

# St. Clement's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church

## 2005 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PARISH



Parish Vision Statement: Be Fed as we Feed.

Parish Mission Statement: Follow Christ through the way we live and love,  
spreading the good news of God in Christ, opening our hearts to all.

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## 2005 Clergy

The Rev. Canon Diane M. Jardine Bruce ..... Rector  
 The Rev. Packard L. Okie..... Associate for Pastoral Care

## 2005 Staff

Mr. Bart Ashbaugh ..... Sexton  
 Mrs. Frances Bennett ..... Vocalist  
 Ms. Bonnie Brandon ..... Parish Administrator  
 Ms. Betty Comer ..... Secretary and Communications  
 Ms. Graciela Curiel ..... Hispanic Ministry  
 Mr. Tom Fahney..... Bell Choir  
 Mrs. Margarita Farías ..... Nursery  
 Mrs. Cindi Gross ..... Bookkeeper  
 Mr. Dan Resch..... Organist and Choirmaster  
 Mrs. Tracy VanNostrand ..... Sunday School Director  
 Mr. Al Walls..... Spanish Translator

## 2005 Vestry

Mr. Jon Sherman ..... Senior Warden  
 Mr. Stephen James ..... Junior Warden and Stewardship

Ms. Graciela Curiel ..... Latino Ministry  
 Mrs. Myrna Gray ..... Volunteers  
 Mr. John Gould ..... Outreach  
 Mr. Russell Inglish ..... Finance  
 Mr. Russell Kerr ..... Christian Education  
 Mr. Chris LaBarthe ..... Liturgy and Music  
 Ms. Venice Peek ..... Evangelism  
 Mr. Mark Pocino ..... Buildings and Grounds  
 Ms. Francisca Rojas ..... Youth  
 Mrs. Pat Welliver ..... Parish Life

Ms. Betty Comer ..... Clerk of the Vestry  
 Mr. Joseph Silva ..... Treasurer

**Agenda for the Annual Parish Meeting for the year 2005  
January 22, 2006**

Call to Order and Opening Prayer.

Distribution of Attendance Lists – *to be signed by all present, please.*

**Appointments by the Rector**

Clerk of the Annual Meeting: Betty Comer

Parliamentarian: Bob Morris

Tellers: Julie Morris, Frank Mansfield

**The Minutes of the Year 2005 Annual Meeting** – beginning on page 6

**Reading of the Qualification of Voters** ..... The Rector

*Communicants in Good Standing in the Parish alone shall choose by ballot the Vestry members to serve for three years.*

*[Canon 9, Sec. 2, p. C-26]*

*A Communicant in Good Standing is a baptized person who is faithful in corporate worship, and has received the Sacrament of Holy Communion at least three times during the preceding 12 month, is 16 years old or older, and who is a recorded contributor to the support of the Church with money or with personal service. [Canon 20, Sec. 1 & 2, p. C 39]*

**Report of Nominating Committee** ..... Jon Sherman

Vestry - 3-year terms (expiring January 2009)

Mark Banion

Patty Clarke

Anne Garcia

Chris Miller

*Nominations from the floor*

**Appointment of the Senior Warden by the Rector**

**Election of the Delegates to Diocesan Convention (2 needed)**

Senior Warden

Junior Warden

Wendy Lords

Katrina Soto

*Nominations from the floor*

**Election of Alternates to Diocesan Convention (2 needed)**

Frank Soto

Melissa James

*Nominations from the floor*

**Election of Representative to the Deanery Council (1 needed)**

*Nominations from the floor*

**Annual Reports “by title” – in the Annual Report booklet**

The presentation of reports “by title” is the norm of the Episcopal Church. The author or other person presenting the report says,

*I present the report of \_\_\_\_\_ by title and move its acceptance.*

After that motion has been seconded, constructive discussion of the report may be held. Reports at the Annual Meeting are accounts of what has been done by a particular group or an individual in the past year.

Or, someone may move that *all* reports be accepted, with thanks, as presented in the Annual Meeting booklet.

Welcome and Introduction of those attending their 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting.

Rector's Report..... The Rev. Cn. Diane M. Jardine Bruce

Treasurer's Report: Operating Fund, Assets and Funds .....Joe Silva

Vestry Budget for 2006.....Joe Silva

**Thanksgivings:**

- Necrology
- New Members

**Old Business**

**New Business**

**Announcements of the Results of the Elections**

**Installation of Newly-Elected Members of the Vestry**

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| People | <b>We present these persons to be admitted to the ministry of Sr. Warden and Members of the Vestry of this Parish.</b>  |
| Rector | Are these persons you present prepared by a commitment to Christ as Lord, by regular attendance at worship, and by knowledge of their duties, to exercise their ministry to the honor of God, and the well being of God's Church? |
| People | <b>We believe they are.</b>   |

**Concluding Prayer and Adjournment**

**Please be sure you have signed the attendance roster!**

## **Minutes from the Annual Parish Meeting for the Year 2004** **75<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting – January 23, 2005**

**Opening Prayer & Call to Order:** The Rev. Packard Okie opened the 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting with a prayer. The Rev. Cn. Diane Jardine Bruce called the meeting to order.

**Attendance Lists:** An attendance sheet was circulated. Diane requested that those present be sure to sign the attendance record.

**Appointments by the Rector:** The following appointments were made:

Clerk of the Annual Meeting – Betty Comer  
Parliamentarian – Bob Morris  
Tellers – Julie Morris and Frank Mansfield

**Approval of the Minutes of the 2003 Annual Meeting:** A MOTION was made by Jon Sherman, seconded by Katrina Soto and CARRIED that the minutes of the 2003 Annual Meeting be approved as submitted.

**Reading of the Qualifications of Voters:** Diane read aloud the following qualifications (Canon 20, Section 1 and 2, page C-39) for those wishing to vote in today's election:

Must be Baptized  
Faithful in corporate worship  
Received Holy Communion at least three times during the preceding 12 months  
16 years of age or older  
Giver of record to support the Church with money or personal service

### **Elections**

**Vestry:** Sr. Warden, Sue King presented the following slate for election to the Vestry (terms would expire in 2008): **Russ English, Stephen James** (*filled the remainder of Don Crowe's term which entitled Stephen to run for a three year term*), **Venice Peek & Francisca Rojas** (*filled the remainder of Matthew Adamson's term which entitled her to run for a three year term*). Hearing no nominations from the floor, a MOTION was made by Pat Welliver, seconded by Bob Morris and CARRIED that the nominations be closed and the slate as presented be declared elected by acclamation.

**Appointment of the Sr. Warden:** The Rev. Cn. Diane Jardine Bruce announced the appointment of **Jon Sherman** as Sr. Warden. The Sr. Warden or "Rector's Warden" is appointed by the Rector. The Jr. Warden or "Peoples' Warden" will be elected by the Vestry at the Vestry Retreat.

**Diocesan Convention Delegates:** The Sr. Warden (**Jon Sherman**) and the **Jr. Warden** (elected at Vestry Retreat) are automatically convention delegates. The names of **Wendy Lords** and **Katrina Soto** were submitted for election as convention delegates. Hearing no nominations from the floor, a MOTION was made by Bob Morris, seconded by Joan Marahrens and CARRIED that the nominees as presented be elected by acclamation.

**Alternate Delegates to Diocesan Convention:** The name of **Frank Soto** was submitted for convention alternate. **Melissa James** consented to have her name considered to be an alternate delegate. Hearing no further nominations from the floor, a MOTION was made by Bob Morris, seconded by Jon Sherman and CARRIED that the nominations be closed and the nominees as presented be elected by acclamation.

**Deanery Representative:** The name of **Todd Muffatti** was submitted for nomination as Deanery Representative. Hearing no further nominations from the floor, a MOTION was made by Jon Sherman, seconded by Tina English and CARRIED that the nominations be closed and Todd Muffatti be elected by acclamation.

**Annual Reports:** A MOTION was made by Tina English, seconded by Stephen James and CARRIED that the annual reports be accepted with thanks as presented.

**Rector's Report:** Diane began by thanking Sue King and Lanneau Miller for their outstanding support and dedicated service on the Vestry and presented each of them with an Alpha & Omega Cross from Germany.

**A. Natural Church Development:** Diane stated that she, Jon Sherman, Duke Welliver and Karen Williams worked on Natural Church Development which is a program designed to help churches grow. There are eight characteristics of growing churches: *Empowering Leadership, Gift-oriented Ministry, Passionate Spirituality, Functional Structures, Inspiring Worship, Holistic Small Groups, Need-oriented Evangelism and Loving Relationships*. 30 parishioners were selected, according to the National Church Development guidelines, to participate in a survey. The results that were analyzed by Natural Church Development found St. Clement's to be a very healthy parish. Our lowest score was in Passionate Spirituality. Researchers at NCD found that the important thing is not the way spirituality is expressed but the fact that faith is actually lived out with commitment, fire and enthusiasm. The results of the input are being evaluated and input from as many parishioners as possible will be sought.

**B. Some of the accomplishments in 2004 include the following:**

- "Operation Spread the Love" began the year with the collection of 50 boxes of toys to send to the Marines to distribute to the children in Iraq.
- We hosted "Late Nite Catechism" with almost 200 people attending and raising funds for our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration.
- We purchased the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary plaque displayed at the front entrance to the church. Diane stated that her father will underwrite the purchase of the remainder of the plaques (parish hall, church office, etc.)
- We continued to celebrate wonderful liturgies throughout the year.
- Bishop Bruno was with us to celebrate our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.
- Frances Bennett and Dr. John Ballerino put on a wonderful concert which raised \$1,000 for the Friends of Music.
- Dr. John Ballerino left us this fall after his accident. Dan Resch stepped in as interim Organist/Choir Director and saw us through Christmas.
- We have "terminated the termites" with repairs ongoing. Repair of the roof will be accomplished in early 2005.
- We participated in the Habitat for Humanity project of building a house in Orange County.
- We also supported Mary Erickson Community Housing, Family Assistance Ministries and Laura's House with our time, talent and treasure.
- As part of St. Clement's Day ingathering, we were able to send \$1,200 to St. Martin-in-the-Fields in Twentynine Palms to start their Sunday school.
- We put on a great prime rib dinner/silent auction with music from the bell choir and great fellowship.
- We spent over \$6,000 in outreach monies, providing aid and support to people in Orange County, especially in San Clemente.
- We paid our full Mission Share (12%) to the Diocese.

**C. Discretionary Fund Report:** Diane stated that the Discretionary account is used by she and Fr. Okie to help only people in need. At the end of 2003, the Discretionary account was "in the hole" by more than \$2,500. Some of the families who used these funds in 2003 paid back a great amount in 2004.

In 2004, some outreach funds were used as well as discretionary funds to bring the discretionary account "back into the black." The funds were spent as follows:

Beginning Balance: 1-1-04	<b>-\$2,786.44</b>
Contributions to Discretionary Account:	<b>\$2,336.99</b>
Expenditures from Discretionary Account:	
Housing and/or utility bills:	\$550.00
Medical bills:	\$250.00
Legal fees:	\$371.00
Miscellaneous expenses:	\$220.00
Total of Expenditures:	<b>\$1,391.00</b>
Reimbursements from families/individuals:	<b>\$2,177.86</b>
Ending Balance as of 12-31-04;	<b><u>\$ 337.41</u></b>

**Welcome and Introduction of those attending their first Annual Meeting:** A hardy round of applause was given to those who were attending their first Annual Meeting especially baby Katie James.

**2004 Treasurer's Report - Joe Silva**

Income:	Budget	\$350,464.00
	Actual	\$351,279.50
	Difference	+ \$815.50
Expenses:	Budget	\$350,464.00
	Actual	\$345,716.50
	Difference	- \$4,747.50
Net Difference (income less expenses)		+ \$5,563.00
Balance in the Smith-Barney account at year end		\$1,152.72
Balance in Merrill-Lynch Account		\$3,032.21

The number of pledges in 2004 totaled 147 vs. 142 in 2003. Total amount pledged in 2004 was \$252,515.00 (composed of \$236,335 in regular pledges and \$8,110.00 in prepaid pledges).

Actual 2005 pledges received through January 21<sup>st</sup> was \$260,000.00 with the total number of pledges received at 139 with an anticipated total number of pledges at 150 when all pledges are received. There are approximately \$13,000.00 in outstanding pledges and should bring the total for 2005 to \$273,991.00. There is \$7,000.00 more anticipated from 22 families who have envelope #'s but historically do not pledge.

Longtime Finance committee member, Bob Morris resigned because he moved to The Covington and the drive to the meeting in San Clemente was too long. Bob was applauded for his many years of service.

Joe thanked Myrna Gray and Frank Mansfield who have devoted many hours to supervising the counting teams.

The Merrill-Lynch account was closed and transferred to the building account for termite repair.

**2005 Budget:** Diane highlighted some of the line item amounts in the budget. St. Clement's will not be receiving a Latino grant this year. Churches that are receiving grants will be receiving as high as a 60% decrease in funding. The rector has received a \$5,000 raise which will result in slight increases in Social Security and Pension. Fr. Okie, Bonnie Brandon (Parish Administrator) and Debra Root (Sunday School Director) were given small raises. We have met our 12% Mission Share with plans to increase it to 15% in the future. Diane stated that we have been carrying a long-time deficit and that \$5,500 will be applied to reduce it. *This is an accounting procedure only.* A MOTION was made by Bob Morris, seconded by Russ English and CARRIED that the Proposed budget be approved as presented.

**Thanksgivings:** Diane+ stated she was thankful for the work of Duke Welliver and members of the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary committee for planning a wonderful 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year and to Mark Pocino for his work in planning and executing the termite eradication. She also thanked Francisca Rojas for her dedication to building the youth group and Diane was thankful to her dad for underwriting the cost of the new plaques. She then invited members of the parish to share their thanksgivings. Other thanksgivings included good health, for our rector Diane and Debra, our Sunday School Director and for finally taking care of the termite problem.

**Installation of Newly Elected Vestry Members:** Parishioners in attendance presented the **Sr. Warden Jon Sherman** and newly-elected Vestry members **Russ English, Stephen James, Venice Peek (in ausencia) and Francisca Rojas (in ausencia)** for admission to the Vestry. Diane asked those parishioners present if the persons presented were prepared by a commitment to Christ as Lord, by regular attendance at worship and by knowledge of their duties to exercise their ministry to the honor of God and the well being of God's Church. Those present responded with we believe they are. The above listed Vestry members were officially installed.

**Closing Prayer and Adjournment:** Before closing, Diane reminded everyone to be sure to sign the attendance list. She also thanked Pat Welliver and her team for the delicious brunch. Fr. Okie closed the Annual Meeting with a prayer and the meeting was adjourned by Diane.

Respectfully submitted,

*Betty Comer*

Clerk for the Annual Meeting



# Reports

## Rector's Report

I'd like to welcome you to this, my 6<sup>th</sup> annual meeting with you. It almost doesn't seem possible. On June 1, 2006, I will celebrate my 6<sup>th</sup> anniversary here with at St. Clement's. Time has flown by. We have done an incredible amount of good work together during the last 5 ½ years. We have celebrated many beautiful liturgies, welcomed and said goodbye to people, and shared many meals together.



This past year, we've had some wonderful "firsts":

- Welcomed Dan Resch as our permanent Organist/Choirmaster.

- Started the Peaceful Warrior Tae Kwon Do School thanks to tireless efforts of Duke Welliver and the local Kiwanis and so many of you.

- Refurbished parts of the parish gardens thanks to the efforts of John Bennett and the wonderful young men in his home room group at St. Margaret's School.

- Started "Meditation Mondays" and gave the parish library a facelift thanks to Randy Seech

- Eradicated our termites thanks to your generosity.

- Refurbished our stained glass windows – again, thanks to so many of you.

- Participated in the Natural Church Development training, and worked with so many of you on discovering our strengths and weaknesses in our area of focus: Passionate Spirituality.

Passionate Spirituality – our focus area for Natural Church Development, became the focus for us for the year. Your feedback and information was invaluable – thank you! We've been able to incorporate many of your good ideas and feedback into our work here at St. Clement's. We even centered our successful fall pledge campaign on our slogan related to Passionate Spirituality which Karen Williams gleaned from going through pages and pages of notes she took from our work with all of you who participated in the focus groups: *The Spirituality of Giving is the Giving of Spirituality*. What a beautiful, circular focus on mission, ministry and Spiritual growth! I want to thank Karen Williams, Jon Sherman, and Duke Welliver for their leadership and guidance during this process.

Speaking of thank yous, you all need to know that Mark Pocino, Buildings and Grounds Vestry Person, has done an AMAZING job this year. Between Christmas and New Years last year, this wonderful man and his great wife Sherilee bagged all the food we have in the church before termite tenting. They also cleaned out all the cabinets in the kitchen...and, as with many other church kitchens, well, some things were, how shall I put it ...ALIVE! Mark spent the first day of the New Year 2005 running back and forth between the church and his home, looking out for our best interests, and making sure all was well, ready, and CLEAN before we came to church that Sunday. He also oversaw the roof repairs, garden refurbishing with the help of John Bennett and his TA at St. Margaret's School, and, of course, the stained glass windows. This man steps up and does so much for this parish – and Mark, I, and I know this parish, thank you! Most recently, he acquired bids and worked on the grant proposal to get the exterior of Historical Landmark #1 in San Clemente painted and maintained. Mark, thank you!

Another thank you goes to our wonderful outgoing Sr. Warden Jon Sherman. He's amazing, spiritual, has a great sense of humor, and can talk me off the roof when I'm ready to jump. He has been a great help to me during this past year – thank you, Jon! Thank you, also, to our outgoing vestry persons John Gould, Myrna Gray, and Graciela Curiel. These individuals have done a great job the last few years for this parish.

I have had the privilege of working with an incredible vestry over the past year. Not only our Senior Warden and our outgoing vestry persons that I just mentioned, but also Junior Warden and Stewardship

Chair Steve James, Russell Kerr, Mark Pocino, Pat Welliver, Venice Peek, Francisca Rojas, Russ English, and Chris LaBarthe. I could go on and on about all the good work they have done, but I will leave that to you to read in their reports to you. A special Thank You goes to our Deanery Representative for the past few years, Todd Muffatti, who so cheerfully gave of his time to these meetings. Thank you, Todd!

Where would I be without the five musketeers – Betty Comer, Fr. Okie, Tom Colt, Joe Silva and Bonnie Brandon. They keep me in line, and they keep me centered. Thank you, my friends!

Last, but definitely not least, where would I be without all of you? This last year saw many ups and downs in my personal life...our son graduated from Santa Cruz Phi Beta Kappa (not that I'm proud), Steve's cancer, and my father's terminal diagnosis. You all have been so very kind and patient with me. You gently prod me when I need it, and pray for me, as I pray for you. Thank you. Thank all of you.

I am very proud to be the Rector of St. Clement's, and look forward to many good years of ministry to come. This year – 2006 – I look forward to expanding the offerings we have for you all, again in line with the good work done for and through Natural Church Development. With the help of Dan our choirmaster, Tracy our Sunday School and Youth Group Director, Tom Colt, Sally Edwards with the ECW, Professor Pam Kelley and the clergy, wardens, vestry, and staff, we are working to put together a series of liturgical, musical, educational, spiritual, and social events designed to help you grow, help all of us grow in our spiritual lives, and designed to help us be better equipped to say "yes" to God, individually and as a community of faith. Details to follow in the upcoming and future *Anchor* newsletters. I pray you will join us for the events planned for this year and beyond, and if there is something that you'd like to do that we haven't planned yet – let us know. We are ready to help, and to grow!

Before I close this report to you, I would like to share with you the disposition of the Discretionary Funds entrusted to Fr. Okie and myself, and used to help those in need. The discretionary account is used to help people in need within the parish and the community as well. Funds were spent as follows:

Beginning Balance: 01/01/05	<b>\$ 337.41</b>
Contributions to the Discretionary Account:	<b>\$2,125.00</b>
Expenditures from the Discretionary Account:	
For housing and/or utility bills:	\$1,170.00
For medical bills:	\$ 375.00
For miscellaneous expenses (especially to the homeless):	\$ 209.00
Total of all Expenditures	<b>\$1,754.00</b>
Ending Balance as of 12/31/05	<b><u>\$ 708.41</u></b>

I am so honored to be your Rector! Please know that every member of this parish is daily in my prayers.

Faithfully,

*Diane*

The Rev. Cn. Diane M. Jardine Bruce

## Associate Rector - Pastoral Care

I have continued to enjoy my role as pastoral assistant to our rector. I will probably cut back on my activities, due to my advancing years. I thank the congregation, vestry, and rector for your support.

Sincerely,

*Packard+*

The Rev. Packard L. Okie



**Rector's Note:** Fr. Okie has requested that he be allowed to step back from some of his duties at St. Clement's. What does this mean for us? Primarily this will involve Fr. Okie not being with us every Sunday. When he comes to church on Sundays he will sit amongst all of you in the pews. He deserves this rest after 63+ years of active ministry.

I, and members of the parish, will be in charge of pastoral care. Fr. Okie will continue to lead worship on Wednesdays for us, and will help me as he can. The leadership of the Sunday morning bible study will be shared among the members of that group.

Fr. Okie will still be with us and will continue to be a wonderful sounding board for me. To be clear, this does mean that I will be taking on most of his duties as will some of you. I am so grateful to Fr. Okie and Florence for their years of service, love, and support.

## Senior Warden

First of all, let me say how proud I am to have served St. Clement's these past three years as a vestry member. It has been a privilege to do so, especially this year as the church's Senior Warden.



I have gotten to know many of the parishioners at St. Clement's better during my vestry tenure simply by being more involved than ever before. As Junior Warden last year, I had to keep my eyes and ears open to the issues at hand as seen by the people of the congregation. This year as Senior Warden, it has been my duty to listen to, advise, and support our Rector, Diane, as she ministers to all of us. As Senior Warden you sure realize what a remarkable job she does and just how unbelievably hard she works. What a complete pleasure it has been. And what a year it has been!

This year Diane was elected to be the President of the Bishop's Standing Committee. This is an honor for her that she richly deserves, and we are so very proud of her.

It has been a very exciting and emotional year at St. Clement's. We have worked hard. We have accomplished much. We have had our share of pain and loss, and our share of growth and rebirth. We lost some loved ones. We gained some new families and had some babies. We fought with cancer. We won some battles and we lost some battles. We repaired some breaks – everything from broken hearts to broken stained glass windows – because that is what we do here. And we do it all together as a church family.

As part of our continuing education, we furthered our study of the Natural Church Development program. We started a Peaceful Warrior Program, thanks to Duke Welliver, with the help of Kiwanis and this community of faith. We continue to reach out into our neighborhood and beyond with our outreach programs.

Our events this year were the best ever. Our first 50's and 60's night was fun. Our Silent Auction and Prime Rib Dinner was a huge success. We hosted dozens of other wonderful events – from brunches and concerts to movies and meditation classes. Our music program is back stronger and sounding better than ever. We are so fortunate to have Dan Resch with us regularly now.

We added wonderful new vestry members: Russ English, Russell Kerr, Francisca Rojas, and Venice Peek who bring so much to the table for St. Clement's. I depart knowing that St. Clement's is in very capable hands! I look forward to the future as this vestry and future vestries do their best to keep St. Clement's such a spiritual and wonderful place to worship.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jon Sherman*

## Junior Warden and Stewardship

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve St. Clement's this past year as Junior Warden and Stewardship Chair.

At the end of October St. Clement's kicked off our annual campaign, "The Spirituality of Giving is the Giving of Spirituality", with brunch-meetings after each service.



Diane spoke of the programs and policies put in place this last year and of our "vision and mission" for the year ahead and the future.

Steve spoke about the series of forums we had during 2005 which will continue in 2006 on Planned Giving. Each of these forums have been very well attended.

In terms of the annual pledge drive for 2006, the results of this campaign are as follows:

Category	Count	2005	2006	Difference	Average
New Pledges	18	\$0	\$20,994	\$20,994	\$1,166
Increased Pledges	45	\$124,185	\$142,528	\$18,343	\$3,167
Pledges staying the same	55	\$93,441	\$94,321*	\$880	\$1,715
Decreased Pledges	5	\$25,860	\$14,725	-\$11,135	\$2,945
Lost Pledges	-5	\$5,580	\$0	-\$5,580	\$0
Subtotal	118		<b>\$272,568</b>	\$23,502	\$2,310
Outstanding Pledges	11	\$9,690	\$9,690	\$0	\$881
	129	<b>\$258,755</b>	<b>\$282,258</b>		\$2,188
People with envelopes not yet pledging	22	\$9,739	\$9,739		
	<b>151</b>		<b>\$291,997</b>		

\*For those households pledging weekly, as there are 53 Sundays in 2006, there was a slight increase in those households for the year. This occurs once every few years.

If you are in the group that hasn't yet turned in your pledge card for 2006, or has envelopes but has not yet formally pledged, it would be helpful if you could take a few moments to fill out a pledge card for us. We have tried to build out budget around the Potential 2006 number – but a firm understanding of what your pledge might be would be helpful to us.

May it continue to be said of the people at St. Clement's that we respond to the many gifts that we have received from God in our lives by sharing these gifts to those around us.

Respectfully submitted,

*Stephen James*

## **Agape Alive** **St. Clement's Counseling Center**



Our brochure reads, "A Center for Hope and Understanding." Agape means God's love in Action. This is an ongoing church and community outreach program. From the feedback we are getting from the clients, they feel this counseling is helping them and giving them new home.

The center functions quietly, as it is confidential and protected from general church affairs. Diane Bruce, Rector and our director oversees the program. She may see some parishioners for counseling but usually refers longer term people to the center. We've had a good year with an average of three people being seen each week. Betty, our beloved church secretary, receives the initial calls and arranges appointments. She also calls clients several days in advance to remind them of their appointments times.

Some clients are from the church but most are young people from the surrounding community who cannot afford counseling. We do not charge for services but request a gift to the church at the end of the therapy. Well timed prayer is part of the counseling. We see them for three to six sessions. Sometimes it is for immediate crisis, sometimes for relationship and life problems. Many of these clients have suffered considerable emotional trauma and it is good to be able to offer them a gift of water in Christ's name.

Sincerely in the Spirit,

*Jean M. Hattem, Ph.D.*



**Pick up a brochure at coffee hour!**

## Altar Guild

The Altar Guild prepares the Sanctuary for all services: Sunday Masses, weekday services, funerals, and weddings. On Saturdays, we clean the Sanctuary and sacristy. We also take care of the vestments, linens, and communion vessels. Members serve on teams, each of which is responsible for one week each month. It is our pleasure to assist the Reverend Canon Diane Jardine Bruce and the Reverend Packard Okie with services at St. Clement's by-the-Sea.



This year, during Advent, we used red wine and we discovered a neat trick for removing red wine stains from linens which we'd like to share with all of you, should you encounter such a cleaning challenge: pour boiling water through the stain and follow up with a soak in Oxy Clean, or a similar product. Works like a charm! We also used homemade bread. We thank Brigitte Bower for baking the bread each week.

This year we regretfully accepted the resignation of Lucille Clayton because of health issues. We welcomed new members Judy Johnson, Sue King, and Joyce Vietz.

In December, we were treated to a lovely, festive luncheon by the Rector, Canon Diane Jardine Bruce.

Currently serving St. Clement's:

Team One: Katrina Soto, Pat Gergen, Sue King

Team Two: Patty Clarke, Anne Garcia, Judy Johnson

Team Three: Joyce Stewart, Barbara Conti, Joyce Vietz

Team Four: Phyllis Banion, Tina English

Frank Soto, who serves as support for Altar Guild, helping out in many areas and specializing in hazardous duties

Betty Grensted, who performs the invaluable service of caring for our Fair Linens.

Elvira Carillo, Consuelo Mejia, and her daughter, Francisca, with assistance of other members of the Latino congregation, who clean up after the Spanish Language service on Sundays

Bonnie Brandon, who covers the Wednesday services on the first and fourth Wednesdays of each month

Serving the Lord through the ministry of the Altar Guild is a very special blessing to all of our members. We would like to increase our membership. If you should feel called to join in this ministry, please speak to the Rector or to any member of the Altar Guild.

Respectfully submitted,

*Katrina Soto*

Directress



## **Anchors Supper Club**

This group started many years ago as the Couples' Club, and over the years the name was changed to the Anchors to make it open to all members of the parish, not just to couples. The Anchors Supper Club meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in different peoples' homes. Those who attend are asked to bring a food item of their choice (hors d'oeuvres, main dish, vegetable, dessert, etc.). It is an evening of congeniality and good food, an excellent way to become acquainted with the people you see at church each Sunday. Many people opened their homes to the Anchor parties during the year, and anyone who attended will tell you they had a great time. We hope more people will join us in the year 2006 in "getting to know you" at the Anchors.



Respectively submitted,

*Anne Garcia*

Chairperson

**Please join us. There is always great food, fun and fellowship!**

## **Buildings and Grounds**



There has been a lot of activity around the parish this past year for Buildings and Grounds. We've had several major projects and are most grateful to all who contributed to the funding of those projects. Specifically, the following major projects were completed in 2005:

- Termite work started in 2004 was completed in 2005. This was a major project that had been contemplated over a number of years, and it is now accomplished. Many thanks to the members who contributed to the funding for this important maintenance project. From now on, we will be contracting with Reynold's Termite Control for annual maintenance that will avoid the type of remedial work that was required in 2004.
- Repairs to the tile roof were completed this year thanks to Reverend Diane's neighbor who generously provided the labor required to install the tiles while we only had to pay for the cost of materials.
- We completed revamping/landscaping projects that make our courtyard much more pleasant. We owe thanks to the John Bennett and the service project students from St. Margaret's School.
- Stained glass windows were repaired/refurbished by Judson Studios. We had anticipated only repairing half the windows, but due to the generosity of our members, we were able to repair several additional windows that would have required repairs in the next several years.

The repairs, replacements, maintenance and upgrades to our buildings and grounds we experienced in the recent past will be an ongoing effort for St. Clement's. Contributing factors are the obvious wear and tear to the buildings and grounds, proximity to the ocean, and the age of the buildings. We hope to be able to fund these projects in the future by setting aside or reserving a specified amount annually through our budgeting process. However, if those funds set aside are not sufficient, we may have to come to the members for additional funding.

The major Buildings and Grounds project for 2006 is painting the outside of our buildings to bring our facilities up to acceptable standards. Our buildings are badly in need of painting. We are anticipating this will take place early in 2006. We have completed a grant request to hopefully pay for this needed work. If we cannot get this grant, the Building and Grounds limited funds will need to be utilized to cover these expenses. We may need to seek contributions from members to complete this project.

We continued work on our checklist to be in compliance for our insurance carrier. We are developing a procedures manual to specifically address the periodic (annually, monthly, weekly) requirements to maintain our facilities.

Finally, we anticipate a number of cleanup days in 2006, and I hope that anyone who is even slightly "handy" will come out and give us a hand. We have a lot of fun, and it is always great to have the parish looking beautiful!

Respectfully submitted,

*Mark Pocino*

## Christian Education

Throughout 2005 many exciting opportunities were offered for Christian Education for all ages. We are most grateful for the leadership and teaching provided by Reverend Canon Diane Jardine Bruce and Father Okie. Thank you so much for sharing yourselves with us all. This has been a tremendous year of learning and living.



Ongoing Offerings include:

### **Sunday School** -

Director, Tracy Sherman-VanNostrand, and teachers, Jayne Lane, Gretchen Montgomery, Jenni Snibbe, Tatia Wallett, John & Lauri McIntosh and Gwendolyn Wilson deserve our sincere gratitude for providing quality education for our children. At the beginning of summer, Rev. Diane, Tracy and all the parent teachers gathered to discuss the Godly Play format and watch an instructional video. They have continued to use the Godly Play curriculum with much success and positive feedback from the children. The children have actively participated in the family services and special celebrations throughout the church year. As the Sunday School numbers grow, so does the need for more teachers. Please volunteer.

**Nursery** - Margaritas Farías also deserves our deep appreciation for taking care of so many of our very young folk. In both the Nursery and the Sunday School we have been pleased to welcome the children of several new families.

**Youth Ministry** - meetings for youth are held with a variety of opportunities for fellowship, church and community service. Tracy and Steve VanNostrand with Francisca Rojas have done a great job of coordination and leadership. We appreciate their service. Please see the Youth Report for more information.

**Family Sundays** - held monthly to encourage families to worship together in music, liturgy, prayers and learning sermons. Notices are placed on the Sunday School doors to remind parents of the date.

**Bible Studies** - held almost every Sunday at 9:00 a.m.; led by Father Okie. Readings are noted in the church calendar and bulletins. An additional Bible Study is held every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m.; led by The Reverend Canon Diane Jardine Bruce. The goal is to work through the whole Bible.

**Men of St. Clement's** - continue to meet on the third Wednesday each month at 6:30 p.m.; led by Steve Bruce. This spirituality group co-sponsored a men's weekend retreat and another is planned for 2006.

**Women's Book Discussion** - held on Tuesday (usually the first in the month) at 6:30 p.m.

**Women's Quiet Days** - held in Advent and Lent on Saturdays to reflect on a seasonal topic.

**Training Sessions** - held for Acolytes, LEMs, Lectors and Ushers.

**Course Offerings & Special Events** - reports on service in Iraq; Sunday School bar-b-que; Anglican Study - Finding Your Prayer Style, Opening the Prayer Book, Monday Meditations and an Advent Study on Fathoming Bethlehem were held. We also held Sunday forums on life issues including planned giving, advance health care directives, and funeral planning.

**Volunteers are needed** - as Sunday School teachers and for training in positions referenced above.

**Plans for 2006:**

- Bible Study - Pictures of Jesus by Dr Frank Shirbroun
- Introduction to the Episcopal Church & Confirmation Preparation
- Spiritual Autobiography, your story, led by Father Okie
- How do we make ethical and moral decisions as Christians?
- Field Trip - tba
- A Rector's forum on the study of Anglicanism
- We will be offering a session on Sunday morning in February on wills and trusts

Each of you are encouraged to participate in Christian Education - by being present, bringing a friend and offering to help with teaching, coordination or leadership of one of these events.

Respectfully submitted,

*Russell Kerr*

## Communications

St. Clement's by-the-Sea is actively involved in serving the needs of others as well as those of our parish family. We offer many opportunities for education and service through a variety of classes. Programs for 2005 include the Lunch program, Peaceful Warrior, WIC, Saddleback Emeritus Classes, semi-annual Blood Drive, collecting much-needed items for the victims of Hurricane Katrina, Family Assistance Ministries Hunger Walk, Mary Erickson Affordable Housing, and 12-step groups are but a few. All of this is offered in the spirit of love and fellowship. Communicating the dates, times, and details of programs and events is necessary to their success, not only for St. Clement's but for the community as well. Sources that are utilized for this purpose include the following:



### Anchor Newsletter

Our monthly bilingual newsletter provides information to members and friends of St. Clement's. It is published monthly except for combined December/January and July/August issues. This is our primary form of communication and currently has a circulation of 400. Deadline for information: the second Monday of the month (for example: the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday in May for the June Anchor).

### Sunday Bulletin Announcement Page

The Announcement Page includes financial and attendance information; upcoming events, programs and meetings; altar flower donations; prayer list and weekly calendar. We provide the bulletin, announcement page, music, lessons, prayers of the people, and inserts in a large print format for those who are visually impaired. These may be obtained from an usher as you enter the church. If you wish to put something in the announcement page or need a flyer, the deadline is the Monday before the Sunday on which you wish to have it published.

### Information Table

This is "Information Central" on Sunday morning. You will find the following:

- Signup Sheets: coffee hour, classes, field trips, help needed, etc.
- Informational Brochures: "The Episcopal Church", "How Do I Become a Member of the Episcopal Church," etc.
- St. Clement's: AIDS, Agape Alive Counseling Center, etc.
- Information from the Diocese: Pastoral letters from the Bishop, Camp Stevens Summer programs, special group travel opportunities, etc.
- Publications: Forward Day by Day, Books for the Women's Book Discussion, liturgical calendars, etc.
- A basket to dispose of used batteries.
- Other: Parish directories, seasonal information, etc.

### Special Posting

The most up-to-date complete and approved copies of the Vestry Minutes and Treasurer's Report are posted on the bulletin board in the office reception area.

### St. Clement's Web Page

This is St. Clement's "window to the world." Diane, our wonderful webmaster has designed our web page and makes sure the "latest, greatest" information, pictures, ministry schedule, etc. are entered. You can check out our web page at [www.stclementsbythesea.org](http://www.stclementsbythesea.org)

### **Email**

In a hurry?...Bogged down with a ton of work?... You don't have to come by the church office! Send us your message, report, bulletin or *Anchor* article by email at: stclementsbythesea@yahoo.com.

### **New Telephone System**

St. Clement's has entered the modern age. We now have a push button system which includes personal voice mail boxes for the staff, intercom, service times, address, etc.

### **Print Media (*Outside Publications*)**

#### ***Sun Post News:***

- Citizen of the Day (includes photo)
- Duke Welliver (Peaceful Warrior)
- Venice Peek
- Weekly Religion Page
- Worship services/special events/programs
- General articles or photos
- Blood Drive
- Holy Week & Easter
- AIDS Life Cycle Concert – photo
- Cinco de Mayo - photo
- Tribute to Evelyn Prohaska
- Tae Kwon Do Peaceful Warrior – Photo/Article
- (Kiwanis Club) presenting Duke with donation check
- Luncheon for disabled Marines
- Refurbish Stained Glass Windows – 2 colored photos & article
- Tae Kwon Do Open House – 1 colored & 1 black & white photo with article
- Scary Concert
- St. Clement's on Donor List for Marine Memorial
- Historical Tour (San Clemente Historical Society) - photos & two articles

#### ***The San Clemente Current (Chamber of Commerce Newsletter)***

- Marine Memorial Dedication: “moving invocation given by the Rev. Cn. Diane Jardine Bruce”

#### ***Orange County Register***

- Free notices on the Religion page for Holy Week and Easter
- Wonderful Palm Sunday article on the history and use of palms and palm crosses

#### ***Los Angeles Times - Orange County edition***

- Display Ad - The Episcopal Church Welcomes You  
Holy Week/Easter, and Christmas Worship Schedule (budgeted expense)

#### ***Episcopal News***

- Tae Kwon Do – photo & article

#### ***San Clemente Journal***

- Rod & Gloria Rodriguez – 3 photos & article

***The Scout (Camp Pendleton Newspaper)***

- Marine Corps Birthday ad

***Telephone Directory Listings***

- *South Coast Area Directory*: White & Yellow Pages published by the San Clemente Chamber of Commerce and serves San Clemente, Dana Point, San Juan Capistrano & Capistrano Beach.
- *SBC Yellow Pages*: Serves Orange County (budgeted expense)

***San Clemente Historical Society Tour***

While everyone was enjoying the Silent Auction & Prime Rib Dinner, the Holiday Historic tour members were visiting St. Clement's Church. For the first time, St. Clement's was one of six historic places chosen by the Historical Society for their tour! 225 people visited the church & Library. Lois Divel (she attended Sunday school here) and Pat Bouman were each married at St. Clement's. It is my hope that this will be the first of many tours!

***Office Master Calendar (hangs on the door to the office)***

This is the most vital method of "in house" program/event planning at St. Clement's. The Rector and Vestry do the preliminary planning of major events during the Vestry Retreat. The office staff uses this calendar to prepare the Sunday bulletin, *Anchor* newsletter and publicity releases; to organize the dates and meeting times of non-parish group meetings/classes/events and to eliminate double bookings. The success of your program/event depends greatly upon the ability of the staff to know in advance about your event/meeting so timely announcements and publicity may be arranged. Please take the opportunity to speak with Diane or Bonnie about scheduling your meeting/program/event to avoid confusion and/or disappointment.

***Flyers/Bulletin Flyer Inserts***

The staff is eager to help you with a design and/or to prepare a flyer for your event/program. Please assist us by allowing ample time for the creative process: two-three weeks before needed.

***Sign-up Sheets***

The office is available to assist you in the creation of a sign-up sheet to request volunteers, event attendance, donations of food, etc. Please let the office staff know at least one week prior to the Sunday you will need it.

St. Clement's is actively involved and continues to expand its role in support of its many ministries to serve both the physical and spiritual needs of our parish family, our neighborhood, the Diocese and the world. Our Mission and Vision statements define our goals. Promoting and inspiring all of us to participate in the activities/events/programs are the foundation of who we are as Christ's servants as we seek to share His love and grace with all people.

I will be more than happy to assist you in any way and/or answer any questions you may have. If you have any suggestions as to how communications could be improved, expanded and /or changed, your input would be gratefully received! Copies of all printed publicity are kept in the church office and may be reviewed upon request during regular business hours.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you!

*Betty Comer*

Communications Ministry

## **Daughters of the King St. Theresa of Avila Chapter**

The Daughters of the King is an Order for women who are communicants of the Episcopal Church, churches in communion with it, or churches that are in the Historic Episcopate. Members undertake a Rule of Life, incorporating the Rule of Prayer and the Rule of Service. By reaffirmation of the promises made at Confirmation, a Daughter pledges herself to a life-long program of prayer, service and evangelism, dedicated to the spread of Christ's Kingdom and the strengthening of the spiritual life of her parish.



"The object of this Order shall be the extension of Christ's Kingdom through Prayer, Service, and Evangelism."

Current members are: The Reverend Canon Diane M. Jardine Bruce, Patty Clarke, Betty Comer, Graciela Curiel, Audrey Daigle, Joan Marahrens, Lanneau Miller, and Katrina Soto. Julia Rae Walz, who is a member of Daughters of the King at St. Michael and All Angels, often joins us in our activities and actively participates in our hospitality duties.

The officers are:

President	The Rev. Canon Diane Jardine Bruce
Vice-President	Katrina Soto
Secretary	Betty Comer
Treasurer	Lanneau Miller

We meet throughout the year to explore various avenues of prayer, and to expand our religious education. We host Women's Quiet Days and provide hospitality for other occasions at the Rector's request.

Women of the parish who are interested in learning more about the Order are invited to speak to the Rector, or to any member.

Respectfully submitted,

*Katrina Soto*  
Vice President



## Episcopal Church Women (ECW)

The purpose of the ECW is for the women of the church to become better acquainted, to understand and care about one another, and to grow spiritually together. In addition, their activities and programs are to enrich their lives and to benefit the church in material ways by providing needed funds for church programs and building improvements. The ECW is also responsible for hosting funeral receptions and hosted several in 2005.



In March Lucille Clayton invited all women interested in ECW to attend a business meeting to make plans for the coming ECW year. Ideas were exchanged as to programs for the year.

Our first luncheon meeting was held in April and all enjoyed a delightful program presented by Sallyanne Bachman entitled, "The Golden Age of Music." In May our luncheon program included a talk by Sally Edwards on her trip to Peru and Machu Picchu. In June our luncheon featured a fashion show presented by Nancys Fancys with modeling by ECW women. At our July luncheon we had a beautiful presentation of quilt making by artistic quilter, Sheryl Smith-Bailey.

In August we had a patio luncheon and business meeting with presentation of a new slate of officers. Lucille Clayton, having served for many years as an outstanding ECW President, declined to continue in this capacity. The following slate of officers was presented and approved: President: Sally Edwards; Vice President: Elaine Viele; Treasurer: Joyce Stewart; Recording Secretary: Betty Comer; and Corresponding Secretary: Hazel Wales.

Our September luncheon was a Fellowship Champagne Luncheon held at the lovely home of Anne Garcia. It was decided to have a Fall Fair on November 6. The first Fall Fair workshop was conducted by Sheryl Smith-Bailey who provided instructions and materials to paint silk scarves, which was a lot of fun for all who participated. Thereafter, workshops were held every week at the church.

In October our luncheon program again featured Sallyanne Bachman with a presentation of "The Legend of Jeanette MacDonald and Nelson Eddy." In November the Fall Fair was quite successful in spite of a short period of preparation. Also in November, Diane led a Women's Quiet Day, a day of meditation, relaxation, and reflection with communion at the conclusion of the day, and a light lunch was also served. The year concluded with a December trip and luncheon at the Sherman Gardens in Corona del Mar.

Respectively submitted,

*Sally Edwards*



## Evangelism Committee

### San Clemente Street Fair

This was the fourth year for St. Clement's to participate in this fun event. This year we sold Ben and Jerry's ice cream thanks to the generosity of Steve James, our Junior Warden. It was a lot of fun!



### Advertisement

We continue to have articles in the local papers about all the larger events that we do. Betty Comer continues to do an excellent job of making sure we get press coverage. We display banners in front of the church for our larger events like the rummage sale, across major streets for events like the Marine Corps Birthday and Veterans' Day Celebration, as well as our Street Fair and Cinco de Mayo booths. We also post large signs in front of the church to display the special Easter and Christmas service times, and in celebration of the Virgen of Guadalupe. These banners and signs help to provide a presence and to reach out to the community.

### New Members

We are still in the process of re-vamping our new member information, pew cards, and how we welcome people to St. Clement's. Your input will always be most appreciated.

In 2005, we had over 70 individuals or couples fill out the guest register. Of that number, we welcome the following new members (or those that have attended in the past and have actively participated in groups this past year or pledged):

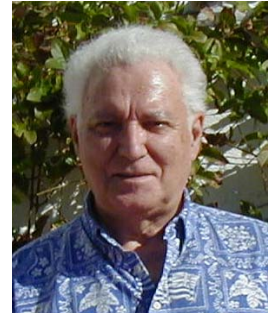
Randy Seech  
Ted and Betty Highland  
Rosemary and Scott Walker  
Marcia Mohler  
Elizabeth White  
Joyce Vietz  
Gwendolyn, Derek, Spencer and Anastasia Wilson  
Deborah, James, Jacob and Garrett Lamoureux  
Carolyn Jardon  
Heather and Jim Pechous  
Dan Resch and Michael Denison  
Martin Berube and Wendy Cameron

Peter Shikli  
Evelyn Kidder  
Katherine Workman  
Tom and Christi Seminoff  
D.J. and Marjorie Atkinson  
Ann Landsman  
Michael Coppolino  
Karla Jardon  
Sandra and Bruce Gilman  
Tod Stockton  
Peter Knapp

Respectfully submitted,

*Venice Peek*

## Finance/Treasurer's Report



The following is a report of the status of the church finances for the year ending 12/31/05:

Income:	Budget	\$ 353,674.00
	Actual	\$ 369,638.82
	Difference	\$ 15,964.82
Expenses:	Budget	\$ 353,674.00
	Actual	\$ 354,701.42
	Difference	\$ 14,937.40
Net difference (Income minus Expenses):		\$ 14,937.40

The key components which account for the net increase over expenses were **\$9,967.57** in Current Pledges and **\$5,464.07** in Plate Offerings.

The balance in our Smith-Barney account is **\$1,051.05** as of 12/31/05.

The Diocesan Investment Trust account as of 12/31/05 was **\$81,714.34**.

The actual pledges received to date total **118** with a total value of **\$272,568.00** verses **\$250,000.00** at this time last year. We are anticipating an additional 10 pledges which should bring the total to approximately **\$283,000** and after factoring in a **4% fallout rate** the net should be **\$266,000.00** with a budget set at **\$261,149.00**. We also have 22 families who have envelopes but have historically not pledged. Their annual giving runs around **\$9,500.00**.

I would like to personally thank the people that make this job such a pleasure for me and the members of the Finance Committee:

- (1) The members of St. Clement's who faithfully meet and/or exceed their pledges year after year,
- (2) The counting teams who toil every Monday to supply me and Cindi (our bookkeeper) with the weekly pledge amounts by envelope number and type,
- (3) The Finance Committee (Mark Pocino, Stephen James, and Russ English),
- (4) And certainly last but not least, our fearless and tireless leader Diane who makes it happen each year and monitors each and every dollar spent to insure we get the most bang for the buck.

In conclusion, I look forward to making it all happen again in 2006 as I reach a milestone of 10 years as your Treasurer here at St. Clement's.

Respectfully submitted,

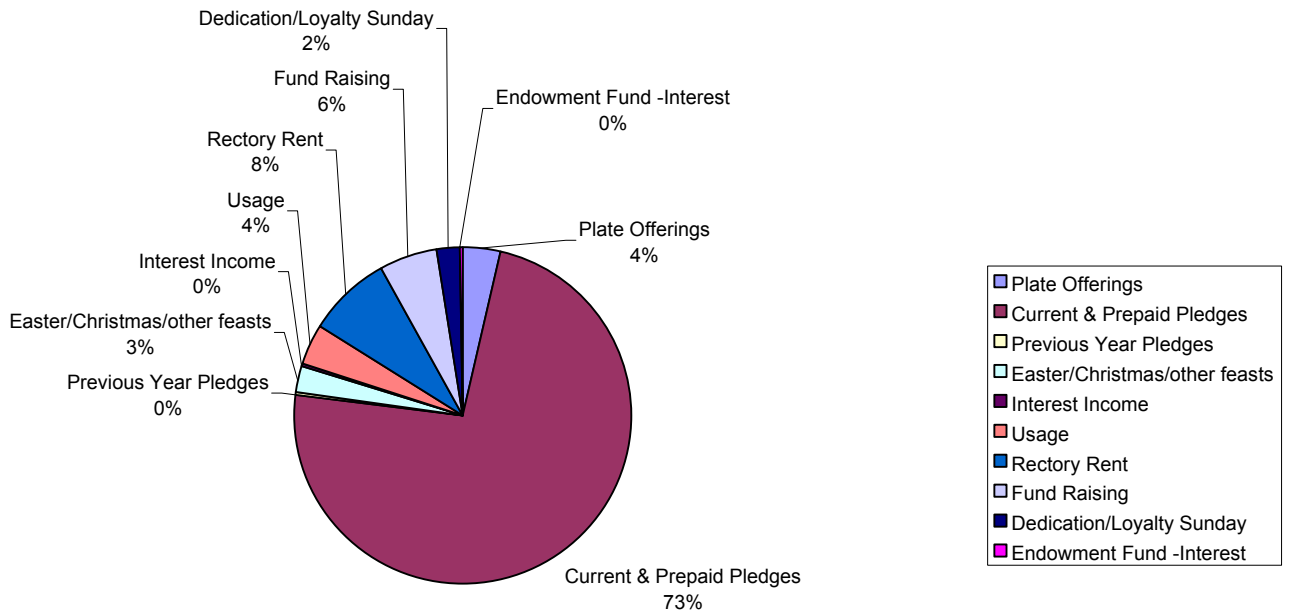
*Joe Silva*, Treasurer

<b>Ac- count Num- ber</b>	<b>Account Name</b>	<b>2005 Budget</b>	<b>12/31/2005 2005 Actu- als</b>	<b>Proposed 2006 Budget</b>	<b>Difference 2006 Budget vs. 2005 Actuals</b>
410.000	Plate Offerings	\$12,500	\$17,964	\$15,000	-\$2,964
420.000	Current Pledges	\$247,824	\$257,792	\$261,149	\$3,357
421.000	Prepaid Pledges	\$11,850	\$11,850	\$10,970	-\$880
422.000	Previous Year Pledges	\$1,200	\$4,575	\$4,000	-\$575
430.000	Easter/Christmas/other feasts	\$9,000	\$8,577	\$9,000	\$424
450.000	Interest Income	\$500	\$25	\$200	\$175
490.000	Usage	\$13,500	\$14,558	\$15,000	\$442
492.000	Rectory Rent	\$28,800	\$28,800	\$28,800	\$0
484.000	Fund Raising	\$20,000	\$15,230	\$45,802	\$30,572
498.000	Dedication/Loyalty Sunday	\$7,500	\$7,079	\$7,500	\$421
499.000	Endowment Fund -Interest	\$1,000	\$3,189	\$1,326	-\$1,863
	<b>Total Income</b>	\$353,674	\$369,639	\$398,747	\$29,108
501.000	Rector Salary	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
501.500	Associate Salary	\$14,250	\$14,250	\$3,900	-\$10,350
502.000	Rector Housing	\$66,000	\$66,000	\$78,000	\$12,000
502.500	Associate Housing	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
502.600	Rector's Social Security	\$5,049	\$5,049	\$5,967	\$918
503.000	Rector Auto Reimbursement	\$3,000	\$3,102	\$3,000	-\$102
503.500	Associate Auto Reimbursement	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
507.000	Rector Continuing Ed. Reimb.	\$500	\$490	\$500	\$10
507.500	Asst. Continuing Ed. Reimb.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	<b>Total Clergy Salary</b>	\$88,799	\$88,890	\$91,367	\$2,477
511.000	Rector Pension	\$12,789	\$12,789	\$15,114	\$2,325
512.000	Rector Insurance	\$15,783	\$15,409	\$19,261	\$3,852
512.250	Rector Sabbatical Fund Expense	\$0	\$0	\$2,000	\$2,000
512.500	Associate Pension	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
513.000	Associate Insurance	\$2,000	\$220	\$0	-\$220
516.000	Clergy Conference	\$1,500	\$1,177	\$1,500	\$323
518.000	Substitute Clergy	\$1,865	\$1,809	\$2,400	\$591
	<b>Total Clergy Support</b>	\$33,937	\$31,404	\$40,275	\$8,872
521.000	Office Manager Salary	\$36,000	\$36,000	\$37,080	\$1,080
504.000	Clergy Assistant - Hispanic	\$2,600	\$2,600	\$2,600	\$0
524.000	Sexton Salary	\$16,160	\$16,342	\$16,500	\$158
524.010	Sexton Overtime/Substitute	\$800	\$293	\$800	\$508
525.000	Bookkeeper	\$4,560	\$3,790	\$4,560	\$770
526.000	Staff Social Security - FICA	\$4,725	\$5,776	\$6,581	\$804
527.000	Staff Insurance	\$10,521	\$8,019	\$13,151	\$5,132
527.500	Staff Pension	\$4,928	\$2,034	\$5,044	\$3,010
529.000	Staff Miscellaneous	\$0	\$625	\$0	-\$625
	<b>Total Office Staff</b>	\$80,294	\$75,479	\$86,315	\$10,837

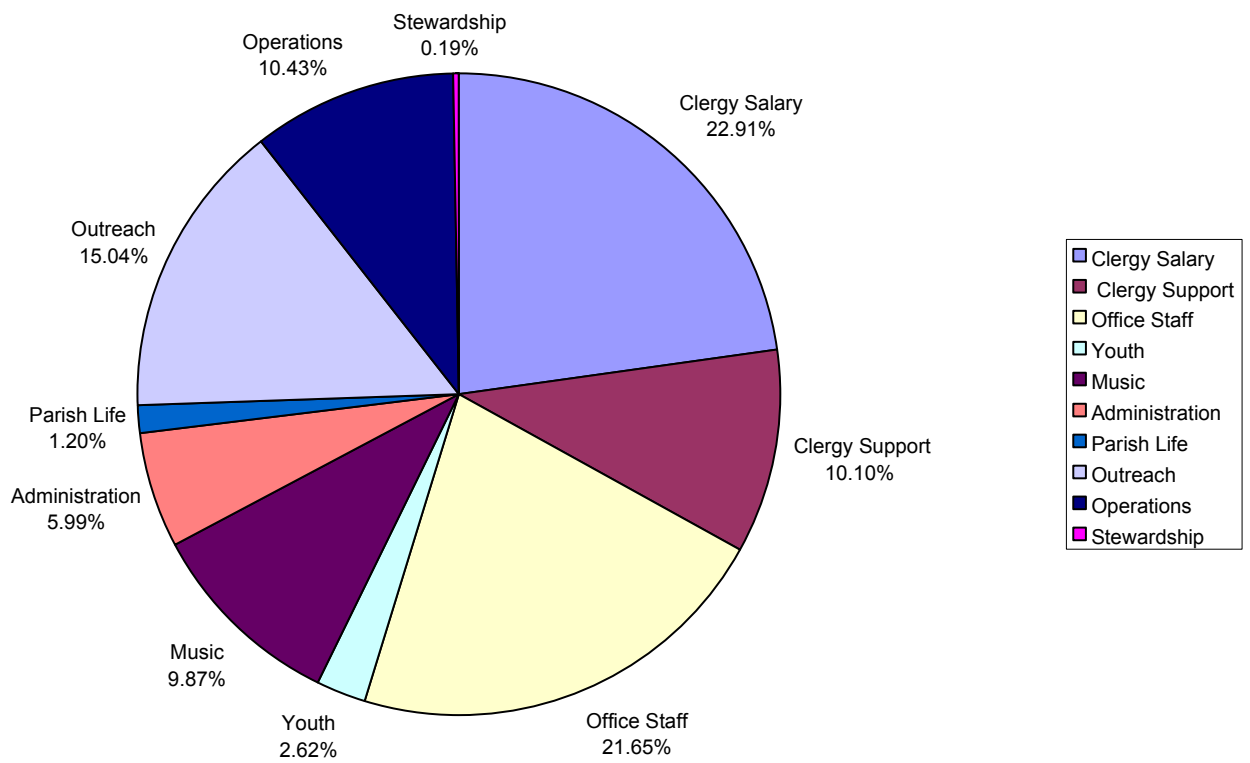
<b>Ac- count Num- ber</b>	<b>Account Name</b>	<b>2005 Budget</b>	<b>12/31/2005 2005 Actu- als</b>	<b>Proposed 2006 Budget</b>	<b>Difference 2006 Budget vs. 2005 Actuals</b>
523.000	Church School Director Salary	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$0
531.000	Church School Expenses	\$500	\$489	\$500	\$11
531.100	Youth Activities Expenses	\$250	\$137	\$150	\$13
536.000	Nursery Care/Babysitting	\$2,900	\$2,660	\$2,800	\$140
	<b>Total Youth</b>	\$10,650	\$10,286	\$10,450	\$164
542.000	Special Music/Substitute	\$1,500	\$1,850	\$2,000	\$150
543.000	Music/Supplies/Instruments	\$1,100	\$1,351	\$1,500	\$149
545.000	Choir Master/Organist Salary	\$20,000	\$16,308	\$20,000	\$3,692
546.000	Section Leader - Choir	\$11,400	\$11,400	\$15,600	\$4,200
547.000	Organ Maintenance	\$0	\$177	\$250	\$73
	<b>Total Music</b>	\$34,000	\$31,086	\$39,350	\$8,264
553.000	Church & Office Supplies	\$3,300	\$5,768	\$5,000	-\$768
554.000	Print & Copy Expense	\$8,080	\$8,995	\$9,879	\$884
555.000	Postage	\$2,500	\$2,517	\$2,500	-\$17
556.000	Telephone	\$3,750	\$3,546	\$3,600	\$54
556.500	Telephone Lease	\$1,400	\$1,681	\$1,400	-\$281
557.000	Bank Charges and Fees	\$250	\$243	\$250	\$7
558.000	Computer Supplies	\$500	\$4,054	\$1,000	-\$3,054
559.000	Administration - Misc. Expense	\$250	\$441	\$250	-\$191
	<b>Total Administration</b>	\$20,030	\$27,246	\$23,879	-\$3,367
561.000	Vestry/Annual Meeting	\$130	\$469	\$500	\$31
562.500	Conferences	\$150	\$0	\$0	\$0
563.000	Social Functions	\$800	\$1,287	\$900	-\$387
564.000	Adult Education	\$500	\$536	\$500	-\$36
564.500	Latino Translations	\$750	\$900	\$750	-\$150
565.000	Coffee & Supplies	\$250	\$389	\$400	\$11
567.100	Evangelism/Newcomers	\$250	\$0	\$250	\$250
568.000	Worship	\$800	\$1,629	\$1,500	-\$129
	<b>Total Parish Life</b>	\$3,630	\$5,210	\$4,800	-\$410
571.000	Mission Share	\$40,282	\$40,282	\$50,952	\$10,670
572.000	Outreach	\$5,000	\$5,606	\$9,000	\$3,394
	<b>Total Outreach</b>	\$45,282	\$45,888	\$59,952	\$14,064
581.000	Advertising	\$2,768	\$3,178	\$3,500	\$322
583.000	General Insurance & Bonds	\$11,513	\$11,619	\$12,000	\$381
583.100	Taxes (Sales & Church Property)	\$150	\$148	\$150	\$2
584.000	Utilities - Gas	\$1,700	\$1,870	\$1,900	\$30
584.100	Utilities - Electricity	\$5,848	\$6,168	\$6,000	-\$168
584.200	Utilities - Water	\$2,000	\$1,813	\$2,000	\$187
584.300	Garbage Collection	\$1,100	\$1,102	\$1,100	-\$2

Ac- count			12/31/2005	Proposed	Difference
Num- ber	Account Name	2005 Budget	2005 Actu- als	2006 Budget	2006 Budget vs. 2005 Actuals
585.000	Heating & A/C Maintenance	\$100	\$0	\$100	\$100
585.500	Pest Control	\$680	\$715	\$750	\$35
586.000	Gardener	\$3,080	\$2,260	\$2,800	\$540
587.000	Maintenance Supplies/Repairs	\$3,000	\$3,856	\$5,000	\$1,144
587.100	Rectory - Repairs	\$500	\$515	\$500	-\$15
587.150	Ongoing Rectory Expenses	\$2,688	\$2,488	\$2,688	\$200
587.200	Rectory - Taxes	\$500	\$1,001	\$1,020	\$19
587.500	Termites	\$0	\$0	\$600	\$600
588.000	Building Security	\$800	\$1,855	\$1,500	-\$355
	<b>Total Operations</b>	\$36,427	\$38,590	\$41,608	\$3,018
591.000	Pledge Envelopes	\$475	\$442	\$500	\$58
592.000	Printing & Campaign	\$0	\$181	\$250	\$69
599.000	Stewardship - Miscellaneous	\$150	\$0	\$0	\$0
	<b>Total Stewardship</b>	\$625	\$623	\$750	\$127
	<b>Total Expense</b>	\$353,674	\$354,701	\$398,747	\$44,045
	<b>Total Income</b>	\$353,674	\$369,639	\$398,747	\$29,108
	<b>Budget Net</b>	\$0	\$14,937	\$0	-\$14,937

## 2006 Proposed Budget Income Chart



## 2006 Proposed Budget Expense Chart



## Flower Guild

Our historic church is made more beautiful by the time and talents of our many special volunteers and hard workers on the flower guild. They help hang the palms for Palm Sunday and they help decorate for the special holy days of Easter and Christmas.



We are extremely grateful to those who have helped us “bloom,” especially Frank Soto and his ladder and hanging crew. Vera Arnold, Betty Comer, Steve Bruce, Fred and Joyce Stewart, Pat and Bob Gergen, Tina and Russ English, and others have also been friends of the flower guild.

Palming and greening wouldn't be possible without the generosity and help of Rod Rodriguez and his Rod's Tree Service men. Thank you Rod, Gloria, and family.

The guild volunteers also deliver Sunday altar flowers to those church members who are ill, hospitalized, or homebound.

The Flower Guild is always looking for people who love decorating and delivering. This is a wonderful opportunity to serve St. Clement's. Please call the office and join us.

Respectfully,

*Sue King and Thuy Jones*





## Latino Ministry

In our 16<sup>th</sup> year, Latino Ministry continues to reach out to the Spanish-speaking community. Grace Curiel continues to serve as Lay Associate for this ministry helping Diane with pastoral care. Also, she has helped to organize a Sunday school, and continues her First Communion classes and the Wednesday morning prayer circle in Spanish. Grace assists the Mary Erickson Foundation with their various activities and with translations. In addition, she continues her studies at the Theological School in Claremont.



As usual, the Latino congregation, led by Grace, sponsored the Cinco de Mayo taco booth in the park....always a successful fund raiser. In the spring, several young people made their First Communion. In November, we celebrated *Día de los Muertos* with a fiesta and traditional *ofrenda* or offering to the dearly departed. December always brings our festive bilingual mass in celebration of the Virgin of Guadalupe. This year six youth made their First Communion at this service. The Christmas holidays were marked by the traditional re-enactment of Mary and Joseph's search for lodging *Las Posadas*.

*Muchas gracias* to those who share their time and talent. Francisca Rojas, now in her Senior Year, serves on the Vestry as the youth representative. Elvira Carrillo, Consuelo Mejia and Francisca continue their work as part of the Altar Guild. Margarita Farías cares for the children in the nursery during the 8:00 and 10:00 services, then helps out and reads during the 12:00 service. Many of the youth help as acolytes, but special thanks goes to the young people who have led our Sunday school: Julie and Lupita Gutierrez and Maria Mota. Thanks, also, to Jack Clarke who continues to lead the music. We should also express appreciation for our seminarian, Al Walls, who now, via e-mail, does most of our translation. Speaking of Al, this year we enjoyed, very much, his visits and excellent sermons.

Of course, we are always grateful for Diane's presence and love, not to mention energy in support of our ministry and the community.

Respectfully submitted,

*Patty Clarke*



## Ministerio Latino

En el 16o. año, el ministerio Latino continua sirviendo a la comunidad hispano-hablante. Grace Curiel continua sirviendo como Ministra Laica Asociada por este ministerio en el cual ayuda a Diane en el cuidado pastoral. Además, Grace ha ayudado a organizar la Escuela Dominical, y continué sus clases de Primera Comunión junto con los servicios de Oración Matutina en español todos los miércoles. Grace asiste a la Fundación Mary Erickson con sus diferentes actividades y traducciones. Además, Grace continua sus estudios en la Escuela Teológica de Claremont.



Como siempre, la congregación Latina, con el liderazgo de Grace, auspició el puesto de tacos en el parquet durante nuestra celebración del Cinco de Mayo, que es siempre una excelente manera de reunir fondos para nuestra parroquia. En la primavera, varios jóvenes celebraron su Primera Comunión. En noviembre celebramos el Día de los Muertos con nuestra fiesta tradicional y una ofrenda. Como siempre, diciembre nos trajo la celebración bilingüe de la Virgen de Guadalupe. Este año, seis jóvenes hicieron su primera comunión durante ese servicio. Las fiestas de Navidad fueron marcadas con las tradicionales posadas en las que una vez mas los niños actuaron la historia de José y Maria buscando posada.

Muchas gracias a todos quienes comparten su tiempo y talento. Francisca Rojas esta ahora en su último año, y sirve como miembro del "vestry" como representativo de la juventud. Elvira Carrillo, Consuelo Mejia, y Francisca, continúan su trabajo como ministras del altar. Margarita Farías cuida a los niños en la guardería durante los servicios de las 8:00 y las 10:00, y después ayuda con las lecturas en el servicio de las 12:00. Varios de los muchachos también ayudan como acólitos, pero especialmente, nuestra gratitud va para los jóvenes que han ayudado con la Escuela Dominical: Julie y Lupita Gutierrez y Maria Mota. Gracias también a Jack Clarke quien continua a cargo de la música. También quisiéramos expresar nuestra gratitud a nuestro seminarista, Al Walls, quien ahora, a través del e-mail, hace la mayoría de nuestras traducciones. Hablando de Al, este año disfrutamos mucho de su presencia y de sus excelentes sermones.

Por supuesto, estamos como siempre agradecidos a Diane por su presencia y cariño, además de su energía y apoyo en nuestro ministerio en la comunidad.

Respetuosamente,

*Patty Clarke*



## Memorial Committee

The purpose of this committee is to assure appropriate designation of memorial funds established by families in lieu of flowers, following the loss of a loved one. The committee presents suggested memorials from which the families may select, seek vestry approval, and when obtained, commence with projects.



Memorial Committee: Tom Colt and The Rev. Cn. Diane Jardine Bruce

Meetings: took place with members seeking memorial garden plaque purchases. No major memorial fund project was undertaken in 2005.

Account balance as of January 2005: \$ 5,614.71

Receipts credited to the following memorials:

Virginia Leicester	
Norman Kleber	
Dorothy Richards	
Jeanne Martin	
Robert Riley	
Evelyn Prohaska	
Bill Wolff	
Miscellaneous-plaque purchases	
Total Income	\$ 2,998.00

Disbursements:

Ceramic tile supply	\$ 37.70
Shipping Outlet	\$ 16.80
Engrave-Tech	\$ 120.68
International Bronze	\$ 101.00
Total Expense	\$ 276.18

Balance as of December 2005 \$ 8,336.53

Respectfully submitted,

*Tom Colt*

## **Men of St. Clement's**

Would you like a friendly place to talk about spirituality (and not just Christianity) and the movement of God through the lives of other men? I invite you to join the men of this church for an informal discussion about the spiritual journey fueled by a pot luck meal.

During 2005 we read works by Thomas Merton, Richard Rohr, John Spong, the Dalai Lama and others. We use short readings on spirituality and Christianity as a catalyst for our conversations. The readings are usually available at the information table a few weeks before our meetings. Please join us each month on the third Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish library. Sign up at coffee hour.



### **Coming up!**

The Men of St. Clement's and Messiah Santa Ana will meet again for a Lenten retreat Friday evening March 10<sup>th</sup> through Sunday morning March 12<sup>th</sup> at Mt. Calvary in Santa Barbara.

For more information, talk to me or email me at [steve@bizsoftware.com](mailto:steve@bizsoftware.com).

Respectively submitted,

*Steve Bruce*

## Music and Worship

We were privileged to participate in many special worship services this past year which included those for the Marine Corps Birthday/Veterans' Day, the Celtic Mass, Our Lady of Guadalupe, and the Peace Mass as well as the traditional Easter and Christmas Services.



Thanks to all of those who helped make these special services as well as the regular worship services such meaningful experiences for us all. We especially thank the Altar Guild, the Acolytes, Lay Readers, Chalice Bearers, Lay Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, the Chancel Choir, the Bell Choir, the Organist and Music Director, other Musicians, the Master of Ceremonies and of course, our outstanding Clergy for making these services possible.

We welcomed this year as our Organist/Choirmaster Mr. Dan Resch. Dan had been our Interim Organist/Choirmaster after the resignation of John Ballerino last year. We are very pleased to have Dan here with us at St. Clement's!

Tom Fahney and Frances Bennett have continued to do a wonderful job as our paid section leaders. Both take on more responsibilities than they are compensated for, and have added substantially to the music program of the Church. Tom continues his great work with the Bell Choir, which has done a great job with the children this year as well. As always, new members for both the Bell and Chancel choirs are welcome and needed. Please see the weekly bulletin for practice dates and times. In addition, we would like to have more parishioners involved as Lay Readers, Chalice Bearers, Lay Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Acolytes and Master of Ceremonies. Please call the church office or talk with Diane for more information regarding these opportunities for service.

On the bottom of this page and continuing on to the next page, you'll find attendance statistics for the last six years by Betty Comer. Some areas to note:

- Attendance figures were down for 2005 on average. Although giving within the congregation is above normal, attendance was off. Attendance during the last quarter of 2005 began to rebound, and is holding strong to date in 2006.
- We lost a great many friends due to death and moving this year. We welcomed only 8 into the body of Christ, and there were no confirmations. The high in 2004 for confirmations was due to the Bishop's visit for our 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Bishop Talton will be with us this year in May, and there are ready a good number signed up for our confirmation class.
- Average attendance at our special services (Christmas, Virgin of Guadalupe, etc.) held steady or increased.

Services	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Baptisms	11	19	14	17	22	8
Confirmations	5	3	13	6	19	0
Marriages	2	8	11	10	8	9
Burials	4	10	12	12	14	18
Home Communion	54	94	188	241	167	296

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		2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Average Sunday Attendance	8:00 AM	45	50	51	48	49	42
(not including Easter and Christmas)	10:00 AM	84	100	91	95	83	77
Spanish	12:00 PM	24	33	49	52	47	41
Peace Mass	8:00 AM	n/a	n/a	40	60	55	43
	10:00 AM	n/a	n/a	102	98	93	88
Ash Wednesday	7:00 AM	12	21	12	9	10	8
	11:30 AM	21	37	19	24	22	20
	6:30 PM	24	41	36	23	37	34
Spanish	7:30 PM	90	115	60	130	85	104
Celtic Mass (St. Patrick)		n/a	175	115	117	117	135
Palm Sunday	8:00 AM	not re-	54	66	51	54	48
	10:00 AM	93	135	130	180	102	120
	12:00 PM	not re-	48	65	65	55	65
Maundy Thursday	6:00 PM	110	125	120	155	110	80
Good Friday	12:00 PM	22	45	40	55	95	60
Via Crucis	Spanish	n/a	45	8	14	13	10
	7:30 PM	100	No Svc.	No Svc.	No Svc.	No Svc.	No Svc.
Easter Vigil	7:30 PM	No Svc.	110	100	60	102	65
Easter Sunday	6:00 AM	16	34	25	34	27	29
	8:00 AM	91	78	96	88	110	100
	10:00 AM	210	200	213	212	210	230
Spanish	12:00 PM	27	95	85	90	85	65
All Saint's Day	8:00 AM	46	56	67	46	59	54
	10:00 AM	98	105	82	92	79	89
Spanish	12:00 PM	28	40	80	45	38	75
Marine Corps Birthday/Veterans Day	10:00 AM	125	190	250	200	155	140
Pentecost	8:00 AM	68	47	44	49	48	53
	10:00 AM	75	91	88	86	91	94
Spanish	12:00 PM	20	54	30	38	52	28
Virgin of Guadalupe	Bilin- 10:00 AM	100	165	168	183	110	225
Christmas Eve	4:00 PM	129	175	180	250	240	225
Spanish		(7:00 pm) 27	(5:30 pm) 30	(12:15 am) 48	(12:15 am) 15	(12:15 am) 12	n/a
	11:00 PM	133	120	140	120	150	145
Christmas Day	10:00 AM	42	55	61	65	30	65
Spanish							20

We look forward to another year of meaningful worship, music and fellowship. Please let the office know if you are interested in assisting with the planning for any of the services throughout the year or in participating in them in any way. Help is always needed.

Respectfully submitted,

*Chris LaBarthe*

## Outreach & Community Service

The motto of Outreach is to “model Christ’s love and acceptance by caring for others through ministries of kindness, support, and justice.”

Outreach is our ministry to the surrounding community and beyond – both collectively as a church and individually as church members. It is putting our beliefs into action in the life of our community – to reach out and make a difference – especially in the lives of those that are less fortunate.



St. Clements and its’ members have traditionally played an important role in the life of South Orange County. We do this in a number of ways:

- Through our participation in community events such as: San Clemente’s Cinco De Mayo Celebrations, the San Clemente Street Fair, and the Hunger Walk.
- This year, under the able direction of Pam Kelley and Melissa James we gathered and mailed, or had shipped, relief items to hurricane victims in Louisiana and Mississippi. We did this not once, but three times. First doing our own shipping, second joining St. Margaret’s efforts, and the third time we added our donations to the efforts of the Diocese.
- Through our participation and support of community service groups such as: Family Assistance Ministries, Mary Erickson Community Housing, Laura’s House, and the Catholic Worker.
- We serve our community through sponsoring blood drives and health screening clinics, our summer lunch program, our AIDS Caregiver Team, and our Aid to Families Program.
- By making our facilities available to community groups such as: Saddleback College for their Emeritus Program, various support groups like AA, and Family Assistance Ministries’ cold weather shelter program.
- By making payment of our full Mission Share through our Diocesan Pledge.
- Finally, through the active participation of our members in various outside community service clubs and organizations.

Can we do more? Always – and we will with your continued involvement and support.

Respectfully submitted,

*John Gould*  
Outreach Coordinator





## **Parish Life**

Another great year of get-togethers at St. Clement's! Thank you for all of you who helped make this year a great success.

We've held so many fun events together this year: receptions like the one following the Easter Vigil, the party for the feast of the Virgin of Guadalupe and the Veterans' Day/Marine Corps Birthday grand reception. Thanks to everyone who helped with all our events. Thanks to all of you who supplied food, worked in the kitchen, distributed food and drinks, and made people feel welcome!



Parish Life is especially evident on Sunday mornings as we share a cup of coffee and nibble on tasty treats! I want to thank everyone who has signed up in the past year to help on Sunday mornings with the coffee hours. We still need your help at both the 8:00 and 10:00 coffee hours! Please sign up to host a coffee hour. Host the coffee hour with your friends, your family, whatever! Just please sign up to help. You'll be glad you did – you get to meet great people, and make people feel welcomed in this wonderful church.

Thank you again for all you do to make life at St. Clement's great!

Respectfully submitted,

*Pat Welliver*

**Parish Life helps take care of needs of special events and dinners, as well as Sunday Coffee Hour.**

## Volunteers

During 2005, our major focus has been to motivate more people to become involved. In some areas we have been very successful; overall, there has been an increase in volunteer participation. However, there are still some unfilled opportunities to be of service.



We cannot report specific statistics since it is impossible to keep track. Have you noticed that there is something going on almost all the time at St. Clements? We look to our Rector for inspiration and guidance. However, events and functions would not happen without volunteers to prepare and carry out these activities. Participation has a wonderful intangible dividend for those who volunteer. That is, getting to know one another better, building our friendships, and strengthening our ties to one another as a fellowship of Christian believers.

We have attempted to fill in some of the gaps by calling members of the parish to give of their time and talent for specific jobs. For example, during the two weeks vacation for Betty and Bonnie in the office, we staffed the office with volunteers in three hour shifts.

There will always be opportunities to serve on special one-time committees or functions, as well as some ongoing positions that would require a long term commitment. There is a place for every member willing to step up and say, "here I am, I'll do that."

"Thank you" to all who have said, "yes" when called, and/or signed up on the sign-up sheets. It has been a privilege to serve on the Vestry the past three years.

Respectfully submitted,

*Myrna Gray*

## Youth

We would like to have a more consistent Youth Group in 2006. We definitely have enough youth in the correct age range but we have yet to have them all at one activity. Understandably, they are all at the age where they have many sports functions to attend and Sunday afternoons/evenings is a hard time to get the parents to drop their kids off after a day of running them around to different sports fields. However, we were able to successfully pull off a bowling night, a youth group pizza and brainstorm meeting for our future events, and a pizza night with a Guest Speaker.



We're hoping that we can move forward with the Youth Group room at the Church and really expand our youth interest in "community" activities. The kids would like to have a ping pong table, a dart board, a miniature putting green, a card table, and a radio so they can have their own room where they can "hang out", have fun, and stay in the realm of the Church. The only way we will be able to fit all those things in the youth room would be to knock down the wall between the current Sunday School office (which Tracy never uses, and was not used by the prior Sunday School director) and the current youth room. Tracy is hoping that 2006 will be a year of change and development in the Youth Ministry.

We're planning on meeting twice per month. We've talked about bowling nights, a Dave and Busters night, and other fun events.

For projects, we're thinking of working again at the **Catholic Worker**, feeding the homeless a breakfast; collecting food or clothing for the homeless. One project that we're very grateful for this year is to help build a home for a family in El Salvador. With a great presentation by Teresa Hite, we learned all about Teresa's experience in building homes in El Salvador. We as a youth group voted to send \$500.00 through Episcopal Relief and Development to help build a home in a village in El Salvador. We are going to be "replenishing" our Youth Group Fund with monies we'll earn this year through a car wash and other fund raising events. Please support our efforts by "buying from the youth"! Thanks, Teresa, for donating items for us to aspire to win — great handmade items from El Salvador!

We look forward to another fun year!

Respectfully submitted,

*Francisca Rojas and Tracy VanNostrand*

### **Vestry Candidate: Mark Banion**

My name is Mark Banion and I am excited about the opportunity to become a member of the Vestry. My wife Phyllis and I have been attending St. Clement's for about two years now, shortly after we were married and she moved to Orange County from the San Fernando Valley. In fact it is Phyllis, a life long Episcopalian, who got me involved and interested in exploring my spiritual life through the Episcopal faith. Although raised as a Presbyterian, it is only in the past few years that I have found a religious foundation to build my spiritual life on.



I enjoy the faithful support and fellowship that I have found at St. Clement's and welcome the opportunity to become more involved by working with St. Clements' leadership. My 25+ year career in the healthcare industry has allowed me to interact with people from all types of backgrounds and taught me that we all have talents and insights that are valuable to one another. I believe that my greatest strengths are the ability to make thoughtful decisions and to maximize the opportunity at hand. Working with other Vestry members I will have an excellent chance to use those strengths to help guide our church to continue its great ministry as well as look for new opportunities to support both our church community as well as others in our local neighborhoods and towns.

**Vestry Candidate: Anne Garcia**

My name is Anne Garcia and I have been invited to become a member of the vestry. I am being challenged to find volunteers to help carry on the work of this wonderful parish. If you are lonely, have no experience at anything, and have lots of time (or none) on your hands, I am about to be the one who can help you get a most fulfilling job where you have lots to do and have fun doing it. Another bonus is that you get to meet some of the best people in the world, right here at St. Clement's!

Before we go any further, a bit about me. I converted to the Episcopal Church in 1958 when my first husband and I were married. Being young we were only occasional Sunday churchgoers, but, we never missed Easter. When I remarried in 1967 my new husband was a lapsed Catholic, but I had a young child who I wanted to raise as an Episcopalian. We were living in San Gabriel at the time and we attended Church of Our Savior. I decided to take time off from teaching to be a stay-at-home mom and I volunteered at the church. I met lots of people, made many friends and looking back, it was a wonderful time, I should have kept at it. However, I decided to return to teaching and the volunteer work had to take a back seat.

My family moved to San Clemente in 1975. In 1977 my husband and I opened an Orange County office of our business, Mission Plumbing & Heating, and I worked in the office full time. We did a job for Bob Boyer and I learned about St. Clement's. I started attending services and the rest is history. I was invited to be an Altar Guild member, which has certainly enriched my religious life. I am also a member of the Martini Club, and am now coordinator of Anchors Supper Club. I am happy to be doing this for St. Clement's. It's a church with a great tradition of outreach to the neighborhood and to the city of San Clemente. Come be a part of that tradition.

### **Vestry Candidate: Patty Clarke**

My name is Patty Clarke, and my husband Jack and I have been attending St. Clement's for 20 years. In another life, I was a professional dancer and dance teacher. As a child I was raised in Christian Science, but fell away from the church as a young adult. In coming to St. Clement's in 1985 we discovered a church that has a deep heart not only for the congregation, but for the community as well, and we found ourselves very involved. I have served on the Vestry in the past, so I bring knowledge and experience of the church workings. At present time, I am a member of the Altar Guild, Daughters of the King, and the Bell Choir, and for 13 years I have coordinated the Summer Lunch Program.



With a life-long interest in Mexico and a degree in Spanish, it was only natural that I became involved in our Latino Ministry which was initiated in 1989. I continue to enjoy that ministry, and look forward to representing the Latino members of our congregation.

**Vestry Candidate: Chris Miller**

My name is Chris Miller and I have been a member of St. Clement's for 18 years. I would like to serve on the vestry and give my time to the church in return for all it has given me. St. Clement's has instilled in me the true meaning of faith, fellowship, and community. It would be my honor to serve this parish and I would be humbled to represent the fine people who make St. Clement's the special place that it is.



