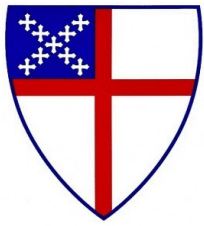


# THE ANCHOR

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The monthly newsletter of St. Clements 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*  
*of the Episcopal Church*



**Holy Week...**

In a short time, friends, we will mark that holiest time in the Church year, Holy Week. Each of the days of Holy Week has its own emphasis as we journey with Christ toward his cross, death, burial and entombment and prepare ourselves for his unexpected rising and conquering of death. Christians have marked this time liturgically, since at least the 4<sup>th</sup> century, when pilgrimages to Jerusalem were more possible and folk had a natural tendency to want to reenact the events of Jesus life.<sup>1</sup>



Of course, Holy Week really begins with Palm Sunday, and Christ' triumphant entry into the holy city, Jerusalem. We begin that day with great joy and fanfare, but soon find ourselves overcome by the cries of “Crucify Him!” seemingly from the same crowd that only moments before had cried out “Hosanna to the Son of David.” Palm Sunday is in some ways an overview of the week ahead, and if you are only able to attend one service in Holy Week, let it be that one. But, each day is significant and can make your Lenten observance even more meaningful, your understanding of what and why Jesus endured what he endured more complete.

On Holy Monday, we have Jesus' anointing at the hands of Mary, the sister of Lazarus. This is variously described in the gospels, but all have some version of it, i.e. it's important! In some accounts, the woman, sometimes named, sometimes not, anoints Jesus' head, as kings and priests would have been anointed in biblical times. In other places, she anoints his feet. Whatever the case, it is an extravagant and intimate gesture of great love, and Jesus interprets it as preparing him beforehand for what is to come in the days ahead (knowing that there would be no time after his crucifixion, as evening falls and his body is hastily put into a donated tomb).

On Holy Tuesday, we hear of the “Cleansing of the Temple.” Some historians argue that this was the precipitous event that led the Romans to want to put Jesus to death, that his action was a direct challenge to the Pax Romana. This view isn't supported by the gospels which tend to show Jesus' action as rather a challenge to the entire system of sacrifices and offerings in the Temple. That is to say, his was a challenge to the entire religious order of his day, and those that supported it. Solidifying the religious authorities' opposition to him and his movement. In recent years, our lectionary has changed the readings for Holy Tuesday, and instead inserted the Last Supper here. But, I'm more of a traditionalist in this circumstance and continue with the “Cleansing of the Temple” on Holy Tuesday.

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Tenebrae is observed on Holy Wednesday. This is a night when we remember Judas' betrayal of Christ to those in power (selling Jesus out for thirty pieces of silver), and Jesus' abandonment by those closest to him. The service itself is unique. It is not a Eucharist, as the others are. Rather, it is a service of increasing shadows. We dwell with Christ in the human experience of betrayal. We experience in some ways what that must feel like, we meditate on that loss as we consider perhaps our own culpability and the times we have turned our backs on our beloved Messiah. The light gradually diminishes as the forces that rebel against God seemingly gain the upper hand, only to see the light that the darkness could not overcome restored to its rightful place.

Maundy Thursday is that day when we remember Jesus' Last Supper with his beloved disciples. The event, as St. John has it in his Gospel account, when Jesus unexpectedly gets up from the table, ties a towel about his waist, and kneels before each of disciples to wash their feet. I am always deeply affected by the fact that Jesus washes Judas' feet too. This entire service illustrates Jesus' amazing example of his servant leadership. And as the name "Maundy," which means "Commandment" in Latin, suggests this is the time in which Jesus gives us a new commandment, to love one another as he has loved us. The service ends with a stripping of the altar, and the "Great Watch," as Jesus and his disciples move from the supper to the garden at Gethsemane to pray.

Good Friday takes us from the arrest of Jesus, to his trial and condemnation, his journey through the streets of Jerusalem, carrying his cross. We begin at noon with the Stations of the Cross, the Good Friday liturgy follows, when we remember his crucifixion, especially the words that he spoke from the cross, and eventually his death and entombment. The liturgy is complemented by meditative music, until 3pm, the hour when scripture tells us that Jesus died upon the cross. Sacred silence follows for many of us through the next day, and until the first proclamations of Easter and Christ's miraculous resurrection!

I pray you can be with us for this journey. If your schedule allows, please join us at 7pm, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Join us for a lamb "Seder" at 6pm on Maundy Thursday and the service at 7pm, and then at 12pm until 3pm, on Good Friday. I assure you that this will be time well spent for your spiritual life. The great 50 days of Easter, of course, follow Holy Week. And, our time of prayer, penitence and contemplation of what Christ endured for us during Holy Week, rightly prepares us for that season of joy.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Patrick

<sup>1</sup>See "Holy Week" in *The Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church*, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition Revised, F. L. Cross & E. A. Livingston, editors (Oxford: University Press, 2005), Pg. 789.

## Community Outreach

Have you been wondering how you can put God's love into action and strengthen St. Clement's connections with the community?



**The Peace & Reconciliation/Outreach Committee has opportunities for you!**

***Join us for Laundry Love***

*The next gathering will be*

*April 19th, beginning at 2pm  
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 2pm-6pm*

*Contact Janice Genevro for more information on this ministry*





## *Holy Week and Easter 2017*

**Palming of the Sanctuary and making of Palm Crosses**

**Saturday, April 8th, 9am**

**Palm Sunday, April 9th**

**8am, 10am, 12pm Misa en Espanol**

**Holy Eucharist, Monday April 10th**

**7:00pm**

**Holy Eucharist, Tuesday April 11th**

**7:00pm**

**Tenebrae, Wednesday April 12th**

**7:00pm**

**Maundy Thursday Lamb Supper and Liturgy**

**6:00pm– Agape, Lamb Supper**

**7:00pm– Liturgy with foot washing**

**Great Watch follows the service**

**Good Friday Services**

**12:00pm–Stations of the Cross**

**1:00pm– Liturgy**

**2:00pm– Meditative Music**

**6:00pm– Via Cruces (Stations of the Cross in Spanish)**

**Flowering of the Sanctuary**

**Saturday, April 15th, 9am**

**Easter Sunday, April 16th**

**8am– Holy Eucharist with Brass Ensemble and Choir**

**10am– Holy Eucharist with Brass Ensemble and Choir**

**12pm– Misa en Espanol**



## Something for Everyone

### Book Club

*Silver Coin by Marisa Silver*

Tuesday, April 4th  
5:00 pm at Rocco's

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



### Anchors Potluck Supper Club

To be determined!

We are in need of hosts!

Contact the church office if you are able to host.

Contact Pat Sawyer if you have any questions.



***Meet the Parishioners...  
Welcome Wayne Shem!***



I was born and raised in Milwaukee, WI and moved to Hawthorne, CA at age of 12 with my brother, sister and parents. I lived in the Southbay until 1996, moving to Laguna Niguel and a few south OC neighborhoods. I lived in Orlando, Boston and Charlotte from 2011-2016, then back to San Clemente last summer.

I am a surfer and very happy to be back to this idyllic location; best in the U.S. I have a technical sales career life in water, air, lighting, and energy. I was raised Lutheran, then Roman Catholic (age 36) and joined the Episcopal inclusive faith in June 2011 at St. John's- RSM.

As a Roman Catholic I was very engaged; usher, Eucharistic minister, lector, PGK- Knights of Columbus. I captained and attended more than 24 Christian men's weekend retreats, most were at Mater Dolorosa- Passionist Center; Sierra Madre- indelible experiences. I also did bible studies with boys and girls at the OC Sheriff Juvenile Hall in Santa Ana every Wednesday for one year - very rewarding. Those kids are very much in need of inspiration, enlightenment, mentors.

I settled in at St. Clements, because of the proximity, hospitality, music and Fr. Patrick.

*-Wayne Shem, St. Clement's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church Parishioner*

## *Join us for Earth Day 2017*



*Saturday, April 22nd*

*Meet at the base of the San Clemente Pier*

*8:30 AM*

*Sign up at coffee hour or just show up!*

*All ages welcome, bring your friends!*





## *Upcoming Events*



***April 4th***– Book Club, 5pm at Rocco’s

***April 8th***– Palming of the Church, 9am

***April 9th*** – Palm Sunday, 8am, 10am, 12pm

***April 10th, 11th***– Holy Eucharist, 7pm

***April 12th***– Tenebrae, 7pm

***April 13th***– Maundy Thursday Lamb Supper and Liturgy, 6pm

***April 14th***– Good Friday Services beginning at 12pm

***April 15th***– Flowering of the Sanctuary, 9am

***April 16th***– Easter Sunday, 8am, 10am, 12pm

***April 17th***– Sandwich Making, 2:30pm

***April 19th***– Laundry Love, 2pm

***April 22nd***– Beach Day Clean Up, 8:30am

***Make sure to check out our “Upcoming Events” Page at***

***www.scbythesea.org for more information***





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

Please contact the church office or Tina Borden for further information.

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



**MONDAY!!!\***

**April 17th**

**2:30 PM**

**Okie Hall**

\*Note, this is a Monday and not our typical Sunday, as 3rd Sunday is Easter Sunday. If you can come on Monday, April 17th to help, it will be much appreciated. Many hands make light work.

**Centering Prayer Group  
meets each Monday at  
6:00pm in the Library**

For more information  
please contact Matt Duncan

## April 2017 Birthday Celebrants

- 3 - Lanneau Miller
- 4 - Larry Gates
- 5 - Brandon Berube
- 5 - Cameron Berube
- 7 - Karen Williams
- 11 - Hailey Allen
- 12 - Miguel Berber
- 13 - Tina English
- 13 - Deirdre Stropp
- 14 - Jack Clarke
- 14 - Fred Stewart
- 16 - Kristin Williams
- 18 - Rebecca Marcu
- 19 - Patricia Morrison
- 24 - Vanessa Hazzard
- 24 - Bill Kinser
- 25 - Mark Pocino
- 26 - Evelyn Seech

## Wedding Anniversaries

- 10 - Kent & Laurie Adamson
- 19 - Jose & Karina Jaimes
- 19 - Mark & Judy Johnson
- 29 - Marc & Carolyn Allen

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### **SUNDAY WORSHIP**

8 a.m. Holy Communion Rite I, Nursery

10 a.m. Holy Communion Rite II with Choir, Nursery, Sunday School

12 p.m. La Misa en Español

### **OFFICE HOURS**

9am-3pm Monday-Thursday

9am-12pm Friday