

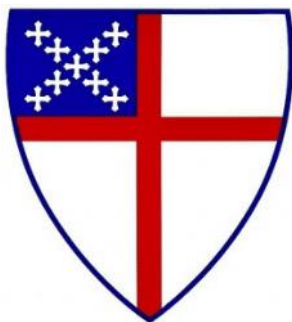


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*Follow Christ through the
way we live and love,
spreading the good news
of God in Christ, opening
our hearts to all, and
experience and spread
joy in the process.*



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

-The Most Rev. Edmund
Browning Emeritus
Presiding Bishop



Inconvenient?

Over the years, I've been asked many times about videotaping my homilies and putting them on-line. Generally, the argument for doing so is that it would be helpful to those who may be homebound to be able to see and hear a reflection on the Word for that Sunday. My conclusion however is that a homily is a “live event,” which is to say, that there is something in the interaction between preacher and the gathered community that makes the homily efficacious. I've therefore resisted filming and posting my homilies. There is something powerful in us coming together as the People of God and hearing a reflection on the Word together that is lost, or at least is different, when reduced to the MPEG format.

I'm clearly in the minority, given the plethora of on-line homilies, televangelists or inspirational videos that populate the internet. But, it also hasn't been my experience that the homebound find much use for on-line homilies. In my former parish, I would bring printed versions of my homilies with me when bringing Communion to the homebound. I don't know if any were ever read. What did seem to make a difference was that someone was there to visit. A living, breathing human being had come to see them and had brought the love of Christ with them. That made a difference, and it makes a difference today when we go and see those who are unable to be here on a Sunday morning.

I certainly don't think of myself as a luddite. I embrace technology that helps us operate more efficiently or helps us to teach or communicate better. And I wouldn't object to a sample service being on-line. However, I do think it is possible to use technology in ways that can *facilitate estrangement from the Church*. Consider the convenience factor. If we, being able bodied, never have to leave the comfort of our homes to get what we want - or think we need, from Church - why would we? Of course, what we lose from staying home is a lot! We lose the impact of being part of the community of God. We lose that Sabbath time, free from the ordinary movement of our lives. And, we lose the Sacrament!

There is a reason why we've been “doing Church” this way for about the last 2,000 years. It works! And it is, of course, reflective of what Jesus did. Jesus called us into a living, breathing community, where his Word found greater meaning and expression than it does in our singular minds and hearts.

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We must remember that Jesus says, “where two or three are gathered...I am there” (Mt. 18:20). We are called into community, and it is there where we meet Jesus most fully. It is there where we can celebrate the Eucharist, with the prayers and songs of the faithful, and not solely by ourselves. Some even come to church in order to escape technology. They are grateful for the realness, the tactile nature, of it.

Recently, I found support for my general position in an article by the Publisher at *Christian Century* in his article titled, “Going to church is inconvenient” (Peter W. Marty, Dec. 22, 2017). I posted it on my Facebook feed, and you can find the whole article there, or follow the link in the footnote.¹ I commend it to you. At any rate, Marty, a Lutheran pastor, argues there that the inconvenience of going to church is actually part of its blessing. He shares this story right at the start that I believe illustrates well how technology can facilitate what I call *estrangement from the Church*, the gathered faithful of God. See if you agree.

“A parishioner told me recently that her daughter’s family had found the perfect church in Dallas. ‘They don’t go often,’ she said, ‘because the church live streams its ser-vices. They can watch it anytime. If the kids are playing in the family room or Mom or Dad are busy pulling brunch together, they can have worship on in the background. It’s really neat.”

I would argue in this circumstance that both the family mentioned, and that church have lost something special, something that is helpful to both of them, and helpful to both of them truly knowing God in Christ.

Marty lists the reasons, we’ve all become too familiar with, as to why so fewer people attend worship on a regular basis. But more importantly he talks about the “inconvenience” for those of us who do make worship a nonnegotiable part of our lives. “For those of us who make church a priority, Sabbath worship is equally inconvenient, though in a different way. We sing songs we didn’t pick, hear scriptures we didn’t choose, commit to endeavors for which we must sacrifice, and—here’s the worst—sit next to people who aren’t even our closest friends [perhaps].” Yet, all of these are good things, as Marty well illustrates. They stretch us in ways that only giving ourselves over to something bigger can.

If we tailor our lives such that we only sing the songs we like, only hear the passages from the Bible that comfort us but fail to adequately challenge us, and only associate with people who think like us, our lives - and quite frankly our faith - would be the lesser for it. Yet, this exactly what is happening in our world today. Church, in fact, may be one of the few places where we come in contract with those who are different (and must love them), where we encounter concepts and purposes that are larger than ourselves, and where we are challenged to be more than we are. It is enough that we can tailor virtually every other aspect of our lives, but we ought not try to make God fit the space we would cast for him.

Incidentally, this is the same reason that I incorporate Scripture in my daily prayers. I can certainly choose to pray the same prayers that I find most appealing. I can ask for the same things, or hope the same hopes. But, when I incorporate Scripture in my prayer, I’m forced to face the fact that God’s desire for creation is far greater than mine. I am challenged to love in ways that I find at times inconvenient. And these are but a few of the ways that Scripture stretches me. Yet, personal prayer is not enough. It is in the gathered community where the proverbial rubber meets the road. It is there, when we gather together on Sunday morning, where my faith is truly its liveliest, because you are there too! It is *our* faith, rather than *my* faith that is most transformative and where I/we meet Jesus, in both Word and Sacrament.”

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Patrick

¹<https://www.christiancentury.org/article/publisher/going-church-inconvenient>

- Meet the Parishioners: Rich & Sophia Suda -



By Judy Johnson

Finding your church home is often serendipity, a chance remark, a drive around town.

For Richard and Sophia Suda it was a suggestion from their daughter in April 2017, "Why don't you attend Easter service at St. Clement's here in San Clemente? It's a nice little church and I think you would like it."

The Sudas had just sold their house in Coto de Caza and were temporarily living with their daughter Kimberly Suda-Blake and her family in San Clemente. They were about to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary and were coping with Richard's recent diagnosis of dual stage 3 cancer. The prognosis was not good.

The cancer treatment was rigorous, and Richard was thankful for the church and having a higher power in his life. Thankfully, Richard is now cancer free. Sophia quickly adds, "We definitely see God's hand at work in Richard's recovery".

The Sudas see the cancer as a gift. As Richard said, "I had the time to tell our children, family, and close friends how much they mean to me. I heard back from 65 people, including people with whom I had lost touch. We rekindled old friendships. It was a chance to take a breath and realize that nothing is more important than the people in our lives; no stuff is more important."

After worshipping at the Easter service Richard and Sophia made St. Clement's their church home. Sophia said "We really like that all are welcome to receive communion, and that there are no outcasts."

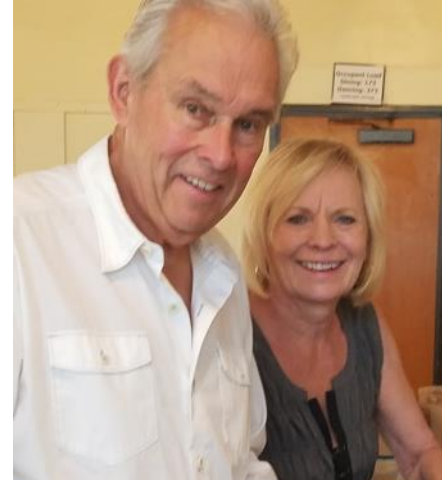
Richard and Sophia have a big heart for helping others. The value the ministries that they can participate in through St. Clement's. In January they volunteered to lead the shopping and assembly of the bag lunches for the homeless.

They also value the relationships of the people in our church. Sophia said, "It is our goal to get to know as many parishioners as we can".

When you say hello, here's a brief background on Sophia and Richard. Sophia was born in France; her father was a general in the Yugoslav army who defected. Sophia, her parents, and two siblings came to the US in 1954, entering at Ellis Island and moving to Chicago. Richard is a native of Chicago. They married in 1967 while Richard was still in college.

Richard worked for Everpure, a global water filtration company, for 45 years, starting as a mechanical engineer and retiring as president. After raising their son Mark and daughter Kimberly Sophia attended the Fashion Academy in Costa Mesa and ran a personal image consulting company for 17 years, focusing on women going back to the workforce.

Please add Richard's continuing remission from cancer to your prayer list. And in April you can congratulate them on their 51st wedding anniversary.



- Ash Wednesday -



This year, Ash Wednesday coincides with Valentine's Day!

Our list of services for that day follows. Since Ash Wednesday is a solemn fast day, my suggestion is that you observe Valentine's Day the day or weekend prior. We will not have a Shove Tuesday Pancake dinner, so you can take your beloved out that night. Won't they be surprised that you have planned that far in advance!

Wednesday, February 14th

7:30am - Service in English
with imposition of ashes.

12:00pm - Service in English
with imposition of ashes.

6:00pm - Misa en Español,
con la imposición de cenizas.



- Bring in your palms... -



Dear friends,

The ashes used on Ash Wednesday are made from the burning of palms blessed in the previous year's Palm Sunday celebration.

Please bring in your palms from prior Palm Sunday(s) and put them in the basket on the Our Lady of Walsingham altar.

The basket will be available this Sunday, February 4th, and next Sunday, February 11th.



- Welcome - Our New Assisting Clergy! -



The Rev. Canon Bradford L. Karelius

Fr. Brad has been in ministry in the Diocese of Los Angeles since 1970: 1970-1981 as Assoc. Rector at St. Mary's Laguna Beach; 1981-2011 as Rector at Messiah Parish Santa Ana; 2013 as Interim Pastor at Blessed Sacrament, Placentia. He has also been Assoc. Professor of Philosophy at Saddleback Community College, 1973-2017.

He and his wife Janice have been married 46 years. Janice worked as Family Nurse Practitioner in the ER at Mission Hospital, Laguna Beach for 44 years and as Professor of Nursing at Saddleback College for 25 years. They have a son Erik, who is disabled and lives with them. Daughter Katie Karelius is an RN currently working at Orange Coast Memorial Hospital in Telemetry.



Fr. Brad enjoys desert retreats in the Owens Valley and the Southwest. He has written two books: [The Spirit in the Desert](#) (2009) and [Encounters with the World's Religions](#) (2015). His new book, [Desert Spirit Places: The Sacred Southwest](#) may be out this summer. He writes a blog on desert spirituality: <https://desertspiritpress.net/>

He and his family were drawn to St. Clement's because of its outstanding pastoral and lay leadership, ministry in community and similarity to his Santa Ana parish, including the Spanish mass.

If you would like to contact Fr. Brad, he can be reached by phone (949.266.7279) or email (karelius@cox.net).

The Rev. Norma Guerra

The Rev. Norma Guerra is a life-long Episcopalian born in the city of Guatemala. Her father is the Bishop of the Episcopal Church in Guatemala. His ministry influenced and keeps influencing her life and especially her own call to the Ordained Ministry. Norma received a Diploma in Theology from Bloy House, The Episcopal Theological School at Claremont, where she received the Highest Academic Achievement Award and the Excellence in Preaching Award. She graduated with a Master of Divinity from the Episcopal Divinity School in Boston, where she received the Allison Cheek Prize in Feminist Liberation Theologies. Norma was ordained to the diaconate in June 2016 and the priesthood in January 2017.

Previous to starting the joint part time position at St. Clement and Messiah, Norma worked full time at the Church of the Messiah since September 1, 2015. Previous to working at Messiah, Norma worked at All Saints Church in Pasadena for eight years where she assisted many departments including the Spanish speaking congregation. Norma listened to her call and started her discernment process at All Saints Church and has served on different committees both in Guatemala and here in California.

Norma is a single mother and has a thirteen-year-old son, Nicholas. She enjoys spending time with him as well as with friends and family. Norma enjoys reading, dancing, going to the movies and watching sci-fi and action shows. She especially enjoys visiting her family in Guatemala or hosting them here in the US.

Mother Norma will be in the office on Wednesdays and Fridays (Fr. Patrick's day off). If you would like to meet with Mother Norma, she can be reached by phone (714.581.3841) or email (normayanira@yahoo.com).



- 2017 Annual Meeting -



Highlights from the Annual Parish Meeting

Thank you to all who attended!



Congratulations to Tina English, recipient of the St. Clement's Star!

Tina truly demonstrates what it means to be a member of our Parish, and has given us all a wonderful example to follow. Tina, thank you for all you do!

- Welcome - Our New Vestry Members! -



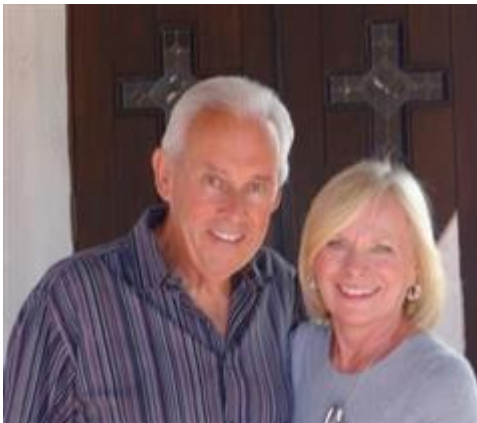
Scott Golay—Senior Warden



Margarita Farias—Latino Ministry



Rich Suda—Buildings and Grounds



Stacy King—Parish Life



A NOTE OF THANKS...

St. Clement's has elected four new vestry members: Scott Golay, Rich Suda, Margarita Farias, and Stacy King to three year terms. We also appointed Britta Wilder Ross and Carolyn Ferriera to one-year terms to fill two vacancies. The three vestry members who completed their terms in January were: Jason Feeney, Mark Allen, and Diana Olmedo. We are so grateful to each of our former vestry members for their willingness to serve, and to our newly elected vestry members for answering the call to serve.

May God bless them in their ministry!

- Something for Everyone -



The Songcatcher

by Sharyn McCrumb

Tuesday, February 6th

5:00pm at Rocco's

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



Anchors Potluck Supper Club

Friday, February 16th at 7:00pm

Hosted By: Bill & Deb Loftus

Where: Ocean Hills Clubhouse on Calle La Quinta

From the 5 Fwy: exit on Camino De Estrella (Changes name to Camino De Los Mars)

turn right if coming from I-5 North, left from I-5 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 Tina Inglish (949.489.0870) if you get lost.



SHARE
THE
WARMTH

The Peace & Reconciliation Committee is collecting specific items to deliver with the bag lunches we prepare for people in our area who are homeless. We are collecting specific items to help keep people warm and cared for: new socks, gently used sweaters and jackets, blankets, and small toiletries (shampoo, hand cream, toothpaste, toothbrushes).

We will collect items once this month, on **Sunday, February 18th.**

We are so appreciative of your generosity, but ask that you bring only these items and bring them only on Sunday, February 18th to Coffee Hour so that we can sort and distribute them the next day.



Sandwich Making for the Welcome Inn

Join us in the Parish Hall on

Sunday, February 18th at 1:00pm

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

- Something for Everyone -



When: February 21st 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



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.

- San Clemente Day -



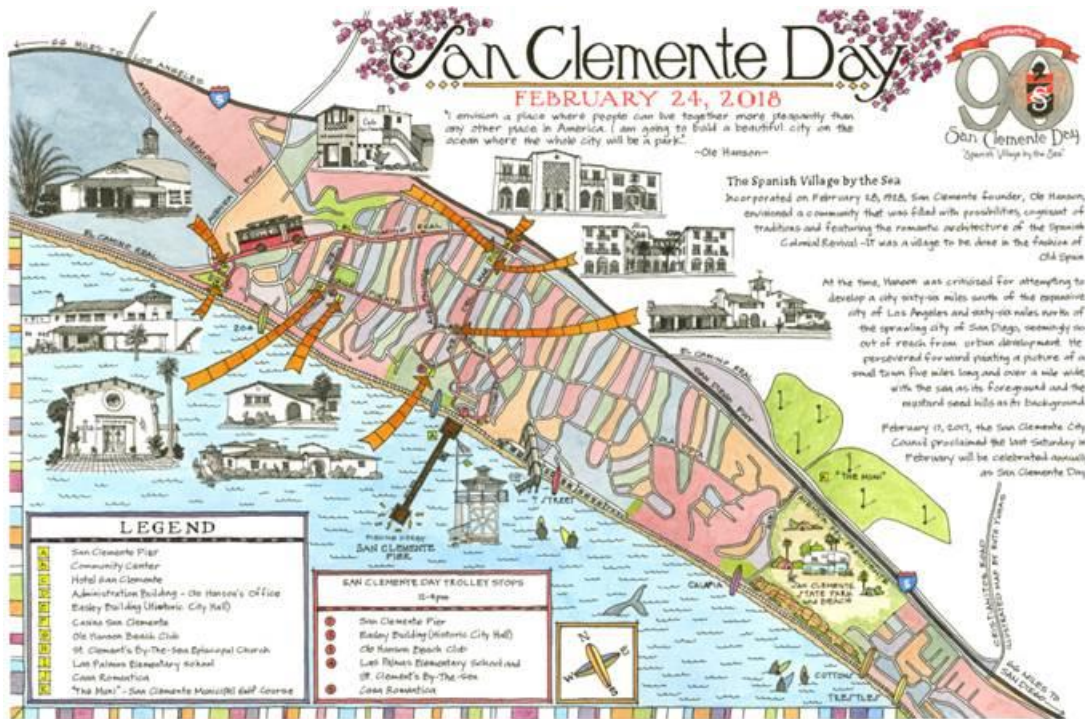
The City of San Clemente will be celebrating their 90th Anniversary on February 24th!

The City of San Clemente was incorporated in 1928. St. Clement's by-the-Sea had its beginnings just one year later, in 1929. The building of the church was accomplished in part through the generosity of Ole Hanson, founder of San Clemente. Mr. Hanson offered to gift two lots for the establishment of a church in his "little Spanish village by the sea." This generous land gift from Mr. Hanson made the building of the first church in town, St. Clement's by-the-Sea, possible.

To commemorate the great history and traditions of San Clemente, St. Clement's will be collaborating with the City on San Clemente Day. We will be hosting an Open House, with a tour of our Sanctuary and refreshments. We will also be one of the stops on the celebratory Historical Trolley tour. Many organizations that call San Clemente "home" will be taking part in this event. In addition to a number of Open Houses, there will be exhibits, a free fishing derby, and a historical luncheon! We hope you will join us to make this celebration a success.

For those who wish to volunteer at St. Clement's during San Clemente Day, please contact Alicia for more information: info@scbythesea.org. We need helpful docents, greeters, and folk to offer refreshments.

- San Clemente Day -



Scheduled Celebrations

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| 9:00am-12:00pm | Free Fishing Derby
Marine Safety Open House |
| 12:00pm-3:00pm | Historical Fried Chicken Luncheon
(at the Ole Hanson Beach Club) |
| 12:00pm-4:00pm | Historical Trolley and Open Houses <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 - San Clemente Pier 2 - Top of Del Mar 3 - Ole Hanson Beach Club 4 - Las Palmas & St. Clement's by-the-Sea 5 - Casa Romantica (10am-4pm) |
| 12:00pm-6:00pm | Ole Hanson Beach Club Historical Exhibit
Free Recreation Swim |
| 3:00pm-6:00pm | Cake Cutting and Ice Cream Social
(at the Ole Hanson Beach Club) |

- AmazonSmile -



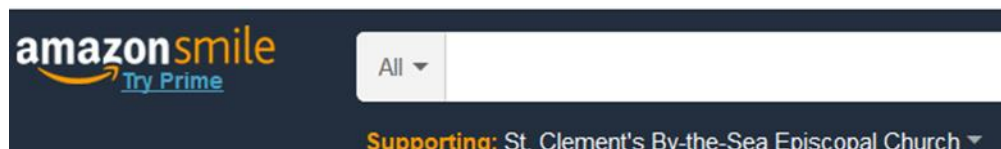
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- Instant Church Directory -



Reminder: don't forget to sign up for Instant Church Directory!

About the App

Our church directory is available to view on your mobile device! Instant Church Directory is a free app that automatically syncs St. Clement's church directory to your iPhone, iPad, Android device, or Kindle Fire. The app allows you to search for a family or individual within our church, then email, call, or text - right from the directory app.

Getting Started

To download the app, simply visit The App Store (Apple Devices), Google Play (Android Devices), or Amazon Apps (Kindle Fire). Search "Instant Church Directory," and download.

You will then be asked to enter your email address, as listed in our directory. Once your email address has been entered, simply follow the directions on the screen to complete the login process. If your email address isn't found, please contact Alicia at the Church Office (info@scbythesea.org).

Using the App

After the login process is complete, the directory will be downloaded to your device. Any time a change is made to our directory, it is automatically updated on your app! Don't forget to check your contact information and photo. If your information is out of date, you don't have a photo, or would like a new photo taken, please contact Judy Johnson (jjohnson@keyseo.biz).

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- Birthdays -

2-Karina Jaimes
 2-Elizabeth White
 8-Mikael Feeney
 12-Rosemary Bradley
 12-Kasey Carey
 12-Jose Carrillo
 12-Ester Hernandez
 13-Jorge Berber
 14-Michael Tomeo
 16-Christine Wood

19-Tatia Wallett
 20-Sean Casey
 20-Vic Cumming
 24-Karen Anderson
 24-Antoinette Feeney
 24-Duggan Neville
 25-James Merriman
 26-Charles Bradley
 26-Addison Golay

**- Anniversaries -**

8-Robert & Pat Kensler
 14-Curtis & Brigitte Bower



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

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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

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