

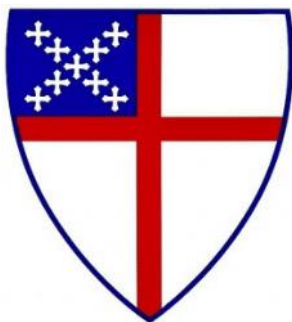


# THE ANCHOR

FEBRUARY 2019

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

Welcoming all since 1929



**Member, Anglican  
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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*



## Epiphany...

"You know, I've realized that I love the season of Epiphany!" I said this to my wife as we sat at the dinner table. "Well, you've just had one then!" she responded. "One what?" "An epiphany." "Yes, thank you." It is hard not to love this season, isn't it? We begin with the coming of three kings, or "Magi," as they are more rightly called. And each week seems like a big event! Christ' Baptism. His conversion of water into wine. His calling of his first disciples. His miracles. And, ultimately, his Transfiguration, which ends this season every year. This isn't all we hear about in this season, but it is much of what we hear. And, at least for me, it is impossible not to be totally inspired.



Each of these events reveals Christ to us, God among us, the Divine in our midst in the person of Jesus. And invites us to know him more profoundly. With each passing week, Jesus lays bare his care and cause for us. We come to understand what about him drew others to follow him, as his divinity appears from behind his humanity (perhaps better to say, "mediated by his humanity"). Maybe the timing of this season also has something to do with my unbridled enthusiasm. It occurs at the start of the year, when all things seem possible, and we look for new beginnings. I find my creativity peaks in this season, and our current "Art of Faith" program has certainly further fueled and informed that passion.

I've long believed that God, who is infinitely creative, expects those made in his image to be creative as well. That is not to say we've all been given the same gifts. As St. Paul reminds us, some are given some gifts of the Spirit, and others are given different gifts, but all for the building up of the Body of Christ. Yet, we can all be creative in our own way. As I read recently, "it is our lives that are supposed to be lived out works of art (poiema)."<sup>1</sup> I thought that was a lovely way

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of thinking about our call to creativity. Your “art” may be in the garden. Or perhaps you are skilled in composing sonnets or stories. We have many here who are gifted with a paintbrush, as our Stations of the Cross illustrate.

As I wrote some time back, after doing much art with my daughter, I find my best medium is Play-Doh! Nonetheless, I’ve been thinking about how to create an image. When I was preparing for one of the “Art of Faith” sessions, I found that there was very little artwork for one particular event in Jesus’ life. In this case, it was Jesus in his home town of Nazareth. The gospel writers tell us that the people’s reaction to this local son’s preaching and miracles was at first astonishment, even joyful amazement. He was proclaiming “good news to the poor” (Luke 4:18) and as one commentator points out “some 70-90% of the inhabitants in Rome’s world can be classified as ‘the poor’ to varying degree, struggling with either permanently or sporadically with food insecurity and subsistence existence.”<sup>2</sup>

Yet, the more Jesus speaks, the more things turn from joy to rejection. We could say that they start to ask themselves, “Just who does this guy think he is?” Jesus’ words were provocative. And as our text says, “they became filled with rage” (Luke 4:28). I’ve wondered, is there really no way to capture this scene visionally? I’ve tried to put myself in that place. Having recently been in Nazareth, which was quite a small town in Jesus’ day. I’ve tried to image that synagogue. I can picture the stone that is abundant there. I can see roughly the dimensions of the space, and how the seating would have been arranged in stone benches along the side walls, and the columns that held up the roof.

It is a not a large space. And given the population of Nazareth, about 300 probably in Jesus’ time, everyone surely knows everyone else, or at least *knows of* everyone else. I’ve tried to imagine the reaction on the faces of those present, the mixture of gladness and incredulity. I try to imagine what my own reaction to his words would have been. Maybe this is what some artists do. They imagine themselves in the scene. They imagine what they can see, hear, smell, feel and taste. And then they commit that to canvas. Perhaps others start with what they want to convey theologically, and then they begin. In the latter case, what the actual place was like, or what people really wore for example, would be less important.

If you were to create for yourself an image, an ode, or some artistic representation from the life of Christ, what would it be? What moment in Jesus’ life would you like to experience in person? In your own mind, can you imagine yourself there? And, is this a standard practice in your prayer? Can you imagine your own reaction to his words? Would your art be realism or abstract? Would you focus more on the feeling of the event, and what it invokes in you? Or strive for an historic representation? What form would, does, your art or creativity take? In Lent, we will offer some opportunities for you to exercise your God-given creative abilities.

As always, I welcome your feedback at: [frpatrick@scbythesea.org](mailto:frpatrick@scbythesea.org)

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Patrick

<sup>1</sup> Michael Card, from the Forward of Francis Schaeffer’s *Art and the Bible*.

<sup>2</sup> Warren Carter, “Commentary 1: Connecting the Reading with Scripture,” Third Sunday after the Epiphany, in *Connections*, Year C, Vol. 1 (Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2018) pg. 205



ST. CLEMENT'S BY-THE-SEA EPISCOPAL CHURCH

# Harris Voice Studio Winter 2019 Recital

***FEBRUARY 9TH - 4:00PM***

*The recital will take place in the Sanctuary.  
Free admission & parking!*



202 Avenida Aragon  
San Clemente, CA 92672  
P: 949.492.3401 E: [info@scbythesea.org](mailto:info@scbythesea.org)



# ANNUAL MEETING

## 2019

### St. Clement's Star: Katrina Soto



Katrina Soto is the recipient of the 2019 St. Clement's Star award, an annual award to recognize a parishioner who has provided a sustained period of extraordinary service to the church community.

She began coming to St. Clement's in 1997, and has attended the church for 21 years.

Katrina has been a tireless volunteer for the Altar Guild since January 1999, and is the directoress. She is a weekly church office volunteer, a lector for the 10 a.m. Sunday worship service, and in the Daughters of the King St. Theresa of Avila Chapter. She has also been a delegate to the Diocesan Convention.

## - Our Vestry Members! -

Jim Prothero, *Senior Warden*

Kent Adamson, *Junior Warden*

Hilary Viscount, *Registrar*

Rich Suda, *Buildings and Grounds*

Tatia Walleth, *Christian Education*

Margarita Farias, *Latino Ministry*

Michael Grombone, *Technology*

Carolyn Ferreira, *Pastoral Care*

Jon Ulz, *Finance/Stewardship*

Jan Genevro, *Outreach*

Celia Lovell, *Communications*

Mike Morris, *Treasurer*

## *A note of thanks...*

...to all new Vestry Members at St. Clement's, as well as those returning for another year of service to our congregation. We greatly admire your constant faith and commitment to this holy work. Thank you for your generosity in sharing your experiences and assistance in developing the spiritual, strategic, and financial well-being of St. Clement's!

*May God bless them in their ministry!*

## - Are you Organized for the New Year? -

**ESTABLISH A PLAN** Don't have a Will or Trust? No problem. The State of California has decided everything for you. The court will act on your incapacity and the California Probate Code has decided who gets what when you pass away- at a high cost. If this is okay with you, take a beach day. If you prefer to make your own decisions about your future and your hard-earned assets, you will want to read on.

If you have a home, children, or bank account you should have an estate plan. That includes just about any person age 18 and older. If you want to decide who will handle your money if you become unable to pay your bills or provide for yourself, you must have a Durable Power of Attorney. Do you want to decide who receives your assets when you die? You will need a Will. If you want to avoid the court publicly supervising the disbursement of your cash and property, you must have a trust. Do you want to make your own decisions about life support? That will require an Advanced Health Care Directive. If this seems burdensome, these documents can be drafted by an experienced estate planning attorney. Once you have your wishes in place, you can enjoy life free from worry about illness and death. We will all face the end of our life. That fact does not have to incite fear or stress. Outline your wishes in an organized plan, protect your legacy, and avoid expensive probate fees.



**REVIEW YOUR EXISTING PLAN** Estate planning is not a single event. Our lives are in constant change, therefore planning your estate is a continuing process.

**Changes in Assets** Have you bought or sold a home or investment property? Your real estate should be held in trust or another entity as further discussed with your estate planning attorney. If you have refinanced your home, you will want to confirm that your home is still titled in the name of your trust. If you have established a partnership, corporation, or LLC, you'll want to pass your business interest on to your loved ones. Have you opened new bank accounts or life insurance policies? Have you named primary and secondary beneficiaries? Your estate attorney should review this with you.

**Changes in Health** Have you or your spouse been diagnosed with an illness? Has your doctor mentioned memory loss? Do you have an illness that will cause extended hospitalization? A review or update of your powers of attorney is recommended.

**Changes in Family** Have you retired? Have you been married or divorced? Have you had a child or a grandchild? Have your children married or divorced? Do your kids or grandkids have special needs? Do they need protection from creditors? If so, you need a review.

**Changes in Your Wishes** Do you want to leave a gift to your church? Is there a specific item you want to leave to a certain person? Is the person you chose as successor trustee still the most qualified to handle your assets on your incapacity and death? Your estate attorney should be sure your wishes are current.

**Changes in the Law** Even if you answered no to all the above questions, there have been changes in the law. If your estate plan was signed pre-2000, you are overdue for updates. Does your current plan from 2000 to 2009 use AB Trusts? This may not be necessary with the 2019 federal estate tax exemption at \$11.4 million. There have been changes in federal estate taxes, gift taxes, and generation skipping transfer taxes.

If your estate plan is your New Year's Resolution call Jennifer Elliott at (949) 420-0025. For more information go to [www.SanClementeEstateLaw](http://www.SanClementeEstateLaw).





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Whether you are buying a Valentine's gift for your beloved or ordering anything else on Amazon, please remember to use AmazonSmile (and be sure St. Clement's is your designated charity).


A few more pink hearts are scattered around the text.

*This doesn't increase your cost or reduce your savings. AmazonSmile simply sends a percentage of all sales made to your favorite charitable organization - St. Clement's!*

A cluster of small red hearts is on the left side of the box.Two small red hearts are on the right side of the box.

**We would love your support!**

Buy your Valentine's Day gifts at  
[smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and Amazon donates.

The Amazon Smile logo, featuring the word "amazon" in black and "smile" in orange, with a yellow arrow pointing from the 'a' to the 'e'.

## - Something for Everyone -

### *Beneath a Scarlet Sky*

by Mark Sullivan

**Tuesday, February 5th**

5:00pm at Rocco's in San Clemente



For more information, please contact: Mary Ann Morrison at (949) 361-0031



### **Sandwich Making for the Welcome Inn**

Please join us in the Parish Hall on

**Sunday, February 17th at 1:00pm**

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



**When: Friday, February 15th at 7:00pm**

**Hosted By: Bill & Mabel Murphree**

405 Avenida Granada, San Clemente, CA 92672

Please contact Pat Sawyer ([sawlp@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sawlp@sbcglobal.net)) with any questions or if you would like to sign up as a host in 2019!



### **Social Justice Book Club**

*Evicted*

by Matthew Desmond

**Thursday, February 21st, at 7:00pm**

**in the St. Clement's Library**

Questions? Please contact Jan Geneviro at [outreach@scbythesea.org](mailto:outreach@scbythesea.org).





*Arts and crafts workshop for the community to express art, creativity, and discuss emotional wellness topics.*

*At no cost to participants.*

**March 23rd, 2019 | 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

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

**202 Avenida Aragon, San Clemente, CA 92672**

**For more information, contact Hiromi Minakata at (714) 542-7792**

- Join us for a light lunch, art workshop, and a discussion about mental health and wellness.
- This event is intended to provide an opportunity for everyone in the community to come together and express themselves through art.
- Participants have the opportunity to showcase their art in the workshop.



**Funded by: OC Health Care Agency (OCHCA), Behavioral Health Services, Prevention & Intervention, Mental Health Services Act/Prop. 63**

## - Laundry Love -

### OFFERING LAUNDRY LOVE FOR SAN CLEMENTE'S UNDERSERVED FOR TWO YEARS!

It is hard to believe, but the St. Clement's/Christ Lutheran Laundry Love Outreach Program has recently had its 2 year anniversary! As we start 2019, we want to celebrate our 2018 Laundry Love successes.

#### Did you know all these wonderful things happened during 2018 for Laundry Love?

- There were 168 different laundry love individuals or families that received services from our outreach program.
- At any given time, we have approximately 50 active laundry love clients.
- Over 2,900 laundry load equivalents were washed and dried.

#### And did you know what it costs to support this program?

- It costs approximately \$9.00-\$10.00 to wash and dry the equivalent of 6 loads of laundry.
- It costs an average of \$400-450 a month to pay for washing and drying clothes.
- Laundry soap, dryer sheets, and other supplies are received from in-kind donations.

It takes a village to keep this program running – and this year, in addition to your generous contributions, we had active participation from our San Clemente community to help with the expenses. **Our funding came from:**

- \$3,443 was donated by our own St. Clement's parishioners.
- \$2,676 was donated by Christ Lutheran's parishioners & friends.
- \$1,564 was raised from participating in the San Clemente Outlet Shopping Extravaganza; a fund raising activity supported by the parishioners of St. Clement's & Christ Lutheran and members of the San Clemente community.
- \$1,340 was raised by Goody's Tavern Charity Bingo. Goody's selected Laundry Love for their October Monday Night Charity Bingo program where members of the San Clemente Community played bingo to raise money for Laundry Love.
- We received a Social Services Grant from the City of San Clemente for \$1,400 which will be paid quarterly in 2019.

#### And most importantly, we could not have done this without:

**Mr Jeff Campbell, the owner of Laundry Basket South** who has graciously allowed us to use his laundromat for this program. Not only does he support this outreach by providing us the space and equipment, but he is also an active volunteer on Laundry Love day.

**St. Clement's & Christ Lutheran volunteers!** Our volunteers work 2-3 hours every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday. We greet our clients, help them determine and select the size of washers, put the money and soap in washers and dryers, and if they are comfortable, engage them in conversation during their time with us. We know many of them by name, a little about them and their families. At the end of the day, it is a rewarding experience when they thank you and leave with smile on their faces.

**We encourage each of you to come join us on the third Wednesday of any month at Laundry Love, and be part of this awesome outreach program.**



**WHEN: FEBRUARY 20TH  
2:00PM – 5:00PM**



**WHERE: LAUNDRY BASKET SOUTH  
2405 S. EL CAMINO REAL**

**CONTACT TINA INGLISH FOR MORE INFORMATION:  
RINGLISH@COX.NET**



## - Mary's Feast Recap -

*Mary's Feast – A wonderful occasion to start the advent season and share our resources with parents and babies of our under- resourced military families.*

*We haven't even started the Lenten season, so why are we talking about an Advent event?*

**Why?** Because we wanted to share with you the results of the 2018 Mary's Feast event that St. Clement's participated in this past December. And since the proceeds from this event will be shared with the military families at the annual SCMFO baby shower early this month, we thought this was an opportune time to explain what MARY'S FEAST is all about.

### MARY'S FEAST MISSION STATEMENT

***To offer women an evening of Christian fellowship, while providing on-going financial support, as well as other resources, to young, local, under-resourced Military families and their children through San Clemente Military Family Outreach.***

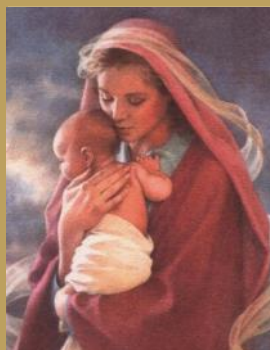
Each year, women from San Clemente gather for a fundraising event in support of San Clemente Military Family Outreach (SCMFO) called Mary's Feast. Money raised from ticket sales, as well as baby items and monetary gifts, are distributed to under-resourced Marine families via an annual "baby shower" given by SCMFO, and help to support the San Onofre base school with much needed items that are not in the school's budget.

Mary's Feast was started several years ago by the women of St. Andrew's by the Sea United Methodist Church. It has grown to include participation from 8 area churches (St. Clement's being one of them), the San Clemente Elks Club, the Knights of Columbus and the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW).

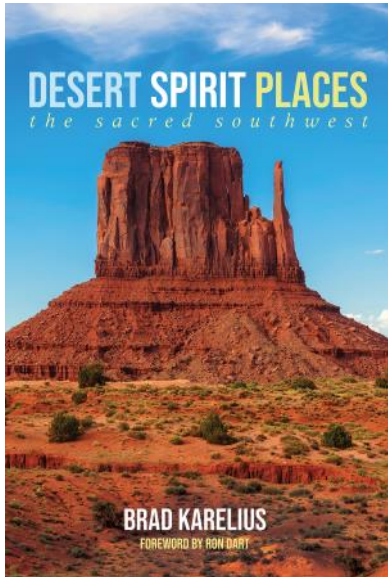
In 2018, Mary's Feast was held on December 5. It included a lovely dinner, wonderful entertainment, and of course, recognition of our military wives in attendance. As a participating church, Father Patrick is invited to do a short presentation or prayer. And this past year, Jane Layne headed up St. Clement's participation by collecting new baby clothes & gift cards donated by our parishioners and attending this event. On this wonderful evening of fellowship, Mary's Feast collected over \$3,000 to be used to support the San Onofre school, and new baby clothes, diapers, blankets, bottles, etc. to be given to the under resourced military families in February at the annual SCMFO baby shower.

In 2018, the SCMFO luncheon baby shower provided 40 moms a layette, wrapped in quilts made by the Surfside Quilters Guild in San Clemente and afghans crocheted by friends of SCMFO, and a big gift (car seats, high chairs, strollers, etc.), books, stuffed animals. The 2019 baby shower will take place on February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The 2019 Mary's Feast has been scheduled for December 4<sup>th</sup>. We will be saying more soon about this event, and how St. Clement's can participate by attending the dinner and/or donating new baby items.



# - Desert Spirit Places: The Sacred Southwest -



Dear friends,

I am pleased to announce that my new book, *Desert Spirit Places: The Sacred Southwest*, is now available on Amazon.com.

## INTRODUCTION

The iconic landscape of the American Southwest reveals the luminescent Mitten rock formations, looming rock arches, and vast sagebrush oceans made vivid and memorable by writer Tony Hillerman, artist Georgia O'Keefe, and director John Ford. Professor Brad Karelius, drawing on forty years of college teaching, will guide you into hidden mysteries of the sacred as revealed by the Zuni, Navajo, Hopi, Hispanos, and desert mystics as you seek spiritual encounters in these desert spirit places.

## ENDORSEMENTS

*Brad Karelius has mastered the art of successfully combining a personal narrative with joyful observations of the natural world. His graceful writing adds generous helpings of both humor and humility to a story of adventure and insight gained from spending quiet time beneath the towering Western sky. Well-selected quotes from scholars and mystics underline the author's own observations about the links between the rugged beauty of the desert and the flowering of a spiritual life. This is a book to savor and to keep at one's bedside as an antidote to life's anxiety. If my mother still shared our planet, it would be her birthday gift.*



**Anne Hillerman, Author *Cave of Bones*.** Anne is the daughter of the famous writer, Tony Hillerman.



*Brad Karelius has invested his well-lived life in an engagement with the Southwest desert. From that life-experience he articulates deep respect for the native Americans who live there and their traditions, deep awe at the mystery or the place that he knows to be haunted in holy ways, and deep faith as he mediates between the Christian Gospel and native American religious traditions. The outcome of his writing is testimony to the "otherwise" he finds there, an alternative to the self-destructive ways of our dominant culture. Other readers will find as compelling as do I his direct first-person narrative witness. My reading of his book has led me to fresh gratitude for Brad and for his son Erik.*

**Walter Brueggemann, Columbia Theological Seminary**

If you read the book, please post a review on Amazon to encourage other readers.

Faithfully,

Fr. Brad Karelius

## - The Importance of Sabbath -

*Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. (St. Matthew 11:28-29)*

It is amazing how fast this year is going. The busyness of the year's end and the excitement of a new beginning always leaves us exhausted. Perhaps, even broke after spending more than budgeted during the holidays. I have made many goals and commitments for 2019, which leaves me both excited and apprehensive. I suspect I am not alone in this, and that many of you are also feeling weary and tired. We must remember to pause, rest, and gather strength for our journeys. Jesus recognized and modeled for us the importance of setting time to be alone, rest, and pray.

When we take a Sabbath, a time to rest, we allow ourselves to be fully present and provide ourselves a time of renewal. Sabbath helps us to be closer to God and to what God intends us to be. It strengthens our faith and our trust in our Creator. When we rest, we are more compassionate towards ourselves and others. Sabbath inspires thankfulness and joy.

We will soon be entering the season of Lent and there will be plenty of opportunities for you to intentionally set a day to rest and just "be." We are offering a variety of retreat options, and will even have one in Spanish if you're feeling adventurous! We are also excited to offer a joint retreat with our brothers and sisters from Christ Lutheran Church and the annual joint retreat with Deanery 9 & 10. *Stay tuned for more information, and I hope to see you there!*

Yours in Christ,

Mo. Norma Guerra

*Lent* IS A TIME TO  
GROW  
CLOSER TO JESUS

SAVE THE DATE

*Joint Retreat with Christ Lutheran Church*

WITH THE REV. ELIZABETH RECHTER

*March 10, 2019 | 2:00pm - 8:00pm*

at Christ Lutheran Church  
35522 Camino Capistrano  
San Clemente, CA 92672

*Please contact Mo. Norma with any questions: [normayanira@yahoo.com](mailto:normayanira@yahoo.com)*



## - February Birthdays -

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| 2-Karina Jaimes   | 19-Tatia Wallett     |
| 6-Hilary Viscount | 20-Sean Casey        |
| 8-Mikael Feeney   | 20-Vic Cumming       |
| 12-Rose Bradley   | 24-Karen Anderson    |
| 13-Jorge Berber   | 24-Antoinette Feeney |
| 14-Michael Tomeo  | 24-Dug Neville       |
| 19-Leticia DeLeon |                      |



## - February Anniversaries -

8-Bob & Pat Kensler  
14-Curt & Brigitte Bower



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](mailto:morphix1@cox.net)

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## **San Clemente's First Church**

*Welcoming all since 1929*



### **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

202 Avenida Aragon  
San Clemente, CA 92672

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The Rev. Patrick Crerar, Rector