

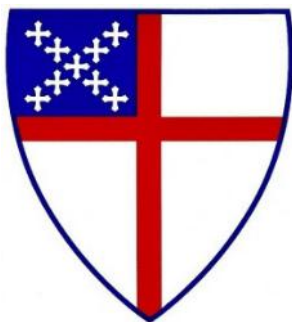


# THE ANCHOR

JULY / AUGUST 2021

*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*



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

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



## **Saints Peter and Paul...**

On Tuesday of this past week (Jun 29<sup>th</sup>), we celebrated the feast day of those two pillars of the Christian Church, saints Peter and Paul. The thought occurred to me, "one day, that's it!" Actually, Peter and Paul *do* each have their own feast days (both in January). But, these two remarkable apostles surely are due even more. Each was responsible for spreading the Gospel, and building up the Church. Peter evangelized mostly among those of a Jewish background, while Paul mostly among those of Gentile birth. To say that these lines were rigidly drawn would be an overstatement. But both were essential, as the nascent Church grew and became the community of Christ followers that we celebrate today. Since this edition of the *Anchor* covers a two-month period, July and August, I thought we could dedicate some space here for these two splendid saints. And maybe give them a little bit more of their due.



## **Saint Peter**

Since Peter preceded Paul as an apostle, we'll begin with him. I'll note briefly here however that Paul's letters are actually the oldest text we have the New Testament or Greek Bible. Nonetheless, even if Peter's words weren't written down until later (probably by St. Mark), he is among Christ's first apostles, surely the most well-known and some would say most revered. Peter wasn't perfect as he demonstrates on various occasions, but was in every way as human as we are. In the synoptic Gospel accounts, Peter is the first to call Jesus, "the Messiah (the Christ), the Son of the living God." Along with his brother, Andrew, he was a fisherman, from Capernaum, a village on the Sea of Galilee.

You know some of what Peter did as an apostle. You know his name was actually Simon, but that Jesus gives him the new name, Peter, or "Rock" and adds to that designation (in Matthew's Gospel), "upon this 'rock' I will build my Church." Here we understand our Lord to be speaking of Peter's proclamation that Jesus is the Christ (the anointed one of God, the Savior), as that "rock" or truth upon which his Church will be built, rather than Peter as an individual necessarily. Nonetheless, Peter does much to grow the Church. While you surely know of Peter's three-times denial of Christ on the night of the Last Supper, maybe you've wondered what ever became of him after the Resurrection, and subsequently.

For answers to these questions, we need to turn to the ending of John's Gospel and then to part-two of Luke's Gospel, the *Acts of the Apostles*. In John's account, Peter famously says to the other disciples, sometime after the resurrection, "Well, I'm going fishing." The others respond, "we'll come too." On the Sea of Galilee all night, they catch bupkis. In the morning, a stranger on the shore encourages them to lower their nets on the right side of the boat. The catch is so abundant that they can't even bring it aboard. They realize the "stranger" is the Resurrected Jesus and Peter, too anxious to wait, puts on his clothes, jumps into the water and swims the 100 yards to shore.

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It is here that Peter has a “come to Jesus” moment. In a post-breakfast conversation, Jesus asks Peter three times, “do you love me?” In each case, Peter affirms his love for Christ, and we understand this event as a reversal of his earlier three-fold denial. Peter has grown, in love, in courage, and into a true leader. He has learned from his earlier failure. At Peter’s now insistence of his love for Jesus, our Lord adds, then “feed my lambs,” “tend my sheep,” “feed my sheep.” Peter’s life will not be one of fishing the Sea of Galilee anymore, but rather one of fishing for people. He cannot go back. He can only go forward. And for his love and commitment to this Way, he – like Jesus – will know some suffering.

We know from the *Acts of the Apostles* that Peter remains a leader in the Christian community. His charismatic preaching on the day of Pentecost to the crowds of Jews (who have come from many different countries) to the festival in Jerusalem, led many (thousands, if we take Luke at face value) to be baptized on the spot. Peter continues his preaching and is arrested, jailed and even flogged for his proclamation of Jesus as the Messiah. No more denying. He is all in! He has some amazing spiritual experiences, including an angel bringing him out of prison. He has a dream where he learns that God’s mercy and inclusiveness extends beyond just the Jewish people, to all the peoples of the world. Peter even baptizes a group of gentiles, who are filled with the Holy Spirit, in response to Peter’s words, much to the initial consternation of the other leaders in Jerusalem.

While there is no biblical attestation, tradition holds that Peter makes his way to Rome.<sup>1</sup> That there he establishes a church, later known as the Roman Catholic Church. In time, he is referred to as the first Bishop (Gr: *Episkopos*) of Rome. Obviously, Rome is an important city, and by the sixth century, we have five recognized Patriarchs or Popes (affiliated with major Christian centers, Rome; Jerusalem, of course, but also: Alexandria, Antioch and Constantinople). But, I digress. We do have some letters in the Bible attributed to Peter. However, most scholars believe these date to a time after the apostle’s death and were probably written by someone claiming Peter’s authority.

Tradition holds that Peter meets the Resurrected Jesus again as Peter is fleeing persecution in Rome. He asks Jesus, “Quo vadis,” that is, “where are you going?” Jesus replies that he is going to be crucified again. Whereupon, Peter returns to Rome and faces his own crucifixion, in 64 AD under then emperor Nero. But not in exactly the same way as Jesus, rather, upside down. According to Origen of Alexandria, this was done at Peter’s request, believing himself unworthy to be crucified in the same way as our Lord. I find that humility to be reflective of who Peter came to be as an apostle. Whatever the case, a great debt is owed this faithful one, who left everything he knew to follow Christ and dedicated his life in service to the Church.

### Saint Paul

We know quite a lot about Paul, thanks in part to his letters, in which he shares some important life details but also because of Luke’s *Acts of the Apostles* which includes much about this man, Saul, who came to be known as Paul. Firstly, it must be said that Saul is an unlikely initial candidate for apostleship. He is by his own description, he is a Pharisee who is hell-bent on destroying the Church. He is present at the stoning death of the deacon Stephen, and approves of it. Saul obtains letters from the Temple leadership to drag adherents of “The Way” back to Jerusalem for punishment. He is by his own account, a persecutor of the Church. But Saul too has a “come to Jesus” moment when he is on the road to Damascus. It’s a wonderful story and I encourage you to look it up if you’re unfamiliar with it (see Acts 9).

Saul, later Paul, is commissioned by the Resurrected Christ to bring the Good News of salvation to the non-Jewish world, that is to the gentiles. Paul undertakes this mission with earnestness and makes numerous missionary expeditions to proclaim the Gospel. He does so at great risk to his own safety. His message is not always accepted, and he is belittled, beaten, even stoned, narrowly escaping with his life. He is in various places imprisoned, publicly whipped, ridiculed. Yet, Paul perseveres. He establishes churches throughout Asia Minor (present day, Turkey), in various Greek cities and even in Macedonia. His influence can hardly be overstated. If it weren’t for the Holy Spirit’s work through Paul, Christianity might have remained merely a Jewish sect rather than the world religion that it is.

Paul was a highly educated person and a prolific writer of letters, so we have a good amount of material from him. As noted above, his letters are the oldest entries in our New Testament. Paul cared about and strived for unity in the churches that he



*Pictured here are three heart-shaped stones at the site on the Sea of Galilee where St. Peter’s three-fold affirmation of his love for Jesus is commemorated (and some say where it happened). Church of the Primacy of St. Peter. Picture by author.*

established, no easy task in any century, let alone the first. He worries about his churches. He prays for them. He suffers for them. He writes to teach them, to correct them when necessary, but also to encourage them. While some have more of a parochial view, Paul is already global in his comprehension of what the church should be. When one branch of the Church is suffering in one place, for example, he gathers aid for them from the others. His vision of unity is quite catholic then, or universal.

Paul comes to understand that nothing exceeds the value of knowing Christ. He dares to challenge the Church to live into its own preaching that this Jesus came to save *all* the world. If so, that must include the gentiles. He reproves Peter, when he first shares table fellowship with gentiles but then retreats. Paul is in a word, faithfully courageous. He yearns to share the freedom that he has found in Jesus with the world. He continues to work in his own trade as a tentmaker, so as not to be a burden upon the newly formed churches he has established. His perseverance and dedication to spreading the Good News seems inexhaustible. He is also a gifted rhetorician, and on the Mars Hill in Athens, probably the rhetorical center of the universe at that time, makes his argument for the eternal life we have in Christ. Some are persuaded and become followers.

Paul's letters are exquisite and his arguments formidable. Most scholars believe that at least seven are authentically by Paul. Those are Romans, 1st and 2nd Corinthians, Philippians, Galatians, 1st Thessalonians and Philemon. There is great debate regarding the others, due to a varying issues (including the theological arguments, the style of the Greek, or the circumstances that seem to be referred to in the letters). Paul writes to his churches even from prison, to thank them for their prayers and care, and to encourage them. His hope was that he would emerge from that prison one day and bring the faith to Spain, but that was not be.

Paul was arrested when visiting Jerusalem, accused (wrongly) of bringing gentiles into the courts of the Temple (a capital offense). His trials before the Roman authorities devolve into arguments over resurrection, with Sadducees on one side and Pharisees on the other. He ultimately exercises his right as a Roman citizen to make his case to the emperor. But, Paul also uses these trials as opportunities to proclaim Jesus to those in power, and try to convert them. I have no doubt that Paul even tried to convert Nero himself. Paul's journey to Rome then is referred to as his 4th missionary expedition. Regrettably, it is at Rome where Paul too is martyred, also in 64 AD. Not by crucifixion, as was Peter, but (according to tradition), by beheading. As a Roman citizen, he would have been afforded that small mercy, of a quick rather than excruciating and protracted death.

As Peter was sometimes efficacious in converting gentiles, so was Paul deeply concerned for his own people, Israel. He wishes above all things that they would accept Christ. It grieves him that many do not. Yet, he clings to the hope that one day all shall know Christ and share in the freedom that is in him.

I'll end here with the prayer that we say for these two steadfast saints of the Church, on their combined feast day.

"Almighty God, whose blessed apostles Peter and Paul glorified you by their martyrdom: Grant that your Church, instructed by their teaching and example, and knit together in unity by your Spirit, may ever stand firm upon the one foundation, which is Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen."<sup>2</sup>

As always, I welcome your feedback: [frpatrick@scbythesea.org](mailto:frpatrick@scbythesea.org)

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Patrick

1 <https://www.biblicalarchaeology.org/daily/people-cultures-in-the-bible/people-in-the-bible/the-apostle-peter-in-rome/>

2 *Holy Women, Holy Men* (New York: Church Publishing, 2010) P. 447



## St. Clement's by-the-Sea Commemorative Tiles Sale

**July 1- August 1, 2021**

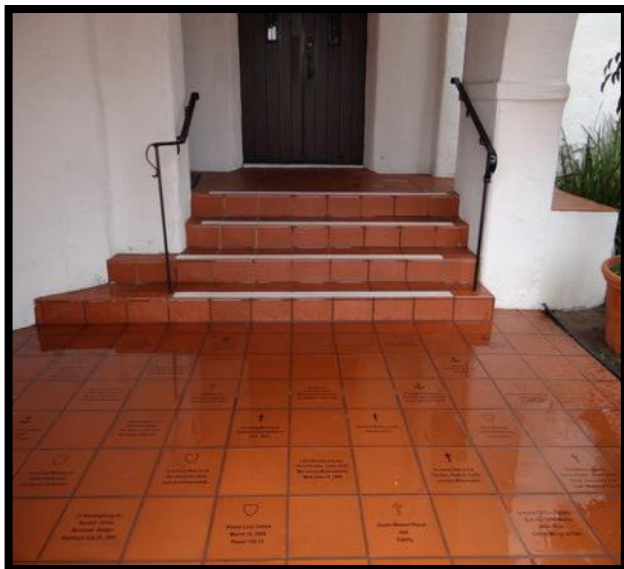
Our commemorative tiles will be on sale during the month of July. Tiles may be purchased to mark significant life events, such as: births, baptisms, weddings, or as memorials for those who have died. Also, favorite Bible verses, or expressions of Thanksgiving are featured, or supportive words for family and friends. Groups can also purchase a commemoration, e.g., Meditation Group, Altar Guild or Vestry.

Tiles cost \$500 each—this provides a special way to acknowledge important events and to give thanks for the lives that have touched our own, while simultaneously helping to raise funds for our beloved church.

Each tile will be individually engraved in time for St. Clement's Founder's Day Celebration September 26th. And the new tiles will be blessed during the service.

Tiles will be installed on the church property following the current path of placement of previously installed tiles, that is between the sanctuary and parish hall, where they receive generally excellent visibility.

There are a couple of ways to purchase a commemorative tile. The facing page has the Commemorative Tile Inscription form that can be brought into the office with your check. Or you can download the form from [our website](#) and email it to us, and use [PayPal](#) to remit the cost of the tile.



*These are a couple of examples of how the tiles appear.*

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12x12  
Tile Engraving


Your inscription must fit into the white boxes, 1 character per box. Each brick can have a maximum of 24 characters per line. A character is defined as a letter or a number, a space or punctuation mark. Please, no special characters.  
All inscriptions will be centered on the brick.

Up to 4 lines of inscription no graphic




Please circle your graphic  
Graphics are optional


Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Alt. Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_



Drop in this summer (virtually or in person) for one of our small group meetings!

Currently we have four groups meeting weekly to share our lives and faith through bible study and prayer. No special Bible knowledge is required to participate. All groups are open and welcoming to newcomers.

**For more information contact:**

**WOMEN:** Mondays, 7PM on zoom, Laura Casellas: [Laura.casellas@yahoo.com](mailto:Laura.casellas@yahoo.com) (203)451-7598

**WOMEN:** Fridays, 11AM in person, Hilary Viscount: [hviscount@gmail.com](mailto:hviscount@gmail.com) (714)932-2210

**MEN:** Wednesdays, 7PM on zoom, Beto Casellas: [betolaura@mac.com](mailto:betolaura@mac.com) (704)661-6994

**CO-ED:** Thursdays, 7PM on zoom, Ken and Laurie Baxter: [kbaxter@choc.org](mailto:kbaxter@choc.org) (630-674-5017)

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## The Social Justice Book Club

We read and discuss books about social justice topics to gain a better understanding of what is happening in our community and country so that we might live lives that better reflect the love of Christ and his compassion for the poor, the stranger, the captive and the oppressed.

**July Meeting:** Thursday, July 22, 7:00PM (on zoom)

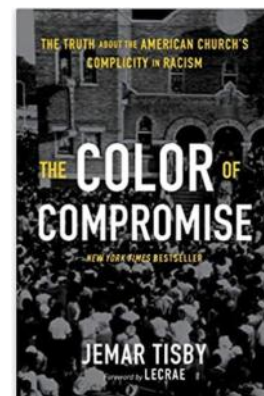
**Book:** *The Color of Compromise:  
The Truth about the American Church's Complicity in Racism*

By: Jemar Tisby

A New York Times, USA Today, and Wall Street Journal bestseller!

An acclaimed, timely narrative of how people of faith have historically--up to the present day--worked against racial justice. And a call for urgent action by all Christians today in response.

For more information and the zoom link:  
contact [Laura.casellas@yahoo.com](mailto:Laura.casellas@yahoo.com) or Francis Viscount, [fviscount@gmail.com](mailto:fviscount@gmail.com)





# **Anchors Potluck**

## ***July 16th***

Anchors Dinner at Karen and Jerry Stevens--It's summer and time to celebrate and reunite with our St. Clement's family!

Jerry and Karen Stevens have graciously agreed to host an Anchors Evening of fellowship and food at their home in Monarch Beach.

**DATE:** Friday, July 16, 2021

**TIME:** 6 p.m.

**PLACE:** 32531 Caribbean Dr., Monarch Beach

*(Please note this is a gated neighborhood, so we will need names for entry)*

**Hosts are requesting that all attendees be fully vaccinated**

As usual, it will be B.Y.O.B.

**A signup sheet for the event will be available at our weekend services and online.**

A-F—appetizers

G-O—entrees

P-U—salads or side dish

V-Z—desserts

**R.S.V.P. on SignUp Genius**

Questions, please email [marycolarik@gmail.com](mailto:marycolarik@gmail.com)



Please sign up to be a coffee hour host in July or August. This is such an easy ministry but is so important. Coffee hour is about so much more than coffee. It is about fellowship, and strengthens our connection as a community. Many relationships have been made at our coffee hours. And for many it was the thing that made them feel part of the family at our parish. It's so important, and fun!

Please sign up today: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040445a5ae2ba5f85-coffee>

All hosts must wear a mask and gloves while preparing and serving the food.



### **Vestry Meetings**

**Tuesdays, July 20th & August 17th**

**7:00 pm**

**Currently meeting in the Parish Hall.**





**SAVE THE DATE FOR THE ANNUAL**

**SHOPPING  
EXTRAVAGANZA**

**SATURDAY & SUNDAY**

**OCTOBER 9 & 10, 2021**

**10:00 AM – 8:00 PM OUTLETS AT SAN CLEMENTE**

**TICKETS \$35**

**HOW DOES OUR LAUNDRY LOVE MINISTRY GET MONEY?**

FOR EVERY TICKET SOLD, \$25 OF THE \$35 WILL BE DONATED BACK TO OUR LAUNDRY LOVE OUT-REACH PROGRAM

In previous years we received from \$1500 - \$1900 from this event. Enough money to sponsor 3 months of Laundry Love.

**WHAT YOU WILL RECEIVE FOR YOUR \$35?**

Exclusive Discounts at Participating San Clement Outlet Stores

Box Lunch

2 Scratch Off Tickets for discounts from outlet mall stores

TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN SEPTEMBER FOR ON-LINE PURCHASE. WE WILL PROVIDE MORE INFORMATION ON HOW AND WHEN TO REGISTER IN THE SEPTEMBER ANCHORS NEWSLETTER AND E-MAIL BLASTS.



## FAM Food Distribution...

Join us for our Friday food distribution with FAM. Many are still facing economic hardship. A crew of volunteers has been here on Fridays, putting the food which FAM provides into bags and then placing those bags in the trunks of people's cars as they drive through our parking lot. Our distributions take place from 2:00 pm - 4:00pm, with volunteers turning up at 1:30 pm. **Upcoming distribution dates are: July 2nd, 16th and 30th** Thank you to all of the amazing volunteers that have been serving. If this is a ministry that would appeal to you, please let us know that you can serve. We'll need volunteers to set up our tables in the parking lot every other week, help to unload the food and sort it into boxes, to distribute it, and to clean up afterwards. Please sign up today ([info@scbythesea.org](mailto:info@scbythesea.org))!



## Glorifying God's House With Flowers

We still have opportunities for altar flower dedications. Birthdays, anniversaries, and memories of loved ones are often events folks like to commemorate.

You may sign up on Sundays on the Flower Offering poster, or contact the office during the week. Donation and dedication envelopes are available on the poster board and at the church office. You may also mail your donation and dedication request to the church. Please include your name, phone number, pledge number, the date you wish the dedication to be acknowledged, and the sentiment to be published. The minimum suggested donation is \$55.00.

Thank you for adding to the beauty of worship at St. Clement's.

Katrina Soto, *Altar Guild*



St Clement's is revving up our youth programs! We have plenty of fully restored classrooms, the pandemic is fizzling out, and we are making plans to offer many different varieties of children and youth programs. We strive to serve our younger parishioners as well as young people in our community. Now, we just need your help! This is a call for parishioners to come forward as volunteers for our Sunday School and Nursery. The parish is not planning to hire outside staff, so all our infant and youth programs are dependent upon volunteers.

**Nursery** -We have already opened our nursery on Sunday mornings during the 9:00 service. We have gone back into the sanctuary, and we are ready to provide nursery care to young families with children aged 3 and under. We have some volunteers from the congregation already, but we need more help! Our volunteers need to be in the nursery at 8:45, ready to welcome any babies and young children. If we secure a good-sized volunteer pool, our volunteers will only have to commit to a rotating schedule of once a month or less.

**Sunday School-** To get our Sunday School up and running, we need a pool of volunteers to help with that program also. We are still working on the details, but the starting point is always volunteers. To quote a popular baseball movie, "If we build it, they will come!". Depending on how many children sign up for Sunday School in the fall, we may start with one or two classes. As we grow in numbers, we will also grow our program.

You may say, "I'm not qualified". Please answer these 3 questions:

1. Have you ever been around children?
2. Do you enjoy working with children?
3. Have you ever been a child?

If the answer to any of these questions is YES, then please prayerfully consider the St. Clement's Sunday School and/or Nursery ministries. **You can make a difference-** 64% of people become Christians before the age of 18. You are **needed!** You could **transform a life!**

Please contact me with any questions or with your suggestions; together we can make this work! Thank you for your consideration.

Laurie Baxter



After the 9:00 service, come and explore the many areas of ministry that St. Clement's has to offer. Find out where God is calling you to share your stewardship of faith, time and talent!

More information in the September Anchor Newsletter.



Bible Studies



For July and August we enter into a Summer Hiatus.

Bible Study will resume Wednesdays after Labor Day.

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## - July & August Birthdays -

7/1-	Patricia Wilkes	8/1-	Bill Murphree
7/2-	Brandon Garcia	8/2-	Russ Kerr
7/2-	Jon Ulz	8/3-	Steve Ambellan
7/12-	Pat Sawyer	8/3-	Roger Morrison
7/14-	Patrick Warren	8/6-	Marc Allen
7/15-	Carolyn Allen	8/7-	Mary Ann Morrison
7/17-	Ryan Casey	8/9-	Cindy Hunter
7/17-	Muriel Langford	8/9-	Mabel Murphree
7/17-	Lisa Warren	8/11-	Amy Ambellan
7/20-	Russ English	8/17-	Pat Corless
7/21-	Sarah Tomeo	8/17-	Gabriella Rose Crerar
7/21-	Joe Wharton	8/23-	Belkis Carbonara
7/24-	Jacob Miranda	8/23-	Susan Leal
7/26-	Brigitte Bower	8/23-	Bill Morrow
7/26-	Frank Soto	8/25-	Siria Garcia
7/27-	Laurie Adamson	8/26-	Nancy Badstubner
7/31-	Lilly Miranda		

## - July & August Anniversaries -



7/3-	Claudia & Jorge Berber	8/15-	Geoffrey & Olga Harris
7/29-	Bob & Pat Corless	8/15	Beto and Laura Casellas
8/1-	Bill & Mabel Murphree	8/29-	Gerald & Judith McDonald
8/8-	Kenneth & Laurie Kathleen Baxter	8/31-	Rod & Gloria Jean Rodriguez

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

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

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### **WEEKEND WORSHIP**

*5pm Saturday: Outdoor, casual  
9am Sunday: Holy Communion Rite II  
11am Sunday: La Misa en Español  
as well as streaming on YouTube channel*

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### **OFFICE HOURS**

**Vary during these times.**

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