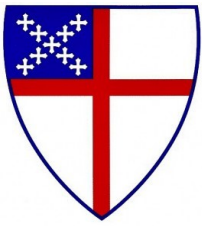


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The monthly newsletter of St. Clements by-the-Sea Episcopal Church

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
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



Legacy...

Recently, I was reminded by a friend of the fact that we all stand upon the shoulders of those who have come before us. She noted that most people of the world have a way of honoring their ancestors that seemed to be somewhat missing in our culture or at least little emphasized. We'd rather like to think of ourselves as our own creations. Yet, as she reminded me, all of us are in a sense indebted to those who have come before us. That's true not only of the generations that immediately preceded us but also those of the generations and generations before them. We owe them a debt of gratitude for their love and legacy which they have handed on to us.

What is true for ourselves is also true for our beloved church. Generally, this is a theme I tend to emphasize on Founders' Day but it is one that perhaps should be repeated more often than that. We didn't have to create a church when we arrived in San Clemente, because generations before us worked hard and provided one. We didn't have to create a liturgy, because the Church had already created our form of worship, by in part looking back at the ways that early Christian communities had worshipped (i.e. seeing what generations before them had done). We didn't have to come up with our own faith or tradition, because we had one handed onto us by the saints (in whose worship of God we join.)

This is not to say that we don't bring something unique to all of these things, we do. And there is something marvelous about our own expression of the tradition and faith that was handed on to us, and the ways that we now function as "church" in our own time. We are still discovering things about God and adding to the conversation that has been going on since God spoke the words "Let there be light!" God's infinite nature assures us that our knowledge will always be partial, even as we hand it on to the next generation. There will always be something more for them to discover and as the Spirit empowers that pursuit, God will continue to reveal His limitless love and mercy in Christ Jesus.

These are the thoughts that I have in mind as the members of our Endowment Committee and I prepare to meet next week to discuss this year's disbursement. I am thinking about those who have gone before us and how they have provided for, in some ways empowered, our worship and our life through their witness, through their faithfulness, and through their generosity to ensure that this parish would have a future here in San Clemente. I'm grateful to our former rector, now Bishop Suffragan, through whose leadership and vision we have an endowment fund. And I am especially grateful to those kind souls who have designated St. Clement's in their estates, and for those who will do so in the future.

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We probably have commitments toward our Endowment Fund on the order of one million dollars. These are the people in our **Anchor Society**, who have designate St. Clement's by-the-Sea in their wills. Others may have a general desire to contribute to the church in this way, but haven't specifically designated our parish or perhaps even told those who need to know of their desire. My advice is that we do so, and right away, to ensure that our intentions are honored. My belief is that we need commitments for the Endowment Fund more in the range of three million dollars to ensure that our future as a parish is more fiscally secure.

That's not going to happen overnight. But, I think it is very important to have a goal, especially one that is within the realm of possibility but still stretches us a bit in our effort to achieve it. If we were to reach this goal, let me rephrase that, *when we reach that goal*, our endowment could provide reasonable income toward our expenses and we would not be so dependent upon monthly pledge income and other sources (like building use fees) to meet our costs. As the parish grows, it is going to do with young families and younger individuals, most of whom find it incredible hard if not impossible to give at the levels of their parents and grandparents.

So this (along with many other things) is our gift to the next generation, and for all the generations to come after that, since the endowment principal is preserved. The income derived from the Endowment will enable ministries that we haven't even considered yet, and provide for greater stability and growth for our parish going forward. I hope you will prayerfully consider whether designating St. Clement's is a possibility in your estate. Those who came before us have given so much and handed on to us this incredible place. Now we can consider our own legacy to those who will come after us. What can we do for them, for the St. Clement's by-the Sea, 30, 60 and 100 years from now?

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Patrick



Farewell to our Parish Administrator, Brenda DePano

We have to say goodbye to our beloved Parish Administrator, Brenda DePano, whose husband (a Methodist minister) has been reassigned to another parish, requiring them to relocate. We'll miss her greatly! Brenda was a joyful presence in the parish office, and has been an dedicated and hardworking employee. Brenda's last day in the office will be May 18th. We have begun the search for our new administrative assistant, trusting that God will send us just right person. Stop by and wish Brenda "Godspeed."

Join us for Laundry Love

The next gathering will be

May 17th from 2pm-5pm

Laundry Basket South

2405 S. El Camino Real in San Clemente

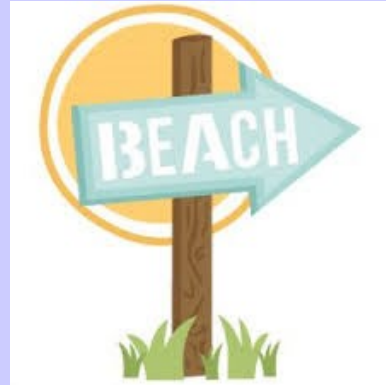
*New volunteers are welcome and should arrive at 1:30pm for a brief orientation.
Laundry will be done in two hour shifts between 2pm-6pm*

Contact Janice Geneviro for more information on this ministry



Earth Day - Beach Clean Up 2017

Thank you to all that came out for our annual Beach Clean Up!



Something for Everyone

Book Club

At Home in Mitford by Jan Karon

Tuesday, May 2nd
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

Friday, May 19th

7:00 pm

Home of Larry and Pat Sawyer

Please sign up at coffee hour



NEW!

TAI'YO

ALL ARE WELCOME!
Monday and Friday mornings from 9 -10 a.m.
In the Parish Hall



Lent & Holy Week Highlights...

Preparing for Palm Sunday...

Thanks to all of you who helped prepare our sanctuary for Palm Sunday and who made our palm crosses. Many thanks to Sue King, especially, who leads this effort every year. And our gratitude to Rod Rodriguez and Rod's Tree Service who provide our wonderful palms.



Images going clockwise, left to right: The front entrance of the church. Creating a palm arch over a side entrance. Palm crosses being made in the parish hall. Getting underway with the palms. Altar Guild hard at work. Vieling the crosses in red for Holy Week.



More Holy Week Highlights...

Lamb Supper

Roland and Audrey Daigle prepared the Maundy Thursday Lamb Supper for their 30th year at St. Clements'. This is a wonderful annual tradition, and we're so grateful to the Daigles to share their culinary talents. About 45 people attended the supper, which was followed by the Maundy Thursday service during Holy Week, including the ritual foot washing.

A second photo shows Father Patrick blessing the lamb supper, which recalls the Passover meal and the emphasis to "eat hastily"



Easter Music

Wonderful choral and instrumental music was enjoyed at our Easter services. Thanks especially to our Music Director, Larry Gates, our fine choir singers and our quintet of brass and percussion instrumentalists. It was a wonderful way of highlighting the joy of Easter, and the first year that we had Timpani drums. Just fantastic!



New Window Coverings

The parish hall and the Peaceful Warriors dojang both have new solar shades, thanks to the generosity of parishioners participating in the January Annual Meeting "Gifts from the Heart" campaign and the interior design talents of a parishioner. These window coverings were a critical need, both aesthetically and also to provide a buffer from the heat and glare of the afternoon sun. Our residential neighbors just over the back wall are also very appreciative.

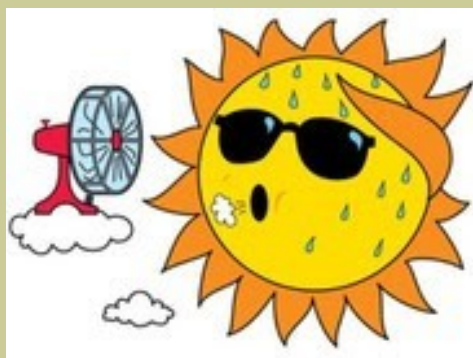


"Church is Cool" Fundraising for an AC Unit

For years the sanctuary has gotten uncomfortably hot during the summer months, due to the lack of an air conditioning system. The results is reduced church attendance for the later services, discomfort during summer weddings and funerals, and excess heat during Bible studies and meetings in the library.

The Vestry has started an "Our Church is Cool" campaign, and has gotten off to a good start! We've secured a \$2,000 donation from the contractor, received \$1,500 in initial pledges, and raised about \$2,500 since the campaign was announced. We need to raise just another \$1,800 and we'll have a permanently "cool" church.

The goal is to receive all the funds by the end of May, so that the unit can be operational for the hot summer months. Your donation is much appreciated. Please mark your check "Cool" in the memo line, and include your pledge number, so that we can properly credit your giving statement.





Upcoming Events



May 2nd– Book Club, 5pm, Rocco's

May 14th– Mother's Day, Youth Sunday

May 14th– Sandwich Making, 1pm, Okie Hall

May 17th– Laundry Love, 2pm

May 19th– Anchor's Potluck, 7pm

***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.

***Join us for our weekly
Bible Study!***

Every Wednesday

In the Library at

11am (English)

6pm (Spanish)

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

For more information
please contact Matt Duncan

May 2017 Birthday Celebrants

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- 1 - Claudia Berber
 - 2 - Elaine Viele
 - 3 - Mel Mothershead
 - 5 - Rod Rodriguez
 - 7 - Bob Corless
 - 7 - Maria Gonzalez
 - 8 - Iliana Farias
 - 8 - Bob Gergen
 - 11 - Christian Miller
 - 11 - Grayson Wallett
 - 14 - Shirley Wilson
 - 15 - Myrna Gray
 - 18 - Kevin Delgado
 - 19 - Lannea Hazzard
 - 22 - Debby Neville
 - 24 - Ken Baxter
 - 24 - Christi Seminoff
 - 25 - Frederick Langford
 - 28 - Alejandra Martinez
 - 31 - Gunnar Carey
 - 31 - Stewart Stropp

Wedding Anniversaries

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- 6 - Fr. Patrick & Christina Crerar
 - 20 - Stephen & Thuy Jones

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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