

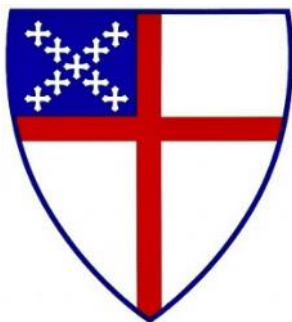


THE ANCHOR

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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



Identity...

It's been a bit of a modern phenomenon, the number of people who are getting their DNA results from companies like 23andMe or Ancestry.com. In fact, many of you have shared your amazing results with me in recent months. I guess a lot of people were given these genetic tests as Christmas presents and they're getting their results now. And what a gift that is, to give someone the opportunity to find out more about themselves, things that perhaps they've wondered about for a very long time.



As I browsed the site for one of these companies, I had to chuckle when they claimed that they could tell me "how much Neanderthal DNA you inherited." I thought, "in my case, I'll bet it is a lot." My wife has often made the comparison! But seriously, these services can provide great insights into ourselves and our origins. They can sometimes confirm or debase myths that have persisted in our family systems or give us information if we haven't been fortunate enough to have a relative with a passion for genealogy.

Interestingly, what I've heard more and more as folk have shared their DNA pasts with me is how diverse their backgrounds really are. Truly, what is on our surface is surface, and we are all more of a hodgepodge within. Our genetic makeup is generally quite diverse with parts of our DNA from hither and yon. What does that suggest? Well, certainly that we really are all connected. Or, as our Prayer Book puts it, "O God, you have made of *one blood all* the peoples of the earth" (BCP, 100).

I've never had my DNA tested. We were blessed to have written family histories for many generations on both sides of my family. I think the one we have for my dad's side went back to something like the 1650's. I didn't realize how rare that is. I thought most people were so blessed, but that is not the

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case. I've learned it is more rare than typical. I could still probably learn a lot about myself from doing one of these tests, and maybe one day I will. Was it Socrates or Plato who advised, "know thyself"?

I think at the heart of much of our genetic exploration these days is the desire for belonging. We folk wonder, "to what clan, tribe, people or group do I belong?" Who is (or was) my family? One of the great traditions that we have in the Church is one we observe in this holy season of Easter, when we tend to have Baptisms. Perhaps you've noticed, or not, that when we baptize someone we use only their first and middle name (if they have a middle name), and never their last name.

The idea is that at baptism we join a new family. We become part of the family of Christ. We are a new creation, sharers in the promises of God and fellow heirs with Christ of eternal life. We therefore have a new family name or surname. No longer, "Gabriella Rose Crerar" but thereafter, "Gabriella Rose – A Christian," child of God, sibling in the household of Christ, full member of the Church. I wonder how many of us have truly internalized that identity.

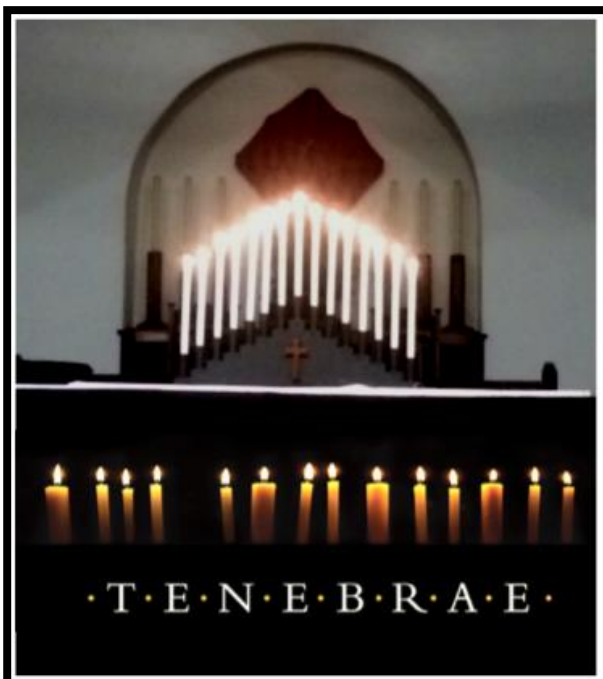
I'm no biblical literalist, but perhaps all our ancestry results should come back with "Grandpa and Grandma; Great Grandpa and Great Grandma; Great, great Grandpa and Great, great Grandma...and Moses and Zipporah (yes, he had a wife)...Isaac and Rebecca...Abraham and Sarah...[and finally] God! the Source of All Being." This is one of the emphases of Scripture, that we are in that spiritual lineage and family, and that we go back to Adam and Eve, who are representative (not literal) figures for all humanity and our interrelatedness. That all flesh shares the same tap root of existence, that being God the Father of all, who said, "let us make humankind in our image" (Gen 1:26) and saw what he created and determined it to be "very good" (1:31).

Also, in this Easter season, we hear much about what the family of Christ was like in its earliest years. The stories we find in the Book of Acts speak of a family that prayed together, that ate together and that shared their gifts with each other, "as any had need" (Acts 2:45). These are still the hallmarks of the Christian family today and the example to which many parishes compares themselves. This is what we strive for: living in such loving community that we truly are family, one to another. When I call you "sister" or "brother" those words have meaning, because they point to the awareness of our authentic relatedness and relationship.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Patrick

- Holy Week Highlights -



- Revealed: Summer Raffle Painting! -



Sunrise San Clemente Pier

by Jim Prothero

St. Clement's Junior Warden, Jim Prothero, has donated watercolor "*Sunrise San Clemente Pier*" for our 2018 Summer Raffle! Raffle tickets will be available for purchase during Coffee Hours following the Sunday services. More information to come!

A little about Jim...

Jim Prothero creates landscapes and portraits in watercolor, gouache, and acrylics of the people and places of his native Southwest and Southern California. He is a SoCal native, and lived some years in Flagstaff, Arizona, where he fell in love with the Southwest. Jim trained in high school and college, although he was mainly taught by his father, Cliff, who worked in and ran the Art Department at Lockheed Aircraft for over thirty years. Jim was fortunate to grow up in an artist's home, full of books, art, and surrounded by prolific artists such as Ralph Hulett and George Flower. Being raised in an artistic household and environment formed Jim's interest in the interplay of light with the human face and with the land. *For more information, visit www.JimProtheroWatercolor.com*



Still Life & Florals

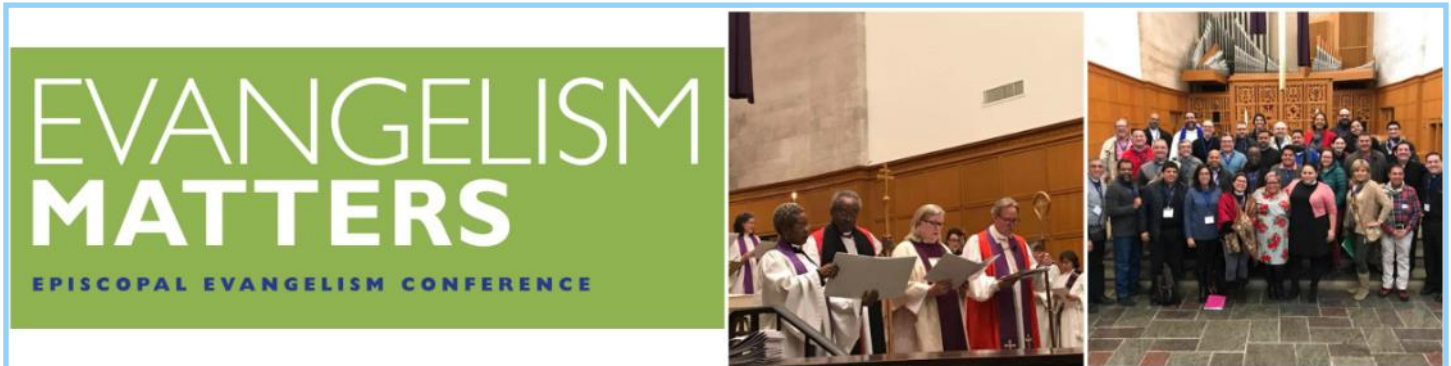


Portraits



Landscapes

- Conference: Evangelism Matters -



"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!'" Isaiah 6:8

I was honored to have been appointed by the Bishop to represent the Diocese of Los Angeles in the Evangelism Matters Conference organized by the Presiding Bishop's Office. The conference took place from March 14 through March 17 in Cleveland, Ohio in the beautiful St. Paul's Episcopal Church. More than 400 Episcopalians gathered at this event, joined by close to 20,000 people online. There were representatives of all the provinces of the church, including of course the IX Province, which is formed by Dioceses from Central and South America. People came all the way from Colombia, Venezuela, Honduras, Dominican Republic and almost every state to reclaim together the real meaning of Evangelism, a practice that unfortunately has been used to alienate instead of unite. The Evangelism practice ought to be generous, humble and spiritual.

The charge of the Conference was to remind us that "Jesus gathered people to serve the dream of God and form Beloved Communities that live not for themselves but for love of the world." The Episcopal Church is part of the ongoing movement of people who center their lives on Jesus and as Christians we are called to honor our baptismal promises to continue Jesus' teachings and fellowship and to seek and love God in all people. We are invited to share our stories and celebrate them; acknowledging and embracing the richness of our diverse communities.

There was time for community building, worshiping and learning. There were more than twenty workshops available and we even had time to join a "Revival" service, done the Episcopal way so do not worry! Please feel free to ask me about that experience. I am grateful to have had this opportunity and I'm looking forward to the way the Holy Spirit and this Diocese is calling us to practice more intentionally Evangelism because it does matter!

Yours in Christ,

The Rev. Norma Guerra

- Something for Everyone -



Anchors Potluck Supper Club

Anyone interested in hosting an Anchors Potluck this year, including this month on April 20th, please contact Pat Sawyer: sawlp@sbcglobal.net

We are especially looking for hosts in May and in the Fall.
We can provide the clubhouse, all you need to do is host.

Killers of the Flower Moon

by David Grann

Tuesday, April 3rd

5:00pm at Rocco's

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



Sandwich Making for the Welcome Inn

Join us in the Parish Hall on

Sunday, April 15th, at 9:00am

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



When: April 18th 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 Geneviro 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@scbythesea.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.

- Announcing a Columbarium at St. Clement's! -

Columbarium sales beginning April 15th!



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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- Answers to Common 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 will be 9'5" wide x 7'5" tall x 16" deep. There will be 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).

- 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

- Trusts & Estates -

From parishioner, Jennifer Medeiros, who presented at our Annual Meeting about tax laws, their impact on your estate and how you can include St. Clement's (or other charitable institutions in your planning):

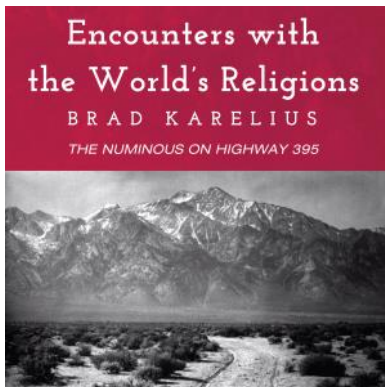
Are you unsure how new tax laws will affect your estate? Have you had changes in your family or assets in the last decade? I recently had an opportunity to host an estate planning workshop at St. Clement's. If you were not able to attend I would like to extend my offer of a free consultation for families in need of a will, trust, and/or powers of attorney. Alternatively, if you have a trust that needs updating I will waive the \$300 review fee for St. Clement's parishioners. My office is located at 501 N. El Camino Real, #200, San Clemente. I am happy to help fellow parishioners. Call me at 949-420-0025.

- Jennifer Medeiros, Attorney at Law



Jennifer Medeiros
Trusts, Estates, and Probate Law

- Encounters Audiobook -



Dear friends,

My new book, "Encounters with the World's Religions: The Numinous on Highway 395" is now an audiobook available at www.audible.com. I recorded the book at Mosaic Studios in Sherman Oaks, CA. This book shares crystallizations of religious wisdom collected through the ages, and finely tuned descriptions of holy sites, which you may visit, that will draw you deeper in your personal encounters with world spiritualities. If you enjoy my audiobook, please consider writing a review!

"The phrase 'World's Religions' conjures up a global, rather theoretical discussion of the Big Five of Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Buddhism, and Hinduism. We anticipate . . . they will 'clash.' None of that here! Here we get the self-disclosing, self-giving witness of Brad: priest, poet, observer, witness lover of the earth, sinner, lover of his son Eric, expansive believer. . . . [O]ne is struck by Brad's modesty [and] his courage in truth-telling. His book is a generous invitation to all of us . . . to find our True Self."

--Walter Brueggemann, Professor of Old Testament, Columbia Theological Seminary

Yours in Christ,
Father Brad Karelius
Desert Spirit Press

- Outreach News -



Many thanks to everyone who donated clothing and toiletries to our recent Winter Warmth Drive. The response from the parish was generous and enthusiastic, and the coats, blankets, sweaters, and other items were received with deep gratitude during the coldest weeks of the year.

New group, new ideas, new friends! The Peace & Reconciliation Committee is partnering with the Social Justice Ministry of St. Edward's Catholic Church to hold a monthly book discussion group. The first meeting will be Thursday, April 19th at 7 p.m. in the St. Clement's library. We'll be discussing the book "How Much is Enough?" by Arthur Simon (available on Amazon for about \$13) and the discussion will be led by Chuck Brauer of St. Edward's. Future books and discussion topics will be determined by participants. Please join us!



**WE NEED
YOUR HELP**

We need your help. There are several Outreach activities that would benefit greatly from your involvement! First, to keep our monthly bag lunch ministry for the Welcome Inn going, we are looking for an overall coordinator to help recruit and support the volunteers who purchase supplies and set up the monthly sandwich-making efforts. A volunteer is also needed to coordinate the semi-annual clothing drives. Volunteers for other activities, such as Laundry Love, are always welcome too. The Peace & Reconciliation Committee is also seeking a new convener and additional members. For more information, please contact Jan Geneviro, Vestry Member for Outreach, at 949-276-2799.

- Grayson Wallett Fundraiser -

Join St. Clement's in supporting Grayson Wallett's Eagle Scout Project!



Eagle Scout Service Projects, or Eagle Projects, are the opportunity for Scouts to demonstrate leadership while performing a project for the benefit of the community. The scout is required to plan, develop, and lead others while fulfilling a community need. Successful completion of Eagle Projects are mandatory for all Boy Scouts seeking to attain the Eagle Scout rank.

Grayson Wallett's Eagle Project is geared toward helping the homeless and those in need through the Welcome Inn. He will be constructing a cabinet with bins to store ingathered clothing, as well as assembling toiletry kits for distribution to the homeless.

To support this effort, Grayson and his youth volunteers will be hosting a pancake breakfast following the 8:00am and 10:00am services on April 8th, in place of Coffee Hour. *All are welcome!* We ask that those attending Grayson's pancake breakfasts consider donating travel size toiletry items, such as combs, shampoo, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, razors, and shaving cream. If you are not able to attend the pancake breakfasts on April 8th, but wish to support Grayson in his fundraiser, please contact him at: wallett@cox.net. Donations will be accepted through Sunday, April 22nd.



- VolunteerSignUp -



SIGN UP SHEETS - NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE

Sign-up sheets for Coffee Hour, Luncheons, Special Events, and other volunteer opportunities are now available online. Links to these sign up sheets will be sent out via direct email, e-blasts, and (soon!) on our website.

VolunteerSignUp.org is an easy, convenient, and secure way to sign up for various volunteer opportunities and events. It will allow us (both you and St. Clement's) to keep track of help that is needed and any updates regarding scheduled events.

Physical sign-up sheets will remain available during Coffee Hour, but we encourage everyone to try out our online sign up sheets!

HOW TO USE VOLUNTEERSIGNUP.ORG:

1. Click the link/image provided (image states "click here to sign up/volunteer for...").
2. Review the sign-up sheet description, positions available, dates, and times.
3. Select the desired position.
4. You will be prompted to enter you name, email address, and phone number. This information is secure and private, and is needed so the volunteer organizer has a way to contact you.
5. You will receive an automatic brief confirmation email. This email will include the Church Office information in case you have questions, need to cancel, etc.

If you need any help, please contact Alicia: 949.492.3401 or info@scbythesea.org

- Birthdays -

3-Lanneau Miller	13-Tina Inglish
4-Larry Gates	14-Jack Clarke
5-Brandon Berube	14-Fred Stewart
5-Cameron Berube	18-Rebecca Marcu
6-Wesley Ulz	19-Pat Morrison
7-Karen Williams	25-Mark Pocino
11-Hailey Allen	26-Evelyn Seech
12-Miguel Berber	

**- Anniversaries -**

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



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)

Reconvenes Apr. 11th

Centering Prayer

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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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

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