

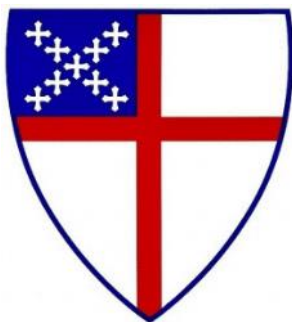


# THE ANCHOR

NOVEMBER 2021

*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



**Martin...**

*"And one was a soldier,  
and one was a priest,  
and was slain by a fierce, wild beast;  
and there's not any reason  
no, not the least, why I shouldn't be one too."<sup>1</sup>*

Perhaps you recognize that verse from the delightful hymn, "I sing a song of the saints of God" and maybe you've wondered about whom they are talking. November, in our branch of Christianity, is always a month in which we begin with All Saints' Day, and when we commemorate those beloved Holy Ones of the Church universal. Though they are here remembered as "one was a [fill in the blank]" the reality is each "one" might represent many of the various saints who were soldiers or priests or martyrs or some of the other occupations noted in the song. As Lesbia Scott, author of that hymn, went on to say, "you can meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea, in church, or in trains, or in shops, or at tea." She said her desire was to emphasize to the children for whom she wrote the song that, "sainthood was a living possibility today."<sup>2</sup> Nonetheless, she probably had a particular saint in my mind when she wrote her hymn for each "one."

Here at St. Clement's, we typically follow our All Saints' Day celebration within a week or so by honoring military personnel at our Veterans Day / Marine Corps birthday service. And so, I thought I would say a word about that "one" who was "a soldier" in that beloved song above. I assume that Ms. Scott had St. Martin of Tours in mind, since he is probably the most famous soldier to be named a saint. St. Martin is one of the patrons of France, though he was originally from Hungary and lived for a time in Italy. He also has a Caribbean Island named for him, divided between the Dutch and the French. But, Martin is most famous for his act of generosity while he was a soldier toward a beggar, which ultimately effected a complete change in Martin's life, leading him to become a Christian, a monastic, and in time a bishop.

Martin was born to pagan parents (either in 315 or 336, no one seems exactly sure), and followed in his father's footsteps by joining the Roman army, at 15. When he is entering the town of Amiens in Gaul, he encounters a naked beggar at the side of the road pleading for alms. If the artistic renditions of this encounter are accurate, Martin mounted on his horse, then draws his sword, and cuts own military cloak in half, giving the separated half to the poor man for a covering. As the legend goes, the following night Martin has a dream wherein he sees Jesus wearing that half of the cloak, and our Lord says to the angels, "Martin, a simple catechumen, covered me with this garment." Martin is then moved to be baptized, becoming a Christian at the age of 18.<sup>3</sup>



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He continues his military service for some time afterward (until 356). Martin is ordained a presbyter sometime between 350 and 353 by Hilary, the bishop at Poitiers, whom Martin had come to admire. Later he founds a monastery at Ligugé, the first monastery North of the Alps. Much to his chagrin however, Martin is popularly elected to be bishop of Tours in 372. He did not seek the office, and it doesn't seem that he wanted it. He much preferred the ascetic life of a hermit, following the pattern of the Desert Monastics. Nonetheless, he accepts with the caveat that he can continue to live in his ascetic manner. He serves with distinction, evangelizing the countryside around his hermitage and is a "staunch defender of the poor and helpless."<sup>4</sup>

An interesting tidbit for those who like the derivation of words. For a time, the French kings would bring the half-cut relic of the cape of St. Martin with them into battle. The job of carrying this garment relic fell to a priest, who was called the "cappellanu" or its plural, the "cappellani." This word later becomes "chaplain" in English<sup>5</sup> which is still what we call the clerics who serve our military personnel today, accompanying them around the world. This is the source of the word "chapel" as well, which was where originally the cloak relic of St. Martin was housed, later referring to any such place that housed a relic. The term is much more general today, referring to a holy place that are not churches per se, or smaller worship spaces with altars to the sides of the main church or cathedral.<sup>6</sup>



St. Martin dividing his cloak,  
Anthony van Dyck, 1621

Martin had other adventures. He died on Nov. 11, 397. His feast day is the same day on which we mark Veterans Day and the end of "the war to end all wars" with the signing of the peace treaty between Germany and the allied countries in 1918 (in a railcar outside Compiégn, France). The eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, was designated as to when the cease fire would take effect. That day, first known as Armistice Day, later becomes a day to recognize veterans of both wars after the Second World War. And, in 1954, becomes Veterans Day and a day to honor all those who have served in the armed forces of our country. It is right that we should do so! I'm certainly exceedingly grateful to those who risk themselves for the freedoms that we hold dear, for those who put themselves between us and those who with misguided or malicious intent would do us harm. I'm grateful for those who defend our nation and who answer the call to go where they are needed, to free from oppression as the insignia my father wore said in Latin, At St. Clement's, we honor our military and we are blessed by our veterans and the Marine families who share their lives with us while they are stationed at Camp Pendleton.

I mention my father in the previous paragraph with purpose. This time period between All Saints' Day and the beginning of Advent has been a time set apart in the Christian tradition for remembering those we love and see no more in this realm, the dearly departed. And even while we "do not grieve like those who have no hope," (1 Thes 4:13) we still nonetheless grieve their absence, which we will always feel.

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

Yours in Christ,  
Fr. Patrick

<sup>1</sup> *Hymnal 1982* (New York: Church Publishing, 1985), #293.

<sup>2</sup> *The Hymnal 1982 Companion*, Vol. 3A, Raymond F. Glover, General Editor, (New York: Church Publishing, 1994), #293.

<sup>3</sup> *The Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church*, 3rd Edition Revised, (Oxford: University Press, 2005), P. 1050

<sup>4</sup> *Holy Women, Holy Men, Celebrating the Saints* (New York, Church Publishing 2010) P.674

<sup>5</sup> See, [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Martin\\_of\\_Tours](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Martin_of_Tours)

<sup>6</sup> *The Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church*, 3rd Edition Revised, (Oxford: University Press, 2005), P. 322

# Worship Schedule

A few things for the weeks ahead...

Saturday, October 30, was our last outdoor, 5pm service for the season. These popular, outdoor services will return in the late Spring of 2022 when we go back to our Summer schedule. On November 7th, when we celebrate All Saints' Day, we will revert to our Winter Schedule of Sunday morning services at 8am & 10am (English) and 12pm (Spanish). Remember also that we turn our clocks back one hour that morning. Hopefully, the extra sleep will help us with this adjustment.

On November 14th, we will celebrate our military veterans and Marine Corps birthday, with a combined English service at 10am. We will have a guest preacher that morning, and the service will be followed by a catered luncheon, provided by a generous parishioner. The Spanish service will be at 12pm as usual.

Looking ahead to December, we will have a delightful, combined bilingual service at 10am on the third Sunday of Advent, December 12th, in celebration of Mary, as we mark the Virgin of Guadalupe feast day. A delicious lunch of tamales will be provided and we will have Mariachis to serenade us. The 8am service that day will occur as usual.

Looking ahead, we will have services on Christmas Eve, Friday, December 24th, at 4pm, 7pm (Spanish) and 10pm (preceded by carol singing). Christmas Day, Saturday December 25th, we'll have a service at 10am in English. On Sunday, December 26th, we'll have a delightful service of Christmas Lessons and Carols at 10am, and in Spanish at 12pm.

Hoping you can join us for all of these blessed events!

## A word from Fr. Brad...

The following is a brief excerpt from my new book *Desert Spirituality for Men*, to be published in February. The particular insights included here are universal. And hopefully, you will find them helpful.

The most important advice I can give to a person seeking a deeper relationship with God is to work faithfully and consistently with a spiritual director. Spiritual direction is “help given by one Christian to another which enables that person to pay attention to God’s personal communication with him or her, to respond to this personally communicating God, to grow in intimacy with God and to live out the consequences of the relationship.”<sup>1</sup>



Spiritual direction can help you explore your experiences of God, discern important decisions, heal trauma from the past, and grow into God’s deepest desires for you.

The process begins in your prayers as you listen to God’s call for you. Speak with a member of the clergy or someone you know who has been under spiritual direction. Local retreat centers can help you find a spiritual director: someone who has been through a certification program for spiritual direction. Above all, expect that opening yourself up to spiritual direction will take time and commitment.

Spiritual writer and priest Henri Nouwen advises:

“The goal of spiritual direction is spiritual formation---the ever-increasing capacity to live a spiritual life from the heart. A spiritual life cannot be formed without discipline, practice and accountability.”<sup>2</sup>

Nouwen believes there are three disciplines that will complement your experience with spiritual direction: the discipline of the Heart, the discipline of the Book, and the discipline of the Church.

The discipline of the Heart involves contemplative prayer, inviting God into our total being, including all that has been hidden and secret.

The discipline of the Book involves reading the scriptures and spiritual writings. You will find that as you read, the Spirit may connect words and phrases to where you now are in your life, what you are currently seeking and pondering. After I began spiritual direction, meditation on scripture helped me to hear those words in a new way, as if they were written for me.

The discipline of the Church will be a challenge for some readers of this book. You may be a spiritual seeker of God, but you do not have a life in a religious community, or, for some reason, you have left that community. The problem is that the Christian faith is communal, not solitary, requiring that if we are to grow with God, we need to have life in community. In regular worship in the Church, we experience the Gospel narratives of Jesus through the liturgical year, an annual calendar of seasons commemorating the life and teachings of Jesus. Our sometimes-messy experience of human relations in a religious community is rich fodder for reflection with a spiritual director.

In our individualistic culture, we can be drawn to the self-reliance of the Desert Fathers and Mothers, how they found a rich spiritual life in their deprivation, silence and solitude. Eventually, they found that physical and spiritual survival in the desert required the help of others, which birthed the first Christian monastic communities. It may be ironic, but successful solitude is always dependent on others. In contrast with the iconic *New Yorker Magazine*’s cartoons of the solitary guru living in a cave who is visited by eccentric spiritual seekers, Jesus called a community of disciples to follow him.

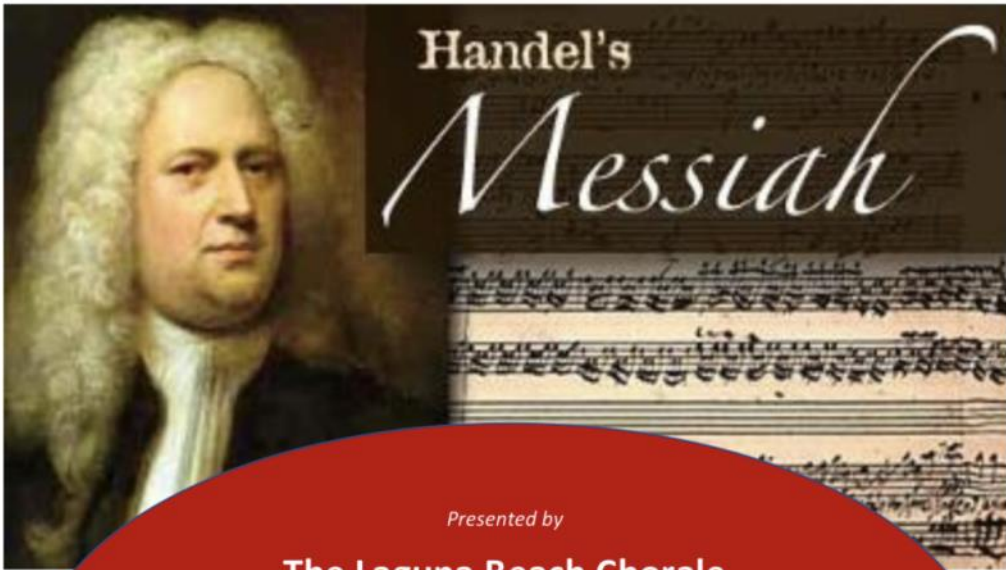
Nouwen continues:

“The more we let the events of Christ’s life inform and form us, the more we will be able to connect our own daily stories with the great story of God’s presence in our lives. Thus, the discipline of the Church, as a community of faith, functions as our spiritual director by directing our hearts and minds to the One who makes our lives truly eventful.”<sup>3</sup>

Yours in Christ,  
Fr. Brad

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1. William A. Barry and William J. Connolly, *The Practice of Spiritual Direction*, 8.
  2. Nouwen, *Spiritual Direction*, xiii.
  3. Nouwen, *ibid*, xvii.

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The poster features a portrait of George Frideric Handel on the left, with the title "Handel's Messiah" in a large, elegant script font on the right. Below the title is a section of musical notation. A large red oval is superimposed over the lower half of the poster, containing white text.

*Presented by*

**The Laguna Beach Chorale  
with the choirs of  
St. Clement's by-the-Sea  
and  
St. James the Great**

**Sunday, December 5 at 5:00 p.m.**

**Location:** St. James the Great, 3209 Via Lido, Newport Beach

Come hear Handel's prophetic Messiah, using texts from both the New and Old Testaments. Accompanied by orchestra, you will hear gorgeous solos and grand choruses. The audience is encouraged to sing the *Hallelujah Chorus* at the end of the performance.

\$25 donation for regular seating ♦ \$50 donation VIP seating

Childcare provided

## Join Us!

Current participants say that Covenant Groups have helped them:



- Experience support and compassion through the pandemic
- See faith through other's experience
- Understand the weekly scripture better
- Make new friends and find deeper connections

And so much more.....

Currently, the four groups below meet weekly for Fellowship, Bible Study and Prayer.

ALL ARE OPEN TO NEW PEOPLE.

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

**WOMEN:** Mondays, 7 p.m. Contact Laura Casellas: Laura.casellas@yahoo.com (203)451-7598 or

**WOMEN:** Thursdays, in person, 11 a.m. Contact Hilary Viscount: hviscount@gmail.com (714)932-2210

**MEN:** Wednesdays, 7 p.m. Contact Beto Casellas: betolaura@mac.com (704)661-6994

**CO-ED:** Thursdays, 7 p.m. Contact Ken and Laurie Baxter: kbaxter@choc.org (630-674-5017)

## The Social Justice Book Club

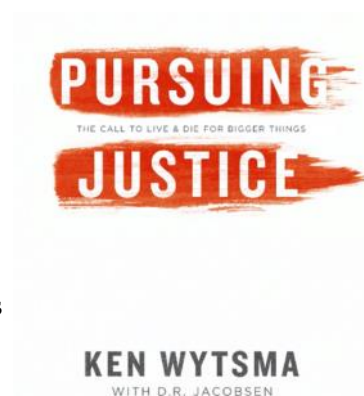
Thursday, November 18  
7PM on Zoom

### Pursuing Justice

*by Ken Wytsma*

Our book for November builds a background of biblical justice and moves us toward acting in the world with a deeper understanding of the work of justice.

Contact Laura Casellas, laura.casellas@yahoo.com or Francis Viscount, fviscount@gmail.com for the zoom link.



Please read The Introduction and Chapters 1 and 2: *Let's Talk About Hard Things* by Anna Sale

## Celebrate St. Clement's October Outreach Ministries

*As members of St. Clement's congregation, many of you are participating in the outreach programs for our church by volunteering or monetarily contributing to these worthy charity organizations.*

### FAM HUGER WALK



FAM'S 34th Hunger Walk was Sunday, October 17 and I am so pleased to share that we had a St. Clements walk team of 10 people and we raised a little over \$2,000 dollars in donations to help support this great cause. It was a beautiful day for the walk and a great time of fellowship with friends and fellow walkers - all joining in to contribute and "give a little back" to help our community and people in need in these challenging times. Thank you St. Clements church for the very generous donation and support for the FAM walk- please let everyone know how much it helped for this great cause.

With much appreciation, Daisy Howell

### VOLUNTEER AT FAM DISTRIBUTION CENTER

Since we no longer are able to do the drive through food distribution in our church parking lot we now have a St. Clements group of approximately 6-7 people that get together to volunteer their time every other Friday afternoon to work at the FAM distribution facility in San Clemente. It is a continuing form for this great ministry.

For more information on how to join this dedicated group of volunteers, please contact Daisy Howell at [dhowell22@cox.net](mailto:dhowell22@cox.net)



### OUTLET MALL SHOPPING EXTRAVAGANZA

The annual Outlet Mall Shopping Extravaganza took place on Saturday, October 9. This year, participants could select their registrations/ contributions to be applied to Laundry Love or San Clemente Military Family Outreach (SCMFO). Combined with your generous donations, and those of the San Clemente Community, we raised \$600 for SCMFO and \$450 for Laundry Love.



## Rectory Sale Finalized...

After several years of thoughtful discussion and debate, and following the recommendation of a Rectory Sale Exploration Committee, and after presenting this idea at our last Annual Meeting, and with the review and support of the Diocese; earlier this year, the Vestry elected to sell our former Rectory. We determined that the value of the property could be better utilized as part



of our Endowment vs. continuing to operate this as a low income rental property. By repositioning the proceeds to the Church Endowment Fund; we're able to potentially provide twice the annual income, with far less unexpected repair risk, to support the current and future ministries of the Church.

While this building had served as a residence for our clergy from the early 1960's through the mid 1990's, it had been used primarily as a rental property for the past 25 years, and was in need of many major repairs. The robust housing market presented us with a window of opportunity to improve the long term finances of our Church without the complications of maintaining and renting a 60 year old residence. The residence sold at a favorable price to a very nice family who are excited about moving into this community.

The Vestry also elected to withhold \$100,000 from the proceeds, to support the recently announced Diocesan Endowment Capital Campaign, and in recognition of our former Rector, Bishop Diane Bruce, as she embarks on her new ministry as the new Bishop of Western Missouri. After all related repair and closing costs, we transferred slightly over 1.2 million dollars to our Endowment Fund. This investment should, in time, provide about double the amount annually than we previously received in rental income, and do so with greater diversification.



**Vestry Meetings**  
**Tuesday, November 16**  
**7:00 pm**

**"Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above..."**

James 1:17

Dear friends in Christ,

Every pledge campaign begins with gratitude, and that is how I want to begin my message to you this year. I am inspired by your generosity – by the grand acts that you have accomplished this year, by the single acts of love and kindness, and by the unseen works you have done in the service of God, our church, and our community. On behalf of the Vestry, I would like to say, THANK YOU!



Our campaign theme this year is about *Every Perfect Gift*, and reminds us how everything that we receive and everything we give comes from God. Our theme highlights all the ways in which we have been blessed by God and how that inspires us to give back to our neighbors, our church, and the world. This year's campaign, accordingly, focuses on our gifts; not just on the things we wrap with paper and bows, and not the things we put in envelopes or give from our bank accounts, but all of the gifts that we give throughout the year.

This year has been so different from other years in terms of what has been asked of us as individuals and as a community. I want you to know, because I have heard your stories. I also know that some of us are still struggling with finances, with isolation, and with uncertainty. Yet I see repeatedly that it is the God we encounter at our church and Jesus who we follow by recognizing him in each other. This is what keeps us together and provides consistency and strength in a shifting world.

Every dollar pledged to St. Clement's has a face behind it, a story, a purpose, a mission! We use our financial gifts to serve God, to care for each other, and to show our love for our neighbors. What greater gift can there be? I am grateful for how each of you supports our ministry in our community.

If you are ever in doubt about the impact of your giving, look about you. Whether you have seen your church family through a screen this year or in the pews, every person you see is part of the story of your giving. As you consider making your gift or your intention to give this year, I ask that you also consider how you have been impacted, and how you will impact this church and our neighbors. What is the story of your gift, how will it unfold? How will your blessing be a blessing to others? This is the spirit behind our theme of *Every Perfect Gift*.

You can make your pledge for 2022 right here, right now, by clicking the link below. This is certainly the most direct and convenient method. There are also pledge cards available from the ushers on Sunday, which you can complete and put into the offering basin. Pledge cards are also available daily in the church office. Whatever method you choose to pledge, please do so soon. All the pledges we receive will be blessed on the morning of Nov. 7th, when we celebrate All Saints' Day and go back to our Winter schedule of services.

<https://scbythesea.org/content/2022-Pledge-Campaign.html>

This year I invite you to make your perfect gift, reflective of the gifts you have received from our Creator. As you learn more about *Every Perfect Gift*, please know that your guidance and support are deeply appreciated by me and by this community. I thank you for sharing your gifts with us.

Faithfully,

Jon D. Ulz - Your 2021 Vestry Stewardship Chair

## MARY'S FEAST/SCMFO

### Mary's Feast Mission Statement:

*To offer women an evening of Christian fellowship, while providing on-going financial support, as well as other resources, to young, local, under-resourced Military families and their children through San Clemente Military Family Outreach (SCMFO)*



Re: Request for Donations

Dear Local Merchants and Supporters of Mary's Feast and SCMFO:

We are disappointed to announce that due to the on-going COVID-19 pandemic and with an abundance of caution for the safety and health of our attendees, the planning team and the venue staff, we will again be unable to hold our annual Mary's Feast Dinner which would normally be held during the first week of December. We ARE, however, still committed to raising funds and gathering baby items to support the under resourced Camp Pendleton families and the students of the San Onofre Elementary School on the north end of the base. As in the past, all proceeds from this effort will provide this support. Your generous donations will allow us to provide school supplies to the classroom teachers for their students. We are also able to purchase newborn clothing, diapers, bottles, etc. for our military families for the annual baby shower, hosted by SCMFO.

SCMFO is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. Any donation is considered a tax-deductible gift. We will provide a receipt for all donations which will include a description of your gift and our federal tax identification number.

We thank you in advance for your generosity and are very grateful for donations of any amount contributed to this important and worthy cause.

Sincerely,

Chris McCann and Team  
SCMFO EIN: 30-1133945

Please make checks payable to: SCMFO/Mary's Feast  
Please mail checks to: 2307 Via Zafiro, San Clemente, CA 92673



Attention all Sr. High Students

What: Mini Golf field trip

When: 11/7 1:30pm

RSVP and parental release required

Email Fr. Jay at [frjjyoung@gmail.com](mailto:frjjyoung@gmail.com)

## *Christmas Flower Offerings*

**Due: Sunday, December 12th**

Envelopes and forms will be available in the bulletins, as well as during Coffee Hour.

*Please place your Christmas Flower Offering, along with your dedication, in the Sunday offering or the office drop box. The drop box is located to the right of the church office door.*

*\* in bulletins beginning November 14th.*

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## *Hanging of the Greens*



**Wednesday, December 22nd**

**5:00pm**

Save the Date...

St. Clement's invites you to get into the holiday spirit by helping us transform the church.

*All are welcome!*



ST. CLEMENT'S BY-THE-SEA

## *Christmas Services*

### **Christmas Eve - December 24th**

4:00 pm - Children's Program & Family  
Eucharist

7:00 pm - Misa de Nochebuena (Spanish)

9:30 pm - Carol Sing-A-Long

10:00 pm - Candlelight Service, with  
Choir, Organ & Harp

### **Christmas Day - December 25th**

10:00 am - Christmas Day Service

### **December 26th**

10:00 am - Lessons & Carols

12:00 pm - Lecciones y Canciones

Our weekly Bible Studies are on Wednesdays at 11am.

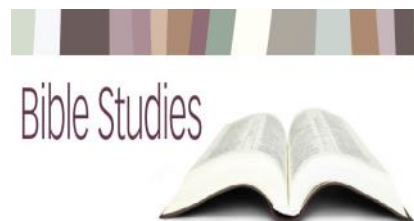
Join us by Zoom. You need not be a biblical scholar to participate. Just come with a desire to learn more.

Here is the link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83790387339?pwd=MWRLT1BUbTBxT29jOXRvSWJQUdhdBdz09>

Meeting ID: 837 9038 7339

Passcode: 301543



## UTO Gathering



We are approaching our traditional “Blue Box” time of giving to demonstrate our thankfulness for small to large things, people or experiences by dropping coins into the box. In Gathering will be on Sunday, November 21st.

If coins are not available, cash and checks are welcome.

Checks are made out to St Clement's with a notation of UTO on the memo line.

## Sunday School & Nursery

Every Sunday at 10am grades K-5.



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.*



## - November Birthdays -

11/1 Marcia Mohler  
11/2 Deb Loftus  
11/10 Joan Ashbrook  
11/12 Gustavo Carrillo Jr.  
11/12 Katrina Soto  
11/17 Dylan Casey  
11/17 Patrick Crerar

11/17 Robert Miranda  
11/17 Elvira Carrillo  
11/18 Margarita Farias  
11/21 Susan Rhodes  
11/23 Rachel Tomeo  
11/25 Cecily Grigg  
11/27 Juvenal Delgado

## - November Anniversaries -

11/5 Jose & Elvira Carrillo  
11/18 Mike & Andrea Morris  
11/27 Roger & Mary Ann Morrison  
11/29 Bill & Deb Loftus

Happy  
anniversary



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

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

*Welcoming all since 1929*



### **WEEKEND WORSHIP**

*8am Sunday: Holy Communion (spoken)  
10am Sunday: Holy Communion (with choir)  
12 pm Sunday: La Misa en Español  
as well as streaming on YouTube channel*

202 Avenida Aragon  
San Clemente, CA 92672

### **OFFICE HOURS**

**Vary during these times.**

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The Rev. Patrick Crerar, Rector