

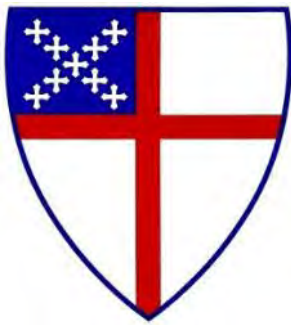


THE ANCHOR

MARCH 2021

St. Clement's 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



Streaming...

What a fascinating time it has been joining the 21st century and live-streaming our services each week. We've been at this experiment since last July, and we've learned a lot! Those early days were for me like a bloopers reel, as I learned all the things that could go wrong, and often do. And it isn't much fun to have egg on your face when you're LIVE! Nonetheless, we persevered, and learned and you did too. Some of you even watch our services on your TVs now. Others use their tablet or home computer. Still others experience our worship service on their phones. What a world! And, few imagined that we'd be here a year ago.



We've attracted new people to our parish throughout these pandemic times by offering our services in this way. We have also found that you are more likely to attend most, even all, of our services in a given month, when you have some flexibility about *when* you attend. We find about 25-35% of our "attendance" is with us while we are live-streaming from the sanctuary. Another 20-25% watch the service from our YouTube channel sometime in the days following the service (many the same day, just later). And another 40-50% or so see our services on our website (after the live-stream has happened).

Well, now *you know* that *we know*! Your secret is out. That's sort of joke. But, we do know generally when our people are "attending" and pretty much how you are watching (not individually but in the aggregate). That is helpful information and is guiding us as we consider what we will do going forward. There is broad agreement on the need to continue to offer our services online, even



when we eventually return to the sanctuary. So, we now have the *what* we will do, and the *when*, but what about the *how*? Because as the photo here illustrates, it isn't very practical to continue to do it the way that we are, once we have people seated in the pews again.

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At the very least, we going to need a couple of cameras. One of these cameras will be mounted high and focused upon our ambo (pulpit/lecturn). The other will capture all the other things we do in worship (especially around the altar), including our processions and recessions, etc We will need a capable microphone that will capture well the sound of our organ (which comes through a whole separate system), our piano and our excellent musicians. We'll have to add wired internet to our sanctuary (we presently run a 100ft cable over to the nearest hub at the pergola and that won't work once people are moving about our building. Lastly, we'll need a device and computer that will allow Max, our teenage technician, to manage the various inputs from cameras, microphones and other sources and send all of that out to the web. The cost of all these changes, about \$5K, is actually very little, when you consider many churches spend upwards of \$20K for the same outcome.

More importantly, all of these modern additions must be incorporated into our space in a way that is not obtrusive but preserves the sanctity and historical significance of our sanctuary. You shouldn't even really notice they are there, if we do it rightly (though somethings will inevitably be more noticeable than others). We'll need a place for all this "magic" to happen, and we've identified the small room behind the organ console as the most appropriate location. We already have our sound equipment in there, and some of the wiring in place, so it is a logical location. It's also a space in our church that is covered by our security system, and all that equipment noted above needs to be protected. Using that room also allows Max easy access to let me or Larry know if something is not working with either the sound or stream. The only downside is that room behind the organ will need some improvement as it has been neglected for many years (perhaps longer). That may turn into a parish workday project for a few able-bodied individuals.

So, this is what we are currently working upon, as we anticipate our eventual return to the sanctuary. We are learning *now* so that it all works well *then*. We've been very ably helped by Max's dad, Jon Ulz, and Mike Grombone (both of whom serve on the vestry). Also, our friends at the Presbyterian church sent over their sound and video wunderkind to review our plan and he affirmed our direction and suggested the actual equipment to make it all work. This is then an ecumenical effort! Incidentally, the video camera we presently use for our streams was a gift from San Clemente Presbyterian to us, when they upgraded their equipment a few years ago.

With God's help, we move forward in this new environment, step-by-step and with a lot of prayer!

As always, I welcome your feedback: frpatrick@scbythesea.org

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Patrick



Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 28th

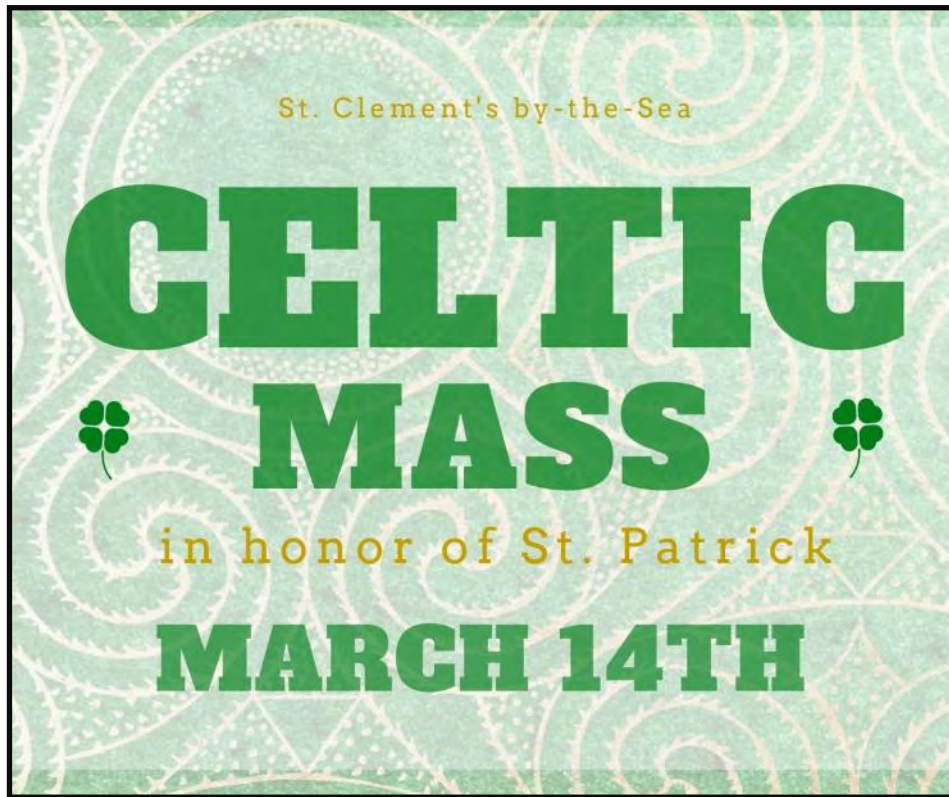
In addition to our outside service and our virtual platform this Palm Sunday there are other ways that we can celebrate as well. You may consider making palm crosses or branch crosses and hanging them in a window or door of your home. Palms will be available in days leading up to the service, similar to how we distributed ashes for our Ash Wednesday services.

Desert Spirit Press...

To read Fr. Brad's latest blog on desert spirituality "Encountering Joy" and future blogs please click on the link below.

<https://desertspiritpress.net/2021/02/25/embracing-joy/>





2021 Vestry

Welcome to our new Vestry members

(shown below in bold) and thank you

to those that continue to serve in this capacity.

Kent Adamson, Senior Warden
Laurie Baxter, Evangelism
Patty Clarke, Latino Ministry
Mary Colarik, Parish Life
Michael Grombone, Technology
Matt Hawblitzel, Buildings & Grounds
Tina English, Outreach
Judy Johnson, Junior Warden
Rebecca Marcu, Registrar
Ray Spencer, Youth Ministry
Jon Ulz, Stewardship
Patrick Warren, Finance

Mike Morris, Treasurer



Vestry Meetings

Tuesday, March 16th

7:00 pm

Currently meeting via Zoom.



Join our Ongoing COVENANT GROUPS

Can't wait to be able to worship together again? Missing a weekly connection to others at the church? Heard about this new ministry but haven't checked it out yet? If you answered YES to any of the questions above, please consider joining one of our ongoing groups.

Since getting underway in December, parishioners have continued to report that our time together, getting to know each other, learning, and encouraging each other has been a real blessing.

Currently, three groups (Co-ed, Women and Men) meet weekly (via Zoom) for Fellowship, Bible Study and Prayer. In addition, a NEW in-person daytime women's group has just started meeting (masked and socially distanced) outside.

For more information or the Zoom link to join in, contact:

WOMEN: Monday, 7 p.m.

Contact Laura Casellas: Laura.casellas@yahoo.com (203)451-7598 or

WOMEN: Friday, 11 a.m.

Contact Hilary Viscount: hviscount@gmail.com (714)932-2210

MEN: Wednesday, 7 p.m.

Contact Beto Casellas: betolaura@mac.com (704)661-6994

CO-ED: Thursday, 7 p.m.

Contact Ken and Laurie Baxter: kbaxter@choc.org (630-674-5017)

UNITED THANK OFFERING

Remember the little **BLUE BOXES**? They were the containers we placed our coins during the day to give thanks for our blessings and to give hope to others in need. We collect this money biannually and send it to the Episcopal Diocese, who combines it with United Thank Offerings from other congregations. They then distribute to worthy causes and projects which were not in the budget.



This effort was started by Episcopal woman who wanted to help those in need world-wide. These are some of the projects that have been accomplished. A well was built to provide clean water to a small African town. A school startup for children. A farm to table project to provide food for a rural community. As well as many others.

Due to the COVID pandemic this mission has been placed on hold. However we can restart this worthy cause today. You can add up your blessings and give thanks by writing a check to St. Clements By-The-Sea church. In the memo space on the check write UTO. Around Ascension Day we will total the dollars and send one check to the diocese. Please help St. Clements in resuming this important ministry.

Any questions, give me a call. 949-361-0031

Thank you for your support,

Mary Ann Morrison

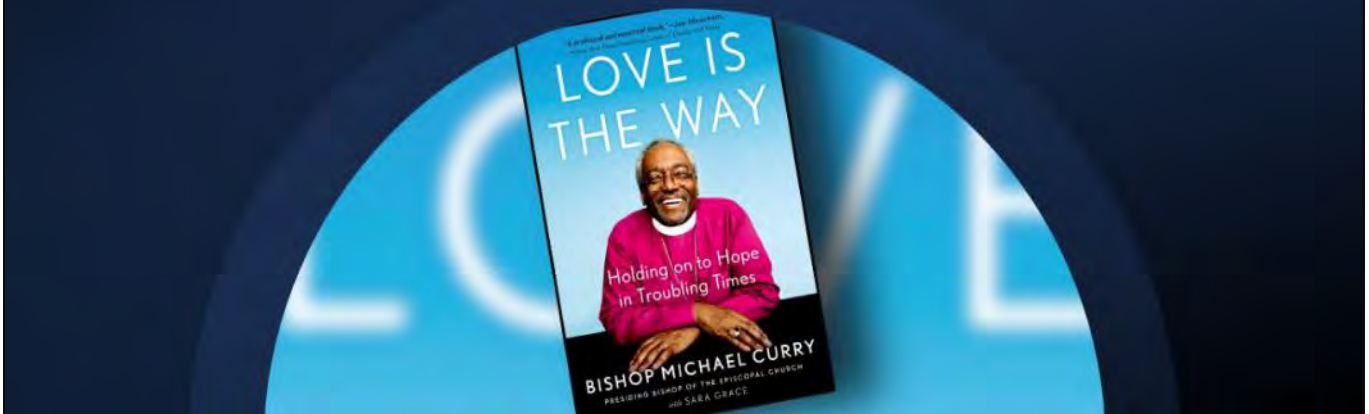
Join us for our Lenten Series

Tuesday evenings at 6pm, beginning Feb. 23rd by Zoom

We'll be discussing *Love is the Way*

All are welcome – Invite your friends!

See Zoom Link Below



Our remaining dates for our Lenten program are:

Mar 2, 9, 16 and 23rd.

Join us even if you couldn't attend the first session.

We will meet by Zoom, here's the link:

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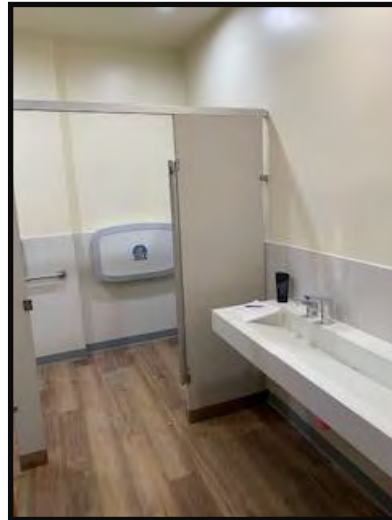
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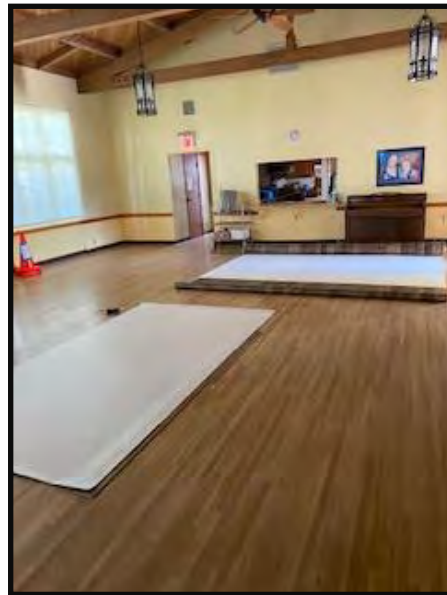
Reconstruction

The reconstruction continues at St. Clement's. By the time we are meeting on-site again, there will be several new touches. Including the upstairs restrooms, the downstairs education wing, the kitchen floor and fresh paint on the entire exterior of all our buildings as well as the interior of our sanctuary.

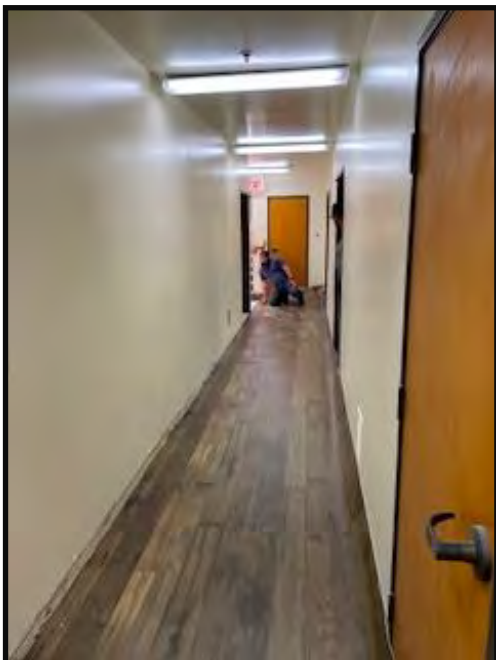




The renovations of the upstairs restroom are progressing quite nicely.



The new floor in the downstairs education wing is being installed this week. This job is quite the undertaking. The workers are measuring and cutting the flooring in the parish hall and then hauling it downstairs for installation.



The Social Justice Book Club March 25th - 7:00pm

Food Justice Now! : Deepening the Roots of Social Struggle



Book Overview

A rallying cry to link the food justice movement to broader social justice debates The United States is a nation of foodies and food activists, many of them progressives, and yet their overwhelming concern for what they consume often hinders their engagement with social justice more broadly. Food Justice Now charts a path from food activism to social justice activism that integrates the two.

Contact Janice Genevro (janice.genevro@gmail.com) or Laura Casellas (Laura.casellas@yahoo.com) for the zoom link.

Bible Studies



Join us on Wednesday's at 11am for our weekly Bible Study. We presently meet by Zoom. You need not be a biblical scholar to participate. Just come with a desire to learn more.

Here is the link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84765551451?pwd=UXdNYUxtT29FNlU1YRolkNFdPQmxqdzo9>

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- March Birthdays -

1-Carolyn Ferreira	22-Pam Kerr
2-Bill Green	23-Sergio Lovell
7-Teresa Hite	25-Thomas Fahney
10-Jack Hattem	29-Trevor Allen
11-Jane Fladd	29-Audrey Daigle
15-Olga Harris	29-Janice Geneviro
15-Thuy Jones	30-Gloria Jean Rodriguez
20-Robert Kensler	31-Leo Gibbons

- March Anniversaries -

10-Jay & Cindy Young	26-Russ & Tina English
26-Juvenal Delgado & Diana Olmedo	27-Russ & Pam Kerr



FAM Food Distribution...

Join us for our Friday food distribution with FAM. Many are facing economic hardship right now, and FAM has been blessed with food donations from farmers (who formerly sold to restaurateurs). 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: March 12th & 26th.** 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)!

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San Clemente's First Church

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

Currently being hosted on our website and YouTube channel
In-person outdoor, masked, socially-distanced worship to resume:

MARCH 7TH

SERVICES ARE SUNDAYS AT 9AM (IN ENGLISH) AND 11AM (IN SPANISH)

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Vary during these times.

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