

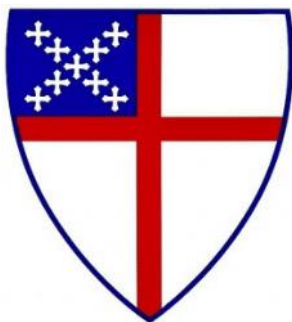


THE ANCHOR

MAY 2019

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

Welcoming all since 1929



**Member, Anglican
Communion**

PARISH MISSION:

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



**"This Church of
Ours is Open To
All...There Will
Be No Outcasts."**

-The Most Rev. Edmund
Browning *Emeritus*
Presiding Bishop



Resurrection...

The season of Easter is a joyous time! Our churches are certainly full on Easter day, as even the most diehard agnostic wants to know that there is life beyond this life, and that they have a share in it! The Sundays immediately after Easter Sunday are distinctive for their accounts of Jesus' Resurrection appearances, usually coupled with stories from the book of Acts, showing how the community of faith responded to those appearances. That is to say, how we became the "Resurrection Community."



You are probably quite familiar with some of the Resurrection accounts. This past Sunday, for example, we hear of how Jesus' appeared to his apostles on that first evening, when they were hidden behind locked doors. That Thomas was not there. And how, when the other disciples told Thomas of their encounter, he obdurately refused to believe, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe" (Jn 20:25).

In the week ahead, we'll hear of Jesus appearing to the disciples again, this time by the Sea of Galilee where they've returned, thinking they could just go back to their old life. But Resurrection changes things! They are not the same as they were before, relationships are transformed, and they are no longer fishers of fish, but fishers of people. (This event also provides the opportunity for Peter's restoration through his three-fold affirmations that he "loves" Jesus, countering his earlier denials).

There are other Resurrection accounts. Saul's conversion experience on the road to Damascus could be called a Resurrection encounter (Acts 9:1-19). Saul, also called Paul (Acts 13:9), certainly counted it as such. He writes, "[Jesus] was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters...Then he appeared to James...Last of all...he appeared also to me" (1 Cor 15:4-8).

One of my favorite Resurrection stories, and perhaps one that is familiar to you is the "Road to Emmaus," where Jesus begins to walk along with two of his disciples as they return home from Jerusalem on the very day of the Resurrection.

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Their hearts are broken by all that they had witnessed on Good Friday, and the entombment of Jesus. Their minds disoriented and disbelieving the stories they had heard of the empty tomb. Jesus walks some distance with them, and as he speaks their hearts begin to burn within them.

There is something comforting and inspiring about this companion who has joined them on the road. Still, it isn't until they are at dinner together, and when Jesus takes, blesses and breaks the bread, that they are suddenly aware that they are in his presence. Perhaps they've just looked at him for the first time since their journey began. No sooner do they recognize him than the moment is over, he disappeared from their sight, and they look at each other, stunned! Such are the moments of divine revelation, grace-filled but often instantaneous.

I should mention that I was blessed to visit Emmaus when I was in the Holy Land. Well, at least one of the places that claims to be Emmaus (in this case, Abu Gosh). There are nine such places that profess to be the biblical Emmaus.¹ No one is absolutely sure which is the true Emmaus. Four such sites are considered by scholars as much more probable than the rest. Luke mentions "sixty stadia" from Jerusalem, about seven miles. Abu Gosh is that distance and on a main road. Today, there is a lovely, convent church there.

But some ancient versions of Luke read "a hundred sixty stadia," more like seventeen miles. There is a town, Emmaus Nicopolis, at that distance, which perhaps was named later to coincide with the distance. Or maybe it was the Emmaus and that is why some versions of Luke have it as 160 stadia instead of 60, a scribal correction to the text to more accurately connect it to the actual town. Again, no one is certain. What Luke does tell us is that disciples got up from their meal and immediately returned to Jerusalem!

They rush to report to the other disciples that they have seen the Lord. Now if Emmaus Nicopolis is truly the place, then these disciples had a much more substantial walk ahead of them, and would have journeyed thirty four miles total that day. But, inspired by seeing the Resurrected Christ, I'm sure, they could have walked a hundred miles and scarcely felt it. Honestly, couldn't you? If you saw Jesus in the flesh, raised from the dead, with your own eyes, what then for you would be impossible?

There are other Resurrection appearances. And the community of disciples that became the Church is one that was shaped by the experience of the Resurrection. There is arguably no clarion call more recognizable in all of Christianity than "Alleluia, Christ is Risen! The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!" We are those who look for resurrection everywhere, confident that God can and does bring new life and surprising freshness to that which we thought was lifeless or beyond rescue.

The Spring provides us ample opportunity to see resurrection in the world around us. What were some months ago just brown hills, draught-barren and seemingly lifeless, are now bursting with green and gold. As I hiked recently among the red, Indian Paintbrush, blue Lupine, orange Poppy and the flowering yellow, Coastal Sage, I was overwhelmed by the sense of new life that is in our midst. The very creation testifying to the goodness of God and his ability to bring forth life from what seemed to us pretty lifeless no long ago.

We may experience resurrection in our relationships too. Perhaps these are relationships with family or friends with whom we have disagreed, relationships damaged or broken by time, believed by us to be irreparable. And yet, Christ enters in, and what was lifeless and bleak again is breathing and pulsating with possibilities. These are but reassuring external signs of the reality of the Resurrection, which of course tells us of Christ's absolute victory over death. Christ is alive, and as he promised, those who believe in him have already passed from death to life. Such is God's great love for us. Christ is raised, and we are raised with him. We share in resurrection life.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Patrick

¹For more on this, see <https://www.baslibrary.org/biblical-archaeology-review/34/2/8>

Harris Voice Studio Spring 2019 Recital

SATURDAY, MAY 4TH
4:00PM IN THE
SANCTUARY
FREE ADMISSION



Please contact Amanda with any questions,
comments, or concerns: 949.456.0288

- Pergola & Columbaria Projects -



St. Clement's submitted three capital improvement projects for building permits in May, 2018. This article provides an update on the status, with the good news that we are now in the final steps of receiving building permits for the pergola and the columbaria. There are three major steps, and two have been cleared and we have been told that on May 6 we will receive a building permit or receive a list of final conditions to clear before a permit will be issued.

The gates were removed from the submission process by agreement of Father Patrick and the Columbarium Committee because the historical design compatibility requirements by the City (custom wrought iron, panic bars, custom embellishments) made the gates unaffordable.

Construction will begin on the pergola once we receive the building permit and the contractor can schedule the work; all funds have been received for the pergola. It is a gorgeous wooden structure that is stylistically integrated with our Spanish Colonial Revival style church buildings.

The columbarium (a single structure) is now columbaria (plural) because the city historic design review board recommended an altered design of two structures with a lower height, approximately the same height as the wall surrounding the Memorial Garden where the structures will be placed abutting the side of the sanctuary. It is a lovely design and the St. Clement's Columbarium Committee and Father Patrick accepted the City's recommendation. Because there will be two half-high structures each person who has purchased a niche will be contacted during the summer to select a new niche location. The lead time from the columbaria vendor is almost six months because of the custom granite niche faces; construction is relatively simple so our best estimate is that we will be able to receive ashes into the columbaria near year end.

It has been a team effort to traverse the city process. Special thanks to Mike Badstubner, who started the process and has been the "city navigator" this whole time. Also to Jon Ulz for working with the designer and engineer, and Roger Morrison for sales support. And Father Patrick for his support, review, and the prayers that we have needed these past 12 months.

If anyone has any questions please contact me, jjohnson120@cox.net or (949) 422-8210.

In His Service,
Judy Johnson



Revised Plan for Two Columbaria



Dan Zimmerly—Plan Review

Make an impact this Mother's Day

Find the perfect gift at
smile.amazon.com and
Amazon donates.

You shop. Amazon donates.
amazonsmile



Dear friends,
Mother's Day is coming up on Sunday, May 12th, and many of you are shopping for the perfect gifts to honor your mother on her special day!

When you purchase your Mother's Day gifts at Smile.Amazon.com, AmazonSmile donates to St. Clement's. This is a wonderful opportunity to honor both your mother, the church, and her mission.

For assistance, please contact Alicia:
info@scbythesea.org



- Rectory Updates -



The Rectory renovation project began with the application for a matching \$10,000 forgivable loan with the City of San Clemente. Needless to say we have had many hurdles to overcome throughout the approval process. The most onerous was the city inspector's original belief that the property had been previously expanded without a permit or city knowledge. This assumption slowed the renovation project down by 3-4 months. Thankfully, Roland and Audrey Daigle found the original rectory building blueprints, which reflected that the suspected addition was actually part of the property's original building plan!

The City of San Clemente then gave us permission to proceed with our renovation. This proposal encompassed \$20,000 of renovation; new windows, stucco repair, and whole house exterior painting. St Clements and the city each deposited \$10,000 in an escrow account. The loan from the city will be forgiven over five years under the condition that we continue to rent the property at below market rates to lower-income families or individuals.

Additional renovations to the Rectory exclusive of our agreement with the city included a new fence and proposed rain gutters to protect the stucco and new paint. The experience of improving a significant Church asset has been very rewarding.

Yours in Christ,
Rich Suda





May 22nd | at Ruby's Diner

101 W. Avenida Vista Hermosa, Ste. 600
San Clemente, CA 92672

Bring your friends and family to dine at Ruby's Diner at Outlets in San Clemente on Wednesday, May 22nd, and 20% of all food and non-alcoholic beverage sales (when accompanied with this flyer) will be donated to:
St. Clement's by-the-Sea, Episcopal Church

Ruby's does not count purchases paid for with gift certificates as qualifying towards Fundraiser Night sales. Thank you! Remember: flyers must be passed out prior to your fundraiser and may not be passed out at the restaurant during the event.

- Something for Everyone -



The Library Book

by Susan Orlean

Tuesday, May 7th

5:00pm at Avis Senior Living
26922 Estrella
Capistrano Beach, CA 92624



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



When: May 15th

2:00pm–5:00pm

Where: Laundry Basket South

2405 S. El Camino Real

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



Social Justice Book Club

Nickel and Dime

by Barbara Ehrenreich

Thursday, May 16th

7:00pm in the St. Clement's Library

Questions? Please contact Jan Geneviro at outreach@scbythesea.org.



Sandwich Making for the Welcome Inn

May 19th at 1:00pm

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

- Something for Everyone -



When: May 17th at 7:00pm

Where: Ocean Hills Clubhouse

Hosted By: Russ & Tina English

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

OCEAN HILLS CLUBHOUSE

3536 Calle La Quinta

(Nearest Cross Streets just before La Quinta and Calle Casino)

From the 5 Fwy: exit on Camino De Estrella (Changes name to Camino De Los Mares)
turn right from heading North, left from South;
Turn left on Calle Agua (across from Trader Joe's);
At the first left, turn on Calle La Quinta;
The club house is on the right, past the golf course.

To park, drive past the clubhouse and turn right into the parking lot.
If the lot is full, park anywhere on the street where you don't block a driveway.
Call 949.573.0465 if you get lost.

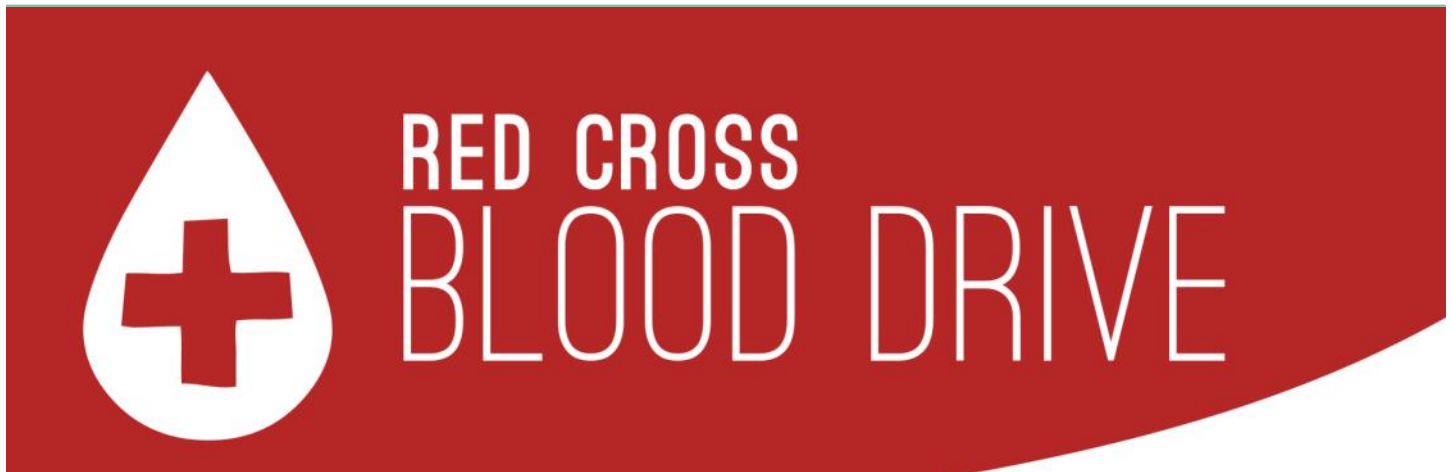
JUST A LITTLE *Reminder*

A NOTE FROM OUR MONDAY MORNING COUNTERS:

We would like to remind you to please write your pledge number on all your gifts for special events and services at St. Clements. Also, please indicate what you are paying for i.e. pledge, Good Friday, etc. By your doing so, saves us a huge amount of time, because we have to look up the pledge number for every loose check. We appreciate your cooperation.

Also: a reminder that you will not receive credit for payments for meals, according to the IRS Laws.

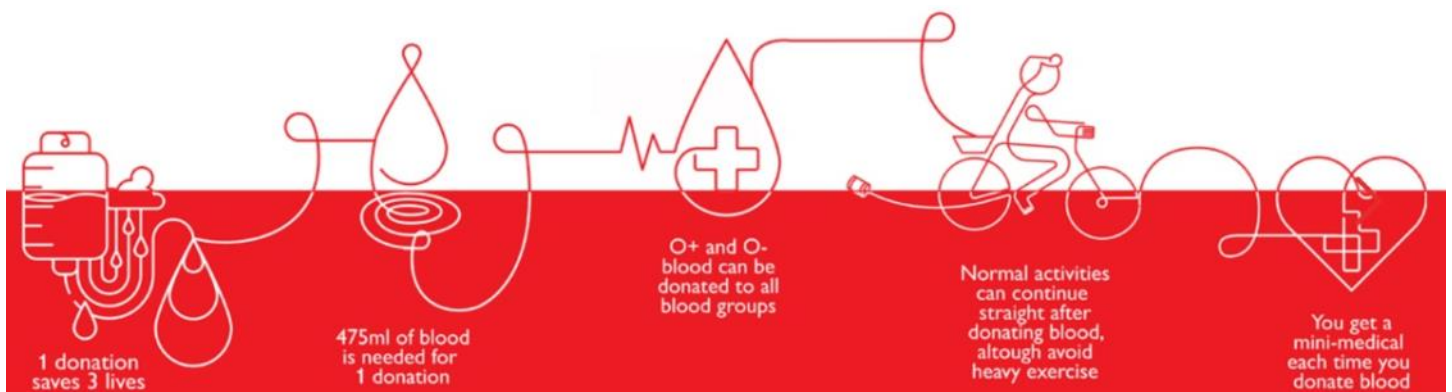
- Blood Drives -



June 14th **+** July 12th **+** July 26th
 August 9th **+** August 23rd

11:00am - 5:00pm

The American Red Cross will be hosting three Blood Drives at St. Clement's, in addition to our Annual Blood Drive! We are proud to support the Red Cross in their ministry, and hope you will support the cause as well.



Every day, blood donors help patients of all ages: accident and burn victims, heart surgery and organ transplant patients, and those battling cancer. Every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood. **Blood and platelets cannot be manufactured; they can only come from volunteer donors.** Approximately 36,000 units of red blood cells are needed every day in the U.S. **A single donation can save up to three lives.**

To sign up as a blood donor, or for more information, please contact the Church Office:

info@scbythesea.org

Flamenco Fiesta!

All proceeds to benefit
St. Clement's Outreach Projects

JUNE 2ND | 1PM-5PM

at the home of Judy & Mark Johnson

ONLY 12 TICKETS LEFT!



Join us for an afternoon of BBQ, drinks, desserts, and a fabulous performance by well-known Los Angeles dancer Jessica Pacheco!

Buy your tickets today!
\$50.00/person

Tickets available during
Coffee Hour (dates TBA)
or online at
www.scbythesea.org

*For more information, please contact Judy Johnson: 949.422.8210 or
jjohnson120@cox.net*

- Holy Week Recap -



The Thursday evening Lamb Supper is always a great time of fellowship and preparation for the Maundy Thursday worship service and start of the Great Watch. Roland and Audrey Daigle have been the chief cooks for 32 years, with a few years off for medical issues. We are glad they are restored to health and once again preparing a great meal, assisted by many helpers.



Maundy Thursday Foot Washing
A humbling act of love and self-giving

- Easter Recap -



Easter Sunday service was joyful as the church was packed for services celebrating our Risen Lord. The choir and soloists were magnificent, and the five brass orchestra players completed the sound of Easter. The church looked festive with a beautiful floral arrangement in the rafters. This photo was taken just before the start of the worship service, as all were singing and music was playing. Alleluia!



thank you

To our St. Clement's family,

A heartfelt thanks to our 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 BY-THE-SEA

VBS SUMMER CAMP

New Friends · Amazing Experiments · Creative Games
Super-fun Snacks · Surprising Adventures · Incredible Music

JUNE 24TH - 28TH

9:00AM - 12:00PM

Ages: Kindergarten - 5th grade
(campers must be 5 years old by Sept. 1st)

SPECIAL CELEBRATION SERVICE

JUNE 30TH AT 10:00AM

For more information, please call 949.492.3401

Early Bird Registration: \$60.00

After May 1st: \$70.00

THIS YEAR'S CAMP IS BROUGHT TO YOU BY A COLLABORATION
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- May Birthdays -



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



- May Anniversaries -



6-Patrick & Christina Crerar
27-Jon Ulz & Susan Leal



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

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

OFFICE HOURS

Monday—9:00am-1:00pm

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The Rev. Patrick Crerar, Rector