet at the altar to the Virgin of Guadalupe as a sign of thanksgiving. She and her parents offer a prayer in the chapel and ask for her blessing. They also bring to the altar the gifts that they have for their daughter.

Traditionally, after the church service, the family and friends take pictures and then they all head to the reception where an even bigger number of friends and family are waiting for her. Depending on the nationality of the *Quinceañera*, there may be a traditional dance with the father or with the *Chambelanes* (a group of boys who accompany her both at the service and the party). The music, the food, the cake will also reflect their culture. In Kelly's case as you will notice in the photo, her dress also reflected her tradition and family's background. Kelly's dress was made in Mexico and it was a work of art; tailored to a beautiful young woman who came to God's altar to receive His blessing.

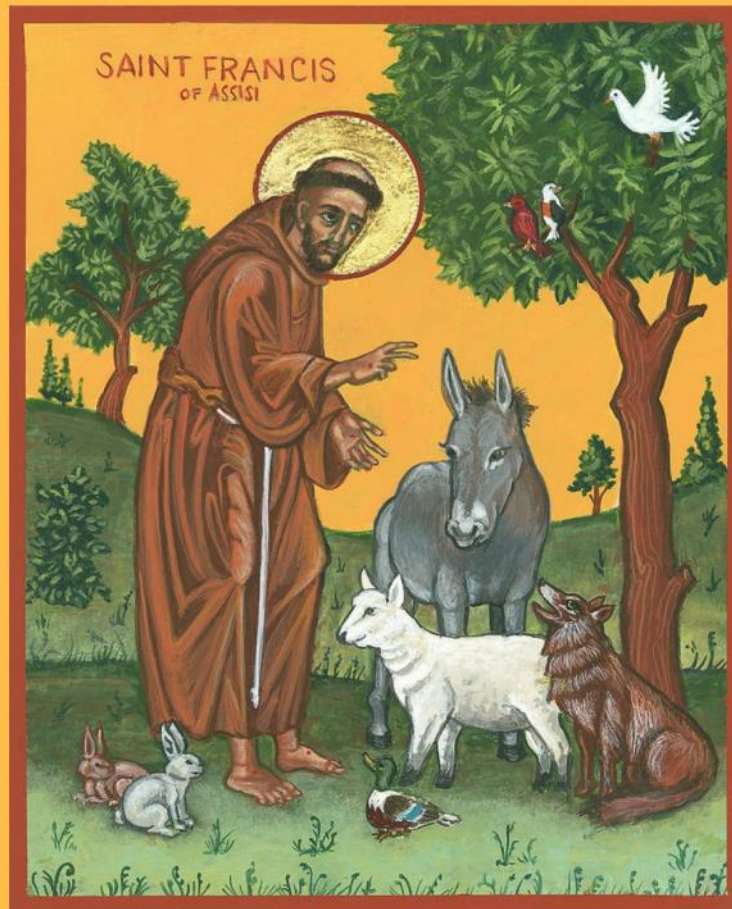
As always, I would love to hear your thoughts at normayanira@yahoo.com.

In Christ,

Mo. Norma Guerra

an ecumenical
Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 6th
Max Berg Park
3:00 pm



All are welcome. Bring your pets,
families, and friends to the park
for this joyous time!

A collaboration of: St. Clement's Episcopal,
Christ Lutheran, Palisades Methodist,
Our Savior's Lutheran, St. Andrew's Methodist
and San Clemente Presbyterian

- Outreach News



Have you been wondering how you can help make a difference in the lives of others?

Here are specific ways you can support St. Clement's outreach activities in the coming weeks:

* Join other St. Clement's parishioners at the Shopping Extravaganza at the San Clemente Outlets and raise funds for Laundry Love. Saturday, October 5th. More information and tickets at www.shopOSC.com/Tickets.

* Coordinate sandwich-making for the Welcome Inn. Sunday, October 20th after the 10 a.m. service. **We need one or two volunteers** to:

- buy groceries and supplies
- set up and lead the sandwich-making

Please contact Jan Geneviro at janice.geneviro@gmail.com for more information and to volunteer.

* Come participate in the Social Justice Book group. Thursday, October 17th at 7 pm at the home of Francis and Hilary Viscount. We will discuss in depth the first 3 chapters of "Money & Faith", edited by Michael Schut. Please contact the Viscounts or Jan Geneviro for more information.

* Think about taking a leadership role in Outreach activities in 2020. Stay tuned for more details!

- Laundry Love Fundraiser -



SHOPPING EXTRAVAGANZA

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2019
10:00 AM – 8:00 PM (Registration ends at 1:00 pm)
OUTLETS AT SAN CLEMENTE - TICKETS \$35

HOW DOES OUR LAUNDRY LOVE MINISTRY GET MONEY?

- ☑ FOR EVERY TICKET SOLD, \$25 OF THE \$35 WILL BE DONATED BACK TO OUR LAUNDRY LOVE OUTREACH PROGRAM
- ☑ In 2017 we received \$1900 from this event; in 2018 \$1500.
- ☑ If 100 or more people attend who have selected "Laundry Love-San Clemente" as their charity when purchasing their ticket, Laundry Love will be able to participate in the profits from this event.

WHAT YOU WILL RECEIVE FOR YOUR \$35?

- ☑ Exclusive Discounts at Participating San Clement Outlet Stores
- ☑ Catered Lunch, VIP Wine and Cocktail Tasting
- ☑ 2 Raffle Tickets (a \$10 value) for multiple prize drawings through the day, including 1800 \$25 Gift Cards and Grand Prizes
- ☑ Outlets of San Clemente Tote Bag



HOW TO PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS

- ☑ Tickets must be purchased on line at ShopOSC.com/Tickets
- ☑ When purchasing your ticket, you must select the charity that will receive the \$25 of your ticket price. The charities are listed in alphabetical order, and Laundry Love is listed under "L" as "Laundry Love-San Clemente."

For more information, or assistance with registering, please contact Mary Ann Morrison at 949.361.0031.

There are also printed registration instructions on the coffee hour sign in table in the parish hall.

We have approximately 65 active clients in the Laundry Love program, although not every client comes to Laundry Love every month. It costs approximately \$450 each moth just for the cost of washers and dryers. All supplies (soap, dryer sheets, bags, etc.) are donated. Your help in keeping this St. Clement's ministry is sincerely appreciated by our Laundry Love clients

- SCMFO Fundraiser -



San Clemente

Military Family Outreach

2019 Annual Fundraiser

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25
TALEGA GOLF CLUB – 6:00 PM
TICKETS \$65 PER PERSON

Social Hour & Dinner
Recognition of Military Honorees
Emcee – Ron J Ruhman, The Clean Comedian
Entertainment by Ryan Christopher, The Millennial Crooner
Silent & Live Auctions

HOW TO PURCHASE TICKETS OR MAKE A DONATION

- SIGN UP ON THE RESERVATION FORM DURING ANY COFFEE HOUR. Mark Pocino, ticket chairman, will contact you for payment prior to the October 8 registration deadline date.
- CONTACT MARK AT mcpocino@gmail.com or 818.317.8607 for questions or to make reservations.
- PURCHASE THE TICKETS OR MAKE YOUR DONATION ON THE SCMFO WEBSITE. The website address: www.militaryfamilyoutreach.com/fallfundraiser.html Follow the link to the Fall 2019 Fundraiser, Salute to Military Stars, where you will find options to purchase tickets or give a donation.

SCMFO is a nonprofit organization. \$30 of your \$65.00 ticket price is tax deductible Tax ID #30-1133945

Participation in the San Clemente Military Family Outreach (**SCMFO**) is an outreach ministry of St. Clement's. **SCMFO** is an all-volunteer organization. In 2018, a mere 5.8% of expenses went to operating costs, and 94.2% of expenses directly supported military families.

- * There are 1000 military families living on base at Camp Pendleton – just a stone's throw away from south Orange County. Over 10% of those same families are living below the poverty level.
- * **SCMFO's** mission is to provide emergency assistance to qualifying military families in Camp Pendleton, responding promptly to requests for financial or material aid, as well as conducting seasonal morale projects for military families within the community served.
- * In 2017 and 2018, **SCMFO** provided more than \$250,000 of aid and support to military families in our community.
- * **SCMFO** provides these emergency services, along with compassionate help, to families stationed in units based in Camp Pendleton.

✓groceries ✓formula ✓school supplies
✓dental & orthodontic treatment
✓diapers ✓car repairs ✓gasoline
✓infant clothing & supplies
✓other services as the needs arise

Thanks to the generous support of people like you, SCMFO is blessed to be able to say "Yes!" to requests for assistance from these young families who are sacrificing so much on our behalf.

- Daughters of the King-



Daughters of the King to gather for Fall Assembly in Camarillo

“Women in Spiritual Leadership: Sharing Our Stories – Sharing Our Spirit” will be the theme of the 2019 Daughters of the King Fall Assembly on Saturday, Oct. 19.

The St. Columba’s DOK chapter in Camarillo will host the meeting in conjunction with the chapters at All Saints, Oxnard, and Saint Paul’s, Ventura.

The Assembly will begin with registration and fellowship (with continental breakfast) at 8 a.m. and will include a brief business meeting and announcement of this year’s recipient of the Bishop Gooden Memorial Scholarship Award.

The program will follow, and will feature a panel discussion with the Rev. Laurel Coote, interim priest at St. Mary’s Church (Mariposa), Los Angeles and a certified spiritual director; Suzanne Edwards-Acton, vice president of the H. Belfield Hannibal Chapter of the Union of Black Episcopalians and chair of the Program Group on Black Ministry for the Diocese of Los Angeles; and the Rev. Norma Guerra, associate priest at Church of the Messiah, Santa Ana, and St. Clement’s by-the-Sea in San Clemente.

Early registration is strongly encouraged. The cost is \$15 if paid by October 14; \$20 thereafter and at the door. For more information, contact Kimberly Cortner, DOK vice president at kcortner@lacort.com or Sheila Lowerre, treasurer, at sheilalowerre@gmail.com.

St. Columba’s Church is located at 1251 Las Posas Road, Camarillo 93010.



- The United Thank Offering-



The United Thank Offering (UTO) was started in the 1880's as a ministry of the Episcopal Church. Individuals were invited to embrace and deepen a personal daily gratitude. It encourages us to notice the good things that daily in our lives and allows us to show thankfulness by placing coins and small bills in the "Little Blue Boxes". In the month of November we will collect the "Little Blue Boxes" and send the offerings to the Episcopal Diocese. A committee will then meet to consider project grant request for assistance from throughout the world.

The grant requests must be either a one-time endeavor or seed money for a project that can then be self sufficient. Some of the 2019 grants include The Bishop of Florida, helping the African-American community; Anvik, a remote village in Alaska, to build Christ Church; and Little Eagle, to build a chapel. These are all projects that are not included in the main church budget.

Please share your gratitude by placing coins, bills, or checks in those "Little Blue Boxes" to help others not so fortunate. Questions? Call Mary Ann Morrison, 949-361-0031.

Thank you for your generosity



- Something for Everyone -



Anchor's Potluck Supper Club

When: October 25th at 7:00pm

Hosted By: Marc & Carolyn Allen

Location: 26781 Calle Ultimo

Capistrano Beach, 92624

**note that this is the forth Friday, rather than the third this month & we will not be meeting in November or December due to the holidays*

Please contact Pat Sawyer with any questions (sawlp@sbcglobal.net)



LAUNDRY LOVE

When: October 16th

2:00pm–5:00pm

Where: Laundry Basket South

2405 S. El Camino Real

Please contact Tina English for more information: ringlish@cox.net



Social Justice Book Club

October 17th @ 7pm

The Viscount's Home: 24386 Antilles Way, Dana Point 92629

We will be discuss in depth the first 3 chapters of

"Money & Faith". Edited by Michael Schut.

Please contact The Viscounts or Jan Geneviro for more information



Sandwich Making for the Welcome Inn

October 20th after the 10am service

Join us to help make sandwiches and sack lunches for those in need!



OCTOBER 31ST

AT 6:00 PM

St. Clements will be hosting a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser along with a safe environment for us all to enjoy a Costume Contest, a pumpkin-carving contest and safe Trick or Treating for kids.



**TRICK
OR
TREAT**

- Godly Play -



Godly Play, I Wonder...Join Us

Sundays at 10 in the Education Wing - Children Ages 4 - 9

Godly Play is a Montessori –style curriculum that invites children into the world of wonder as they explore what it means to come closer to God through Biblical stories, prayer and creative response. Each week we follow the same format, as we introduce a new story. Our morning looks like this:

Join the Circle - on the rug to share about our week

Circle of the Church Year – Church Year Calendar and liturgical colors get updated and their meaning highlighted each week

The Story – Each week we hear a new story about people coming close to God, and wonder about how we are a part of that story

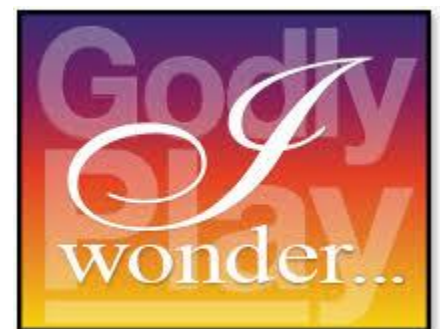
Prayer Circle – We conclude our Story Circle by praying our way around the Circle together

Our Work – This is the children’s time to respond to the story through art, building structures, or perhaps using the time to get out the pieces and tell a story themselves

Eucharist – We rejoin our families in the sanctuary for the Celebration of the Holy Eucharist

Story Schedule – See our schedule below.

Oct. 6	Jonah
Oct. 13	Exile & Return
Oct. 20	Tower of Babel
Oct. 27	St. Teresa of Avila
Nov. 3	All Saints Sunday – Child’s Own Saint, (End Daylight Savings)
Nov. 10	The Prophets
Nov. 17	St. Margaret of Scotland
Nov. 24	Introduce Christmas Pageant and start learning songs
Dec. 1	Christmas Pageant Rehearsal, Advent 1, (Thanksgiving Weekend)
Dec. 8	Christmas Pageant Rehearsal, Advent 2
Dec. 15	Christmas Pageant Rehearsal, Advent 3
Dec. 22	Christmas Pageant Dress Rehearsal, Advent 4
Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Pageant
Dec. 29	Circle of the Church Year



-Leave Your Legacy -



How do you want loved ones to remember you? Perhaps you want to be thought of for your work or for being a loving parent or grandparent. Leaving your legacy can also be about sharing your values or family stories with those you love. A handwritten legacy letter to each person holding special meaning to you is one of the most valuable gifts you can leave.



Another way to leave your legacy is to share your time, talent, and wealth with your parish, St. Clement's-by-the-Sea. You become a member of the Anchor Society when you make a gift to the Endowment Fund either now while you are living or as part of your estate plan in your Will or Trust. You will immediately see the effects of your gift.

The Endowment Fund is used to benefit the ministries right here in our parish. The Fund is used to support our church's operating expenses and ministries such as Laundry Love and our educational programs. The best feature of the Endowment Fund is that the principal balance of the fund is never diminished. Only the interest is used each year to keep the church building and grounds beautiful and to support our operating budget. The care exercised by our Vestry, Rector, and the Endowment Committee ensure that the fund will continue for generations to come.

Looking at the calendar, we are three quarters of the way through 2019. Instead of waiting until those busy last weeks in December, NOW is the time to consider making a gift to the Endowment Fund to receive an immediate tax deduction for 2019. You can also visit your estate planning attorney to find out how you can receive a tax write off now for a charitable gift made to St. Clement's-by-the-Sea in the future through a charitable remainder trust.

St. Clement's has welcomed each of us with open arms. Your gift will further St. Clement's legacy which has continued for the last ninety years. Consider your gift to the Endowment Fund today and be part of St. Clement's legacy since 1929 to ensure our church and its ministries will continue to serve all who enter our parish doors.

By Jennifer Elliott, Esquire of San Clemente Estate Law, P.C.

- Save the Date -



UPCOMING EVENTS

- **October 5th**-Laundry Love Shopping Extravaganza
- **October 6th**- Blessing of the Animals
- **October 9th** -Healing Services Begin
- **October 25th** – Anchors Potluck/ SCMFO Fundraiser
- **October 31st** - Spaghetti Dinner, Costume Contest, Pumpkin Carving and Safe Trick or Treating for kids
- **November 3rd** – All Saints Day / Día de los Muertos
- **November 10th** - Veterans Day/Marine Corps Birthday



Tuesday
October 15th
7:00 pm

We will meet in the Library

- October Birthdays -



1-Char Bailey Crowe	15-Karen Stevens
2-Laurie Baxter	16-Kate Styles
3-Michelle Higgins	18-Justin Carbonara
5-Curtis Bower	18-Susan Pierce
6-Claire Morrison	19-Francis Viscount
7-Charles "Frank" Mansfield	20-Patricia Welliver
7-Max Ulz	25-Jim Prothero
9-Anne Casey	26-Geoffry Harris
9-Kevin Higgins	26-Sue King
10-Anne Garcia	26-Bob Lloyd
10-Jerry Stevens	30-Sophia Suda
12-Edwina Quayle	31-Larry Sawyer

- October Anniversaries -



6-Roland & Audrey Daigle
 12-Rocco & Belkis Carbonara
 22-Robert Jr. & Debra Miranda

Bible Studies



Every Wednesday
 in the Library

11:00am (English)

6:00pm (Spanish)

Centering Prayer

Centering Prayer Group

Every Monday at 6:00pm in the Library

For more information,
 please contact Matt Duncan:
morphix1@cox.net

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:00am Holy Communion Rite I

10:00am Holy Communion Rite II with Choir, Nursery, Sunday School

12:00pm La Misa en Español

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Monday—9:00am-1:00pm

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