

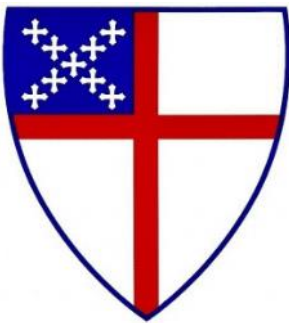


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St. Clement's by-the-Sea
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Welcoming all since 1929



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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



Neighbors...

We are very blessed at St. Clement's to be a community that is both English and Spanish speaking, a community that is both immigrant and native born. I've felt that one of the greatest gifts God has given me in my ministry is the opportunity to work in such communities, to be a bridge between peoples, and this has defined much of the decade of my priesthood. I've learned a tremendous amount from both our English speaking and Spanish speaking parishioners, and I continue to learn from their experiences each and every day.



Ours is an important example of people, with such differing backgrounds, living harmoniously together, especially now perhaps. We find ourselves in challenging times with regard to immigration. That is nothing new! Several years ago, I read the book *Guarding the Golden Door* with my then parish's book club. It is an excellent history on our nation's immigration policies since 1882. What I took away from that study was a sense that there have always been inconsistencies in our policies and there has always been tensions around immigration. There has also been, regrettably, the tendency to debase or dehumanize the foreigner.

I have found, throughout my life, that nothing overcomes such alienation between peoples like real relationships. Becoming acquainted and forming actual friendships has the power to overcome the preconceptions and fears that can often lead to the hardening of our hearts and separation. This is certainly the way that Holy Scripture leads us, with regard to immigration. In fact, there are few guiding principles clearer in the Bible than God's stance on how we are to welcome the stranger, the alien, the foreigner. It is there in Genesis, and it emerges throughout the text. Here are just a few relevant examples.

“You shall not wrong or oppress the resident alien, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt” (Exodus 22:21). “The alien who resides with you shall be to you as the citizen among you; you shall love the alien as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God” (Leviticus 19:34). “You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt” (Deuteronomy 10:19). And, of course, our Lord himself adds, “when I was a stranger you welcomed me” (Matthew 25:35).

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Jesus promises harsh judgement for those who harden their hearts to strangers (this word is also translated “foreigner” or “alien”, i.e. immigrant).

It is passages such as these, and many others, along with my own history with the people of God from other lands, that lead me toward a compassionate response to the people who arrive at our borders, those who have come looking for bread (literally and figuratively). People I have known personally who have come, escaping abject and soul stifling poverty, political oppression and turmoil, and the violence bred from those desperate circumstances. The immigrants I’ve met have been generous, incredibly brave and very hard working. I’ve been dismayed by politicians who have spoken despairingly about these people, my friends.

I’ve certainly met both sinners and saints, but no more or less than among those who are native born or any other group that I’ve gotten the pleasure of knowing and serving. I’ve never met anyone though who felt that our immigration system was perfect just the way it is. Everyone seems to feel that it needs to be different in some way. I’ve concluded that we need a more compassionate approach. A nation does need a reasonable means to know who they are admitting to their country. But, we must also be responsive and compassionate to our brothers and sisters who come searching for a better life, for freedom, for a future for their children.

After last year’s Diocesan Convention, I promised you I would write a reflection on my experience there. It has taken some time, as the presentations were extremely powerful. A Methodist Bishop was with us, a guest, who spoke of her work with migrants at our southern border. She also visited one of the facilities where we incarcerate unaccompanied minors who arrive seeking entry, until their cases are adjudicated. She was told by the guards there that she wasn’t to look at the children for more than a few seconds, and that they could not be hugged, as that “would detract from their punishment.” That was her testimony, as I recall it, and I was deeply affected. We be more compassionate than that, can’t we?

Last week, there was a “caravan” of people moving from through Central American, primarily from Honduras and El Salvador to the southern border. They are seeking asylum in the United States. Many will probably not get that asylum. If statistics are a guide, I’ve heard that perhaps 90% will be found initially to have a reasonable asylum claim, i.e. that they have a reasonable fear for their life in their home country, probably 20-30% of those will ultimately be granted asylum by a judge. What troubled me was the way that these migrants were described by some politicians. As Episcopalians, baptized into Christ, we have promised to “work for justice and peace” and “to respect the dignity of every human being.”

More to the point, as Christians we are to recognize these “strangers” as in fact our very own brothers and sisters, even as Christ himself. We must never demean or dehumanize them by the language we use. They may or may not ever be granted entry into the United States, that doesn’t make them less than us. And we should speak up when we find ourselves in the presence of others who are describing the members of our extended family with words that we would find offensive if they were said about us. We must keep in mind those words of scripture, found above, that continually call us to remember our own journey, “you shall love the foreigner, for you were once a foreigner.”

There are no doubt some realities that will preclude all those who seek entry into our country from gaining entry. Presently, I’ve heard that there are some 60 million people on the move worldwide, migrating from one place to another. Some are fleeing persecution, others war, some desperate poverty, the reasons are numerous. They are our neighbors, brothers and sisters, even Christ. In Matthew’s account of the birth of Jesus, we find the holy family fleeing to Egypt to find refuge from the tyrannical Herod. In other words, Jesus’ own family were immigrants, asylum seekers in that foreign land. Something to contemplate, as we think about these immigrants who come to find safety, life and opportunity here.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Patrick

- Amanda Harris Voice Recital -

Songs My Mother Taught Me: The Harris Voice Studio Spring Recital

Saturday, May 5th, at 3:00pm

In Okie Hall



Please come support these developing singers in an all-English language recital, paying tribute to the joys and heartaches of being a kid AND being a parent.

Our "families" themed recital will include musical theatre selections and duets from A Little Night Music, Matilda the Musical, Gypsy, The Secret Garden, Annie, and the Sound of Music, as well as opera arias from Menotti's "The Consul" and Floyd's "Susannah." Miss Harris will sing to conclude the recital; Catherine Tibbitts, accompanist.

Free admission, free parking. (However, there will be a Cinco de Mayo celebration at Max Berg Park, so please come early to find parking!)

- Parking Lot Upgrades -

St. Clement's church parking lot was repaved and restriped mid-April. Due to requests from parishioners, a second disabled parking space has also been added!



- Easter Vigil Highlights -

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 Christ Lutheran Church



"Well done, good and faithful servant!"

Matthew 25:23



A note of special thanks and appreciation to our wonderful team of volunteers who labored in love with St. Clement's in preparing for Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and Easter. Your willingness to use your gifts and abilities has strengthened the mission and ministry of St. Clement's. Thank you for all your time, effort, hard work, and prayers!

-St. Clement's

- Easter Highlights -



- Columbarium -

Columbarium sales have begun!



Architectural rendering of future columbarium

Key Points:

- Pre-Construction Price of \$1,000 per niche (holds 2 urns) until Sept. 30, 2018
- First come, first serve selection of niche location
- Columbarium to be located in Memorial Garden
- Subject to city permit approval (in process)
- Estimated availability of columbarium is 1Q 2019
- Sales information from Roger Morrison or Judy Johnson
- Information available at coffee hour or in the parish office

This beautiful setting adjacent to our historic church will provide a sacred resting place for the cremated remains of those with a connection to our church.

A Dedicated and Holy Place for Christian Burial

Spiritual Site for Final Resting – The columbarium affords church members and their families and others united in Christian faith a final resting place on the grounds of the church which has been central to their lives, a sacred site where their loved ones can visit.

Simplicity of Planning – The purchase of a columbarium niche (holds two urns) at St. Clement's eliminates the pressure and expense of choosing a burial location and urn or casket/vault/ headstone at time of bereavement. St. Clement's provides pastoral care, the burial service and interment.

Faithful Stewardship – As a ministry of St. Clement's, the cost of interment in the church columbarium is much lower than other options for remains. Cremation is much less costly than in-ground burial costs of caskets, vault, and headstone or interment of ashes at another facility.

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- Columbarium: Frequently Asked Questions -

What is a columbarium?

A columbarium is a structure providing niches (sacred spaces) for the permanent placement of urns that hold cremated remains. Each niche holds up to two urns. This columbarium is 9'5" wide x 7'5" tall x 16" deep. There are 117 niches (9 high x 14 across).

How is this being funded?

The Vestry has authorized construction once 25 niches are purchased. The balance of the construction cost will be paid by St. Clement's. As additional niches are sold the loan from the church will be repaid by the Columbarium fund.

What is the timing for the columbarium?

It is expected that a building permit will be issued by the City of San Clemente in the fall of 2018. The columbarium could be completed around March of 2019 if an order is placed when the permit is issued. The Vestry of St. Clement's has authorized a purchase order to be placed once 25 niches have been sold.

What are the costs for members of St. Clement's?

For members of St. Clement's the pre-construction sale price is \$1,000 for a niche (holds two urns). After Sept. 30, 2018 the price will increase to \$1,500. The time-of-need price for one bronze urn and inscription on the granite niche plate for one person is \$400. Niches may be purchased at the parishioner price for family members of parishioners. Parishioners also have the option of purchasing a memorial tile inscription (\$500) in the church courtyard.

May I select the niche that I want?

Yes. Niche selection is on a first-come first-served basis at time of purchase; a certificate is issued at time of purchase with the specific niche assigned.

Can other people be interred here?

Yes. This is a space for Christian burial. Members of other Episcopal congregations and other churches in communion with the Episcopal Church may be eligible, and others at the discretion of the Rector of St. Clement's. Please refer to the Columbarium Packet for pricing details for non-parishioners.

How do I purchase a niche in the columbarium?

A Columbarium Packet has all the information you need. Niches may be purchased from the Columbarium Committee during this period. Payment in full is required at time of purchase; credit cards accepted.

How are arrangements handled for interment?

The church, through its priests and designated staff, shall arrange with the family of the deceased for the interment of the cremains and a committal service. Parish staff will arrange for the inscription of the niche plate. The family is responsible for any desired engraving of the urn (which is sealed in the niche).

- Something for Everyone -



Anchors Potluck Supper Club

Friday, May 18th at 7:00pm

Hosted By: George Myers & Merrill Wilson

Where: Villa Granada

405 Avenida Granada, San Clemente, CA 92672

Please RSVP and sign-up at Coffee Hour. Please contact Merrill Wilson (949.281.8618) or Pat Sawyer (949.498.6460) with any questions, or if you would like to sign up as a host in 2018!

Ordinary Grace

by William Kent Krueger

Tuesday, May 1st

5:00pm at Rocco's in San Clemente

A sign-up sheet is in the church hall for those who wish to attend.

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



Sandwich Making for the Welcome Inn

Join us in the Parish Hall on

Sunday, May 20th, at 9:00am

Please note time change

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



When: May 16th from 2:00pm-5:00pm

Where: Laundry Basket-South

2405 S. El Camino Real in San Clemente

New volunteers are welcome and should arrive at 1:30pm for a brief orientation.

Laundry will be done in two hour shifts between 2:00pm-6:00pm

The first Sunday of every month we gather donations for Laundry Love. The monthly collection takes place during coffee hour. Since November 2016, this ministry has done over 2,000 loads of laundry for families in need. Let's keep the momentum going!

Contact Jan Genevro for more information on this ministry: outreach@scbythesea.org

- Volunteers Needed! -



ALTAR GUILD MEMBERS NEEDED!

The altar guild is seeking members to help set the Lord's Table.

Training is "on the job."

Time commitment is one Saturday and Sunday a month. Altar guild is by invitation of the Rector.

If you would like to become a member of the Altar Guild, please contact Fr. Patrick or any member of the Altar Guild.



ATTENTION: Coffee Hour Hosts Needed!

Coffee Hour is a well-loved time of weekly fellowship at St. Clement's - We need your help to keep the tradition alive! Coffee Hour is a great way to meet new people, the perfect time to catch up with friends, and a wonderful excuse to enjoy the sea-salt breeze on our patio.

If you have never hosted Coffee Hour before, *we will show you how!* You are also able to partner up with another member, and host Coffee Hour together.

If you are interested in hosting a Sunday Coffee Hour, a sign-up sheet is located in the Parish Hall. Or, you may contact Alicia at the Church Office (info@sbythesea.org). Please review available dates and choose one that best suits your schedule.

Thank you to all our wonderful hosts - this time of fellowship after Sunday services is so important to maintain.

- Outreach News -

Our Call to Action

Outreach activities at St. Clement's are coordinated by the Peace & Reconciliation Committee. This Committee seeks to respond faithfully to God's call to us "to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God" (Micah 6:8). We also want to answer "Yes!" in our daily lives to the questions central to the baptismal vows of the Episcopal Church:

"Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?"

"Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?"



Our Motivation

The prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where; there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

Our Current Activities

The Committee focuses on three types of activities:

- Caring for homeless persons: Supporting the Welcome INN (Interfaith Needs Network) food program by coordinating monthly bag lunch preparation and distribution, and collecting clothing to be distributed twice a year.
- Caring for the working poor: Partnering with Christ Lutheran Church to offer a LaundryLove site once a month in south San Clemente.
- Caring for members of the military: Serving the military community through participation in the San Clemente Military Family Outreach (SCMFO).



Welcome INN
Interfaith Needs Network



We are also participating with other faith communities in joint activities, including:

- A social justice discussion group, based on books that we select as a group. This new group will meet once a month on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00pm in the St. Clement's library.

- Outreach News Continued -

Please Join Us!

Everyone has a special talent or gift to offer that will improve the lives of others as you share God's love. We invite you to join us as a member of the Peace & Reconciliation Committee or as a volunteer for a specific project. We need your help with:

- ⇒ Making bag lunches once a month to distribute to people living on the street.
- ⇒ Buying food and coordinating the lunch-making. This rotates among St. Clement's services, so each service is responsible for this activity once every 3 months.
- ⇒ Volunteering for LaundryLove.
- ⇒ Volunteering for special projects.

Please contact the Church Office: 949.492.3401 or email Outreach@scbythesea.org for more information, to sign up for the next Committee meeting, or to volunteer.

- Anchor Society -

by the Endowment Committee

Anchor Society...What is it and how can you be a member?

If you have named St. Clement's by-the-Sea in your will or trust you are given membership to the Anchor Society. We want to recognize you for your generosity as a member with an exclusive Anchor Society medallion. Are you hesitant to make a gift to your church home because you might move or do you worry that there will not be assets left at the end of your life after expenses? Don't let that concern keep you from making a gift to your parish. We understand that your estate planning documents are revocable so gifts made now are subject to change over your lifetime. Good planning includes notifying the church office if you have named the church in your will or trust as a primary or alternate beneficiary. The church office can assist with providing the tax ID number and proper beneficiary name for your documents. Gifts made to St. Clement's should be designated to the "St. Clement's by-the-Sea Endowment Fund" in your will or trust. Our endowment fund is a "pure endowment" meaning that we maintain the principal in perpetuity, while making good use of growth and interest earnings for ministry. Remember, your designated future gifts may be amended. Alternatively, current tax deductions may be taken for charitable gifts made now. Please contact your estate planning or tax professionals regarding charitable gift questions. Please contact the church office with questions about Anchor Society membership: info@scbythesea.org.



Jennifer Medeiros
Trusts, Estates, and Probate Law

- Community Event: Life in Full Color -



*Arts and crafts workshop for the community to express art, creativity, and discuss emotional wellness topics.
At no cost to participants.*

May 19, 2018 | 9 a.m. - 12 noon

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 breakfast, art workshop, and a discussion of techniques to manage stress and anxiety.
- 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

- Community Events -



Live Show!

CINCO DE MAYO FIESTA

Saturday, May 5, 2018 ✂ 2:00 - 6:00 pm

MAX BERG PLAZA PARK
1100 Calle Puente, San Clemente

Join the Spanish Village by-the-sea community in celebration of Cinco de Mayo! The City of San Clemente will be hosting the 28th Annual Cinco de Mayo Fiesta at Max Berg Park from 2:00pm-6:00pm. The celebration will include live entertainment, gourmet food trucks, petting zoo, train rides, crafts, game booths, and more!

For more information, please visit:
www.san-clemente.org

St. Clement's will be joining in on the festivities honoring Cinco de Mayo! We will be selling churros and ice cream as a fundraiser for the Church during San Clemente's Fiesta at Max Berg Park.

We are looking for volunteers!

If you are able to help volunteer during our Cinco de Mayo fundraiser, please contact Margarita Farias (949.444.4843) or the Church Office (949.492.3401).



Memorial Day Remembrance

Sponsored by the Heritage of San Clemente Foundation

Monday, May 28th, from 2:00pm-3:00pm

Please join San Clemente as we honor all branches of the United States Military at the Marine Monument, in Park Semper Fi overlooking the SC Pier and ocean.

All service members welcome. Meet our Marines from Camp Pendleton: 2nd Battalion 4th Marines, San Clemente's adopted Marine Corps Unit. Parking is limited, arrive early!



For more information, visit the website: www.marinemonument.com or call 949.498.4958

- Save the Date: Swing Time at St. Clement's! -

Saturday, October 20th

Dear friends,

Plans for our Annual Fall Fundraiser dinner and Silent Auction are already in full swing! The Contraband, an 8-piece swing band, will be performing this year. The music will be 40's and 50's themed, with songs from Sinatra, Big Band Sounds, and other favorite such as "Fly Me to the Moon," "Diamonds are a Girl's Best Friend," and "The Lady is a Tramp." Rocco and Belkis, St. Clement's parishioners and owners of Rocco's Restaurant, will be planning a delicious menu of appetizers and dinner! Scrumptious desserts will be served during the concert. *More information to come!*



Help is needed to make our Annual Fall Fundraiser and Silent Auction a success!

SILENT AUCTION

Silent Auction Items

Please start to think about what you would like to donate to our Silent Auction. Popular auction items include:

- Tickets to events and entertainment venues
- Vacation venues, such as second home or time share
- Jewelry and clothing accessories
- Home décor items
- Gift Baskets (baby items; wine and food; personal care items)

Volunteer to Help

Many hands make light work. We will be needing many volunteers, from ticket sales, to auction item collection, display set up, and overall event preparation.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact:

Joe Wharton P: 415.515.8259 E: joe.wharton@brattle.com

Kate Syles P: 650.815.8985 E: katestyles1@gmail.com

Judy Johnson P: 949.422.8210 E: jjohnson@keyseo.biz



- Birthdays -

1-Claudia Berber	14-Shirley Wilson
1-Julia Hutcheson	15-Myrna Gray
2-Elaine Viele	17-Gail Milne
3-Mel Mothershead	18-Kevin Delgado
5-Rod Rodriguez	22-Debbie Neville
7-Bob Corless	24-Ken Baxter
8-Iliana Farias	24-Christi Seminoff
8-Bob Gergen	25-Fred Langford
11-Chris Miller	31-Gunnar Carey
11-Grayson Wallett	

**- Anniversaries -**

6-Patrick & Christina Crerar
 20-Stephen & Thuy Jones
 27-Jon Ulz & Susan Leal



Do you know a parishioner that needs help with rides, meals, or that would like a home visit?

Please contact:
 the church office, Fr. Patrick, or Carolyn Ferreira

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

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

San Clemente's First Church

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:00am Holy Communion Rite I, Nursery

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

12:00pm La Misa en Español

202 Avenida Aragon
San Clemente, CA 92672

OFFICE HOURS

Monday—9:00am-1:00pm

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