

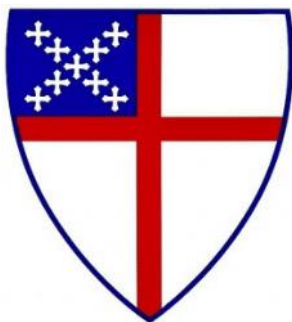


# THE ANCHOR

NOVEMBER 2019

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

Welcoming all since 1929



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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  
of the Episcopal Church



## **Saints...**

Here at St. Clement's, we often celebrate All Saints Day and All Souls Day together on the first Sunday in November. It is a great way to begin the month, remembering the well-known saints of the Church universal but also those saints of our own lives. They have all preceded us to that heaven shore and joined the great communion of saints. On that Sunday, we read aloud the names in our *Book of Remembrance*, "those whom we love, but see no longer" (BCP, 498) in this realm. We remember them, as we remember also those great exemplars of faith, who continue to inspire and encourage us to this day.



The word, "saints" simply means "holy ones" and St. Paul argued that we are all saints, or at least called to be. He would write to the various churches addressing them "to the saints that are in" whatever city or place, or by saying "those who are called to be saints in Corinth," for example. He would say we are saints not necessarily because we are perfect in faith or pious beyond imagining, but rather because the One to whom we belong is Holy. We have been marked as Christ own, in baptism, and so are called to live holy lives. Lives that reflect that affiliation.

Like the saints of the past, we strive to live righteously, that is unselfishly and sacrificially, desiring to follow in the footsteps of our Lord, Jesus. Those who have come before us weren't perfect either, for only our Lord Jesus is. But they did live inspirational lives. Sometimes they showed great compassion and love over extended periods of time. Even in their times, people would seek them out, to follow their examples, or to glean some of their wisdom. Other times, it was in a single crisis or trial, when they showed their courageous faith, trusting in Christ with their whole being. And we pray, Lord give me faith like that!

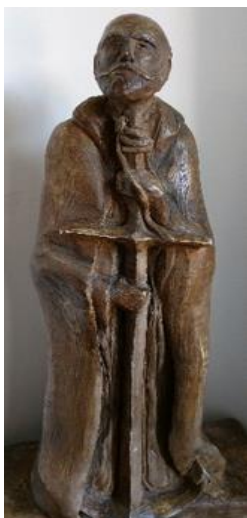
Of course, the saints of the Church were of virtually every walk of life, apostles, martyrs and priests sure, but sons of merchants, and healers, and teachers. As one of our most charming hymns about the saints puts it:

*"I sing a song of the saints of God, Patient and brave and true, Who toiled and fought and lived and died for the Lord they loved and knew. And one was a doctor, and one was a queen, and one was a shepherdess on the green...And one was a soldier, and one was a priest, and one was slain by a fierce wild beast..."*

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The hymn ends with the great reminder that the saints are not just of our past but also of our present.

*"You can meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea, in church, or in trains, or in shops, or at tea, for the saints of God are just folk like me, and I mean to be one too."* (Hymnal 1982, #293)



You've often heard me say that it pays to have a book of saints next to your bed, and to read a short excerpt each night to remind and inspire you. I've found that spiritual practice to be very helpful, especially when I'm working through something hard, to keep my perspective and maintain my hope.

Often saints are commemorated in holy places in either stained glass or statuary. We've got our faithful St. Clement, just as you enter our sanctuary on the right side. Holding firmly on to his anchor, a symbol both of his martyrdom but also his unfailing trust in his true anchor, Christ. And, as was noted last Sunday by Jon Ulz during his stewardship presentation, we are surrounded by those saints of this parish's history whose names are on the various memorials around our sanctuary and our parish grounds. These are reminders that we are encircled by a Great Cloud of Witnesses, whose praise of God now in paradise is joined with our praise of God here on earth.

Some traditions have a more robust inclusion of the saints in their holy spaces. Enter a Greek Orthodox church, for example, and you'll often find that a saint is looking back at you from just about every place your eye turns. This was certainly true in the churches I visited in the Holy Land. Saints were on the ceilings, on the walls, on practically every available space. And often there were little icons of the saints for you to touch or kiss located below the larger image of the saint on the wall.

This is not to be confused for worshipping the saint or pretending the icon is the saint, but rather a way of greeting the righteous souls that surround us. As was explained to me, "when you enter your home, you greet the people there with a kiss." So, when you enter this space you greet the saints that are there who are part of your family and who like you are worshipping God, with a kiss. The icons and images are reminders that we are part of an ongoing story, and that the saints of our past have in part made our present possible. They have handed the faith down to us and shown us ways of living that faith in the world.

We might think that their circumstances are not like our own. That it was in persecutions or other tremendous opposition when they gave their examples of heroic service. There is some truth to that. Thankfully, few are being fed to lions in modern times. Yet, there is always the need for those who dare to speak truth to power in every age and time. And when we despair, or the path in the footsteps of Jesus seems too hard, they inspire us to persevere.



In his "Forward" to our present book of saints, *Holy Women, Holy Men*, former presiding bishop, Frank Griswold, puts it like this, "Faced with circumstances most often very different from our own, these courageous souls bore witness to Christ's death-defying love, in service, in holiness of life, and in challenge to existing practices and perspectives within both the Church and society."<sup>1</sup> Such witness is still needed in this world. And, these exemplars of the faith from our past help us, they strengthen us to bear witness to Christ's "death-defying love" in our day.

To this point, I've only been speaking of the saints in generalities. Time and space would fail me to try to mention more than a few here, and yet, the names are important. Names like John, and Paul, and Teresa, and Francis, and of course, Mary, and Joseph, and Julian, and Lawrence, Lucy, and Brigid, and Gregory, and Jerome, Thomas, and Clare. Perhaps some of those names are familiar, and others send you to Google to learn more about them. Perhaps some are among your favorites, or maybe you bear one of their names, and you think on them often. Whichever the case, it seems that Christians have always tried to find a way to commemorate those faithful ones who proceeded us.

Since the earliest centuries in the Christian tradition there have been days set apart to celebrate the saints. In the East, this day remains the Sunday after Pentecost, and has been that day since the fourth century. Here in the West, we have mark the day on the 1<sup>st</sup> of November, since the ninth century and it is the only major feast day of the Church that can be moved to the Sunday following its actual day, emphasizing its broad importance. It is a day specifically set apart for baptisms, and if there are no baptisms, we – as a community – renew our own baptismal vows.<sup>2</sup> Thus recalling that we are called to be saints, to share in that Communion, of those who belong to Christ.

All Souls Day followed soon afterward. “Beginning in the tenth century, it became customary to set aside another day—as a sort of extension of All Saints—on which the Church remembered that vast body of the faithful who, though no less members of the company of the redeemed, are unknown in the wider fellowship of the Church. It was also a day for particular remembrance of family members and friends.”<sup>3</sup> And so, we remember those faithful souls of the Church and our own lives, those of ages past and those of our more recent times, grateful for their nurture of us in the Lord, and for their examples which we hope, in faith, to follow with courage.

Our former presiding bishop includes in his reflection in the beginning of our book of saints the following most excellent prayer from our *Book of Common Prayer* (found in additional prayers for Burial).

“O God, the King of saints, we praise and glorify your holy Name for all your servants who have finished their course in your faith and fear: for the blessed Virgin Mary; for the holy patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs; and for all your other righteous servants, known to us and unknown; and we pray that, encouraged by their example, aided by their prayers, and strengthened by their fellowship, we also may be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light.” (BCP, 502).

Do you have a favorite saint? Someone who inspires your faith and whose example strengthens you in times of challenge?

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Patrick

<sup>1</sup> *Holy Women, Holy Men, Celebrating the Saints* (New York: Church Publishing, 2010) Pgs. vii-viii.

<sup>2</sup> *Holy Women, Holy Men, Celebrating the Saints* (New York: Church Publishing, 2010) Pg. 662. See also, *The Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church*, Third Edition, (Oxford: University Press, 2005), Pg. 42.

<sup>3</sup> *Holy Women, Holy Men, Celebrating the Saints* (New York: Church Publishing, 2010) Pg. 662.



## AN INVITATION TO THE COMMUNITY & ALL VETERANS

Join us to Honor All Veterans  
at Park Semper Fi, The Marine Monument



*Artwork by Ruth Gooch, San Clemente Artist & Photographer*

Veterans Ceremony & Marine Corps Birthday 244th Year  
Park Semper Fi, Pier Bowl, San Clemente  
Saturday, November 9, 2019 at 1:00pm

### SPEAKER

Colonel Christopher D. Gideons,  
1 Marine Expeditionary Force, Chief of Staff

### MUSIC

1st Marine Division Band

Sponsored by:  
The Heritage of San Clemente Foundation  
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St. Clement's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church

***VETERAN'S DAY***  
***&***  
***MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY***

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***Sunday, November 10th***  
***10:00am Combined Service***

*Followed by a luncheon celebration  
in Okie Hall*

Veterans Day is an official United States public holiday, observed annually on November 11th. It honors military veterans and all those who serve or have served in the United States Armed Forces.

The Marine Corps Birthday celebration is a commemoration of the birth of the United States Marine Corps on November 10th, 1775. This date was chosen as a result of the Second Continental Congress resolution to raise two battalions of Continental Marines.

*A few words*

*from your Senior Warden*

## Mind the Gap

From my trips to London, I am familiar on the Underground with the recorded voice chanting “Mind the gap,” just as the doors open up. Here at St Clement's, we too need to mind the gap. In this my year as Senior Warden, I've been watching the flow of money here and there and I have to tell you, St Clements is very lean. There is no fat in our budget. If you don't believe me, check out the financials we post after every vestry meeting. Most monies come in and go straight out again to do Christ's work.

Still, for all the good things we do in the name of Christ, our funds are all allotted and there are many things we'd like to do but don't have the funds to do. And the fact is, right now we still have a serious deficit hanging over our heads. We need to mind the gap. I would really like to end the year in the black, God willing. I'm praying and doing what I can financially.

So, I'd like to ask you to join me and prayerfully consider an additional end-of-the-year donation toward our gap, in whatever amount you feel God is calling you to give. As always, checks can be made out to St Clements and left at the parish office. And do me a favor and write “mind the gap” in the memo line.

Thanks,  
Jim Prothero



Tuesday  
November 19th

7:00 pm

We will meet in the Library



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## - UTO Ingathering-



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NOTICE THE GOOD THINGS THAT HAPPEN EACH DAY...

### GIVE THANKS TO GOD

for your blessings.

### MAKE AN OFFERING

for each blessing.

### EVERY PENNY, NICKEL, DIME, QUARTER, AND DOLLAR OFFERED IN THANKS

through United Thank Offering is given to God's  
mission in the world.

### EVERY COIN AND BILL TRANSFORMS LIVES

in the United States and around the world.

### YOUR BLESSINGS

become blessings for others.



## UTO Ingathering Reminder:

*We will be having an ingathering of the UTO Blue Boxes on  
November 24th right around the corner...*

So, please remember to keep adding your coins as you say prayers of gratitude daily for God's many blessings. If you do not have a blue box, or if you need a new one, they are available on the sign-up table at Coffee Hour or you can drop into the church office during the week and get one! This is an ideal ministry for someone with limited time, and can be done as is convenient for you. Please consider taking advantage of this opportunity to serve our Lord.

United Thank Offering (UTO) is a ministry of the Episcopal Church for the mission of the whole church. Through United Thank Offering, men, women, and children nurture the habit of giving daily thanks to God. These prayers of thanksgiving start when we recognize and name our many daily blessings.

Those who participate in UTO discover that thankfulness leads to generosity. United Thank Offering is entrusted to promote thank offerings, to receive the offerings, and to distribute the UTO monies to support mission and ministry throughout the Episcopal Church and in invited Provinces of the Anglican Communion in the developing world.

## - Something for Everyone -



Saturday, November 2nd at 4:00 pm

*"Souls, Spirits, and Stars"*

The Harris Voice Studio Fall 2019 Recital

Please join us to support developing singers in a tribute to souls who have passed.  
Songs, arias, and duets in Italian, French, German, Latin, and English.  
Amanda Patterson will sing to conclude the recital, which will be in the sanctuary.  
***Free admission. Recital will last about one hour.***

**When:** November 20th  
2:00pm–5:00pm

**Where:** Laundry Basket South  
2405 S. El Camino Real

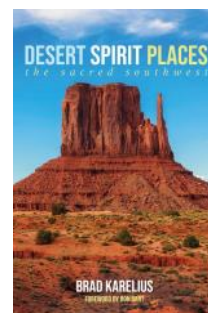
Please contact Tina Inglish for more information: [ringlish@cox.net](mailto:ringlish@cox.net)

## Book Discussion Desert Spirit Places

**Tuesday  
December 3rd  
7:00 pm**

Fr. Brad will be present with us to discuss his book **Desert Spirit Places**.

For more information, please contact: Mary Ann Morrison at (949) 361-0031  
*Book can be purchased on Amazon.*



## Sandwich Making for the Welcome Inn

November 17th after the 10am service

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





Please note that the church office will be closed on Thursday, November 28th & Friday, November 29th.

## - Godly Play -



*Godly Play, I Wonder...Join Us*

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

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

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

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

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

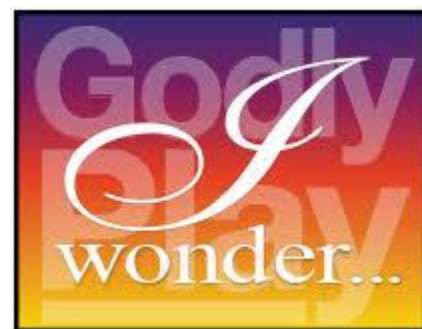
***Prayer Circle*** – We conclude our Story Circle by praying our way around the Circle together

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

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

***Story Schedule*** – See below for our schedule for the remainder of this year.

Nov. 3	All Saints Sunday – Child's Own Saint, (End Daylight Savings)
Nov. 10	The Prophets
Nov. 17	St. Margaret of Scotland
Nov. 24	Introduce Christmas Pageant and start learning songs
Dec. 1	Christmas Pageant Rehearsal, Advent 1, (Thanksgiving Weekend)
Dec. 8	Christmas Pageant Rehearsal, Advent 2
Dec. 15	Christmas Pageant Rehearsal, Advent 3
Dec. 22	Christmas Pageant Dress Rehearsal, Advent 4
Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Pageant
Dec. 29	Circle of the Church Year





Say hello to Fr. Jay and join him on Wednesdays for the Holy Eucharist with Healing. The Rev. Jay Young has been an Episcopal priest for over 30 years. He recently retired after serving for 21 years as Chaplain at Harvard-Westlake School in Los Angeles. Fr. Jay and his wife, Cindy, both grew up in Houston and still have family scattered throughout Texas. They purchased a house in San Clemente a few years ago and moved here full-time upon Jay's retirement.

This past summer, the Young's were fortunate to have lived for two months in the western part of the island of Kauai where Fr. Jay was serving as vicar-in-residence for two small Episcopal congregations. He also serves as Chaplain to the Los Angeles FBI.

Cindy had careers in insurance and elementary education and is now happy to be retired in San Clemente. Both Fr. Jay and Cindy love volunteering for our Parish work with Laundry Love.



**Holy Eucharist  
with Healing  
Wednesdays at 6pm**

We offer a service of Holy Communion  
with healing prayers!

The services are held in the sanctuary  
and led by the Rev. Jay Young and,  
on occasion, by the Rev. Brad Karelius.



**This year we did something different with our annual Blessing of the Animals, in honor of St. Francis of Assisi. We invited our friends from the Lutheran, Presbyterian and Methodist traditions to join us! It was a wonderfully ecumenical time of blessing and fellowship in Max Berg Park. We hope to repeat it next year and see even more of our neighbors and their furry, feathery and fuzzy friends.**



## Blessing of the Animals 2019

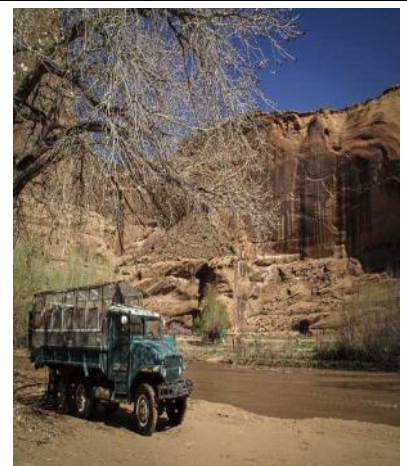






Join us this coming Summer for our Pilgrimage to Navajoland!

(Open to high-school aged teens)



Open to any high school aged kids, we will meet monthly after the 10am service to plan our pilgrimage to Navajoland this coming Summer. Come find out more, as we plan our week-long adventure to learn more about Native American culture, history and spirituality.

**Next meeting, November 17th, at 11:15am, in the youth classroom.**

## - Save the Date -



### UPCOMING EVENTS

- **November 2nd** — The Harris Voice Studio Fall Recital
- **November 3rd** — All Saints Day / Día de los Muertos
- **November 10th** - Veterans Day/Marine Corps Birthday  
(10am Combined Service)
- **November 28th** — Thanksgiving
- **December 12th** — Our Lady of Guadalupe Event
- **December 24th:**
  - 4pm Children's Pageant & Family Eucharist
  - 7pm Misa de Nochebuena
  - 9:30pm Carol Sing-A-Long
  - 10pm Candlelight Service
- **December 25th**
  - 10am Christmas Day Service



### *A Gentle Reminder*

*From Myrna Head Counter*

It's that time of year again when we will be writing, or sending electronically, our contribution to cover items that may be other than our regular pledges. Are you putting your pledge or account number which is the same on all your checks? We, the Counters, really appreciate that you are doing so, it makes our job so much easier when we don't have to look up your number before listing. Please do help us by putting your pledge number on each check for any purpose to which you donate. Note to new members, this is our practice when we put loose checks in the offering plate which are not in your envelope.

**- November****Birthdays -**

1-Marcia Mohler

17-Patrick Crerar

2-Deb Loftus

17-Robert Miranda

10-Joan Ashbrook

18-Margarita Farias

12-Gustavo Carrillo Jr.

21-Susan Rhodes

12-Katrina Soto

23-Rachel Tomeo

17-Elvira Carrillo

25 Cecily Grig

17-Dylan Casey

27-Juvenal Delgado

**- November Anniversaries -**

5-Jose &amp; Elvira Carillo

18-Michael &amp; Andrea Morris

27-Roger &amp; Mary Ann Morrison

29 - Bill &amp; Deb Loftus

**Bible Studies**

**Every Wednesday  
in the Library**

11:00am (English)

6:00pm (Spanish)

**Centering Prayer Group**

Every Monday at 6:00pm in the Library

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

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

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

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### **SUNDAY WORSHIP**

8:00am Holy Communion Rite I

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

12:00pm La Misa en Español

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### **OFFICE HOURS**

Monday—9:00am-1:00pm

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