

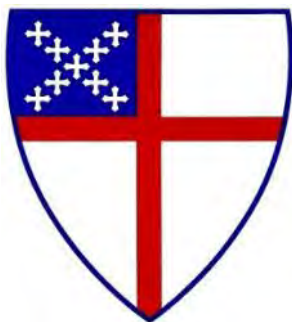


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St. Clement's by-the-Sea
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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



Francis...

For some of us, the Prayer Attributed to St. Francis is one of the most meaningful prayers in our entire Prayer Book. And so, you may find it surprising that, according to a renowned Prayer Book commentator, we have no evidence of this prayer's existence before the start of the 20th century.¹ In other words, it seems to be one of our more modern prayers. But interestingly tied to a saint who lived 800 years ago. Nonetheless, it is a splendid prayer, isn't it? And certainly embodies the values the good saint held dear.

What is that they say about Francis, among the saints "he is one of the most admired and least imitated." The author of the prayer is anonymous. And it seems possible to me from my interactions with Franciscans that one of St. Francis' modernish disciples penned this great prayer. In contrast to the quip above, that Franciscan followed the example of his patron, and gave up the prayer to the world, asking for neither attribution, nor remuneration. At least, that is my hunch. But, what about this prayer makes it speak to people in such profound ways. Why do so many love it? Why do you?

Part of the answer to that question, surely is its aspirational quality. I.e. We may not be living, or living very well, into the prayer's evocative petitions, but we yearn to do so. The very first line says a lot about that desire. **"Lord, make us instruments of your peace."** That is to say, it is a work yet undone. I'm not yet an instrument of Christ' peace, but I want to be. **"Lord, make it so!"** On another level, this prayer probably brings to mind the beatitudes, which again for many of us, are aspirational statements. Jesus says in Matthew's account, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God" (5:9). We might well pray, "Lord, make me your true child, make me a peacemaker."

This prayer also puts that holy desire into action, albeit in ways broadly defined, allowing for our own discernment about when or how to act.

**Where there is hatred, let us sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is discord, union;**

All of these speak to ways in which we put peacemaking into practice. These actions also reflect some of what Francis did in his own day, as he strived to overcome the disunity created by economic disparity, health and disease, and between Muslim and Crusader.

The prayer then takes a turn to other aspirational statements. They speak to our want to be shining examples of faith in the world.



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where there is doubt, faith;
 where there is despair, hope;
 where there is darkness, light;
 where there is sadness, joy.

These too could bring a passage of Matthew to mind, which follows almost immediately upon the beatitudes and is part and parcel of the Sermon on the Mount. Here, I have in mind,

“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven” (5:14-16).

When I pray the words from the Francis prayer, I think what I’m saying is: “Lord, when it matters, allow me to be useful. Let my words be a comfort. Let my actions however feeble be helpful. When someone comes to me in “doubt...despair...darkness... or...sadness,” let your light arise in me, your life-giving Word be upon my lips, that their spirit may be renewed. Help me to rekindle that mere ember of hope within them. Help me to remind them that you are the God of miracles, the Creator of the universe and all that is, and you are with them.” Something like that. I think of Jesus’ words, “He will not break a bruised reed or quench a smoldering wick until he brings justice to victory” (Mt 12:20).

Now, dissecting a prayer is a bit like dissecting a poem, and that is especially true for a Franciscan prayer and should be done with some care. But I’m also reminded that “praying shapes believing” as the theologian, Leonell Mitchell, argued.² So, it is important to consider carefully what we are praying, what we are asking of God. Our words matter and even if God knows the true intentions of our hearts, He still bids us to name our needs, name our desire, say what we really want. Consider all those times when someone with an obvious affliction comes to Jesus, and our Lord asks them, “what do you want me to do for you?” They needed to name it, even while their need is clear.

They had to identify their desire. There could be a good reason. In naming our need we also have to confront our reasons for asking for them. We have to consider, “Why do I want whatever it is that I want?” I think Francis dealt squarely with that question and it changed the entire course of his life. He began his life like many his age, seeking self-glory. When Assisi went to battle with neighboring Perugia, he sought to make a name for himself through military victory. He probably wanted riches and fame. But coming to his senses at some point, he realizes the vanity of such things, and instead embraces the life to which God was calling him. I imagine his prayer changing from “God grant me success!” to “Make me an instrument of your peace.”

Just as Francis’ life took a turn, we make a similar turn in the prayer attributed to him, to a life outwardly focused on the needs of others. Here we have the aspiration to a life marked by mercy, forgiveness, generosity, love, and understanding. And I believe in the last line of the prayer, we have both a literal statement of the eternal life that awaits us in Christ Jesus but also the more abundant life already available to us, by the daily dying to our sins (selfish desires) and being truly alive to God.

**Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
 to be understood as to understand;
 to be loved as to love.
 For it is in giving that we receive;
 it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
 and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.**

I’m sure you’ve prayed this prayer many times in your life. What has it meant to you? What does it mean to you today?

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

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Patrick

1 Marion J. Hatchett, *Commentary on the American Prayer Book* (New York; HarperCollins, 1995) p. 568

2 Leonel L. Mitchell, *Praying Shapes Believing* (Harrisburg, Morehouse Publishing, 1985)

Worship Schedule

A few things to note as we move into Autumn

Our present schedule of services will continue until the last weekend of October. Saturday, October 30, will be 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 October 31st, we'll still have services at 9am and 11am on Sunday morning, as we've been doing.

On November 7th, when we will 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. The service will be followed by a catered luncheon in our courtyard. The Spanish service will be at 12pm as usual.

Looking ahead to December, 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.

Hawaiian Luau Celebration

St Clement's outdoor space under the pergola was transformed Sunday, September 26 into a Hawaiian Luau scene with amazing décor including leis, orchids, pineapple center pieces and hand painted tiki posters attached to the pergola posts—all designed and created by our very talented parishioner, Patty Welliver.

Tina English set up a table with bright pink raffle bags in front of the offered items, an additional table offered bidding sheets for great silent auction items, including Rose Bradley's generous offering of her San Clemente time share for a one week stay in December, watercolor paintings by our very own Jim Prothero and, from the rectory across the street that is currently up for sale, Pat Warren snagged two stained glass windows, one of St. Agnes and one Blue Anchor motif—which definitely led to some active, competitive bids being placed throughout the festivities.

At the end of the 9 a.m. service, churchgoers were greeted by the delightful smells from the Flavor Mobile—where lunch was being cooked up and the sounds of a Hawaiian Band trio gently welcoming all to a Founder's Day celebration.

Mimosas and Hawaiian Punch were readily available as people mingled, bought raffle tickets and placed their bids for the silent auction. Thank you to Mike Grombone for keeping the mimosas flowing and to Jon Ulz who helped get the band set up with their needs and manned the Hawaiian punch table. Many thanks to Merrill Wilson and Pat Corless who coordinated the checking off names and handing out the individual meal tickets for the different entrees.

Thanks to Mark Williams who set up the event with an easy online sign up. Kudos to Mike and Rebecca Marcu who did a tremendous job selling raffle tickets.

Before the raffle prize tickets were drawn and the silent auction winners announced, Father Patrick blessed the new tiles that were purchased by St. Clement's members during the tile sale in August. What a blessing to also celebrate Founders' Day—92 years of the little Episcopal Church by-the-sea.

As Kent Adamson said, "It takes a village"—what a village of talented people who all contributed to a joyous morning! Thanks to Father Patrick for having the bright idea of a Hawaiian Luau theme and for finding the Flavor Mobile Food Truck.

Truly an upbeat gathering after a long time of little socializing during the pandemic.



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, October 21st
7PM on Zoom

Our book group will begin a journey over the next several months of reading and discussing two books concurrently. One will discuss how communicating about difficult topics can connect us rather than divide us and how we can all do it better. The other book will ground our discussions in the biblical call to act justly.

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

Please read Chapters 1, 2, and 3: *Pursuing Justice* by Ken Wytsma



KEN WYTSMA
WITH D.R. JACOBSEN





St. Clement's 2021 Ministry Fair

On September 12, 2021, St. Clement's held their Ministry Fair. More than seventeen of St. Clement's ministries were represented at the fair. They were Youth Group and Mission Trip, Sunday School and Nursery, Covenant Groups, Altar Guild

and Flower Ministry, Acolytes, Readers, Ushers, Coffee Hour and Anchor's Dinners, Martini Club, Laundry Love, St. Clement's Military Family Outreach, Buildings and Grounds, Choir and Bell Choir, United Thank Offering (UTO), Social Justice Book Club, FAM, and South Coast Literacy Council.

Many ministries reported that they had several new volunteer sign ups and others had many that showed interest. Thanks to the many hands that made the 2021 St. Clement's Ministry Fair happen! It was a great team effort and a wonderful success!







Please sign up to be a coffee hour host in September. 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.

October 3rd





IT'S TIME TO SIGN UP!

SHOPPING EXTRAVAGANZA



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9

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

TICKETS \$35

This year, because both Laundry Love and San Clemente Military Family Outreach (SCMFO) are both part of our St. Clement's Outreach Ministry, you can select which organization you wish to support when you purchase your tickets.

HOW DO LAUNDRY LOVE AND SCMFO GET MONEY?

FOR EVERY TICKET SOLD, \$25 WILL BE DONATED BACK TO THE ORGANIZATION YOU SELECT

WHAT YOU WILL RECEIVE FOR YOUR REGISTRATION

- Exclusive discounts at participating San Clement Outlet Stores
- Private Box Lunch with outdoor seating in the Oak Creek Courtyard
- 2 tickets to enter prize drawings for discounts from outlet mall stores (\$45,000 in gift cards will be given away.)
- Wine & cocktail tasting in the VIP Lounge
- Entertainment
- Swag bags

HOW TO SIGN UP

- STEP 1: Log into ShopOSC.com/ShopEx
- STEP 2: Scroll down to the list of charities participating in the event.
- STEP 3: Scroll down to select "SAN CLEMENTE MILITARY FAMILY OUTREACH" **OR** "LAUNDRY LOVE SAN CLEMENTE" as your charity.
- STEP 4: Click on the box, and select the number of tickets you wish to purchase.
- STEP 5: A summary of your order will appear on the right side of the page.
- STEP 6: Scroll down to the bottom of the page and select "CHECK OUT"
- STEP 7: Complete the "Contact" and "Payment Information"
- STEP 8: Click on the "PLACE ORDER" box.
- STEP 9: You will be able to print your registration.
- STEP 10: Take your registration with you on October 9 to the San Clemente Outlet Malls

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- Registration 10:00 am – 1:00 pm. You must arrive by 1:00 pm to pick up your tickets.
- Lunch: 11:00 am – 2:00 pm
- Prize Drawings: noon, 2:00 pm and 4:00 pm
- Prize Drawing Winners Information Available: 1:00 pm, 3:00 pm & 5:00 pm
- VIP wine tastings: 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm
- All day shopping 10:00 am – 8:00 pm

This is a perfect event to invite friends and family, and a wonderful opportunity to get some early holiday shopping done at a discount.

St. Clement's Outreach

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.

The Friday food distributions to those who are food insecure;
once a month Laundry Love for our homeless and underserved;
San Clemente Military Family Outreach(SCMFO) for our military and their families who sacrifice so much for us;
United Thanks Offerings to support innovative mission and ministry throughout the Episcopal Church and Provinces of the Anglican Communion;
Family Assistance Ministries (FAM) assisting those in need in Orange County with resources for food, shelter, and personalized supportive counsel and aid.

At the September Vestry Meeting, the Vestry voted to financially support activities of two of these very important ministries.

FAM: St Clement's, as a congregation has committed to support FAM's Hunger March on October 17 with a donation of \$300. \$300 will feed 10 families for one month. St Clement's is also forming a team of 'hunger walkers' which you can join or sponsor. Please watch for the announcements that will be coming during the next few weeks and prayerfully consider joining in. The needs continue to be really significant and each bit of food that is distributed makes a huge difference in these families lives.

SCMFO: Annually, the San Clemente Military Family Outreach holds an auction and dinner to raise funds to respond to day -to-day requests for emergency assistance - diapers, food, clothing, gas, car repairs, medical expenses, and other unexpected financial challenges. This year, due to the Covid virus, SCMFO will not be having the dinner celebration, but will continue with the on-line auction fundraiser. As a congregation, St. Clement's will be a silver sponsor and is donating \$280 to pay for the use of the on-line auction site. We encourage you to watch for information in the weekly e-mail blasts for information on how you can join in the auction activities.

Your Vestry encourages you to present other outreach activities you feel our parishioners would be interested in supporting. As the Vestry Outreach Chairperson, please feel free to share your ideas with me, or Father, or any vestry member.

Tina Inglish, Vestry Outreach Chairperson



CHRISTMAS OUTREACH

SERVE THOSE IN NEED

Although it is only October, it is time to start planning what, as a parish, we would like to do for a Christmas outreach project.

As the Vestry Outreach Chairperson, I would like to hear any ideas you may have regarding what organization(s) we would like to help this Christmas and how we can best help them.

Tuesday, October 19, is the next meeting of the vestry. I would like to present your ideas to them for discussion and vote. Depending on our budget and the ideas presented, the vestry will determine the best project(s) for St. Clement's Christmas Outreach.

Please submit your ideas to me via e-mail (ringlish@cox.net), and how I can best contact you for more information.

Thank you for your ideas for this very important project.

Tina Inglish, Vestry Outreach Chairperson

Our weekly Bible Studies are on Wednesdays at 11am.

Join us in person or 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=UXdNYUxtT29FNU1YR0lkNFdPQmxqdz09>



Meeting ID: 847 6555 1451

Passcode: 823922

Sunday School Update

Sunday School's first day back was September 19th. We had 3 children in attendance. Sunday School is from grades K-5. We were hopeful to get some new students from the neighborhood for Sunday School. We had placed flyers in the last FAM distribution boxes, and we have had a big poster sign placed on the sidewalk every day for any passerby to see after school that advertised "Sunday School Starts September 19th" and to "contact the church office to register". So far, we have not had any new children register. At the Ministry Fair and right afterwards, I had



6 children register for Sunday School. They were all members or grandchildren of members. Please do not hesitate to spread the word to friends and neighbors that our Sunday School is up and running at 9:00 on Sundays.

The first two Sundays, the children enjoyed popping the balloons left over from the Ministry Fair balloon arch after our Bible lesson. That was a big help for me! I am hopeful that the children will enjoy attending Sunday School and want to come every week. I can't promise the same amount of fun as popping 200 balloons, but I will try! The kids have already started talking about what we are going to do for the Christmas Play, so I think there is some excitement there! We also discussed how we wanted to re-do the bulletin boards. They had a lot of ideas. I think we are off to a good start!

Yours in Christ,

-Laurie Baxter



We invite you to join our mission to combat and prevent hunger and change the lives of those most vulnerable in our community.

**Join Us for This Year's
2.5 Mile Walk
Sunday, October 17th**

1 PM Registration, 2 PM Walk Begins

Walk Starts at the San Clemente Community Center

100 N. Calle Seville, San Clemente

**Ends at the San Clemente Pier Bowl with the
Finish Line Party featuring Jim Plays Dan Band**

**By registering or donating \$30, you will
FEED A FAMILY OF FOUR FOR 30 DAYS
through FAM's Food Pantry!**

Join *Team St Clements* or Sponsor anyone from St Clements that is walking

To Register: <https://www.family-assistance.org>

To Sponsor: Contact Francis Viscount fviscount@gmail.com or 714-362-4555 or
Daisy Howell dhowell22@cox.net or 714-330-8061

PLEASE go directly to the FAM site and register. Once on the site, scroll down the page to where it says TOP 15 Teams...find our name (St.Clements Fam-ily- currently #9 on the list) tap on the name and it will take you to our page...scroll down to "Join Our Team" , click and begin the online registration. Once you complete this section you will be added to our awesome team of walkers!!



San Clemente Military Family Outreach 2021 Annual Fundraiser

This year, the annual San Clemente Military Family Outreach (SCMFO) fundraiser will take place as an online auction and at our annual dinner/silent auction. In 2020, we canceled our annual in person event and turned our silent auction fundraiser into an on-line event. Thanks to the generous support of people like you, it was our best silent auction ever! Because it was so successful, we are again offering our silent auction on line in addition to our in-person dinner with silent & live auctions.

SCMFO is an all-volunteer organization. No board members, volunteers or staff are paid. 100% of our donations are used to help our military families with emergency assistance for food, children's clothing, diapers, car repairs, dental care and assistance items for children with special needs. We also sponsor morale events throughout the year for our military families who sacrifice so much for us on our behalf.

Won't you please join us at these very important events to support our military families?

ON LINE AUCTION FUNDRAISER OCTOBER 23 – 29, 2021

HOW TO JOIN THE AUCTION

- ◆ There are no fees to join the auction
- ◆ Create an account for the online auction at 32auctions.com/SCMFOauction
- ◆ No credit card is required and there is no obligation to bid.
- ◆ Bidding runs from October 23-29

SALUTE TO MILITARY STARS FUNDRAISING DINNER & AUCTION OCTOBER 29, 2021 – 6:00 PM EL ADOBE RESTAURANT, SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO

- ◆ Social Hour & Dinner
- ◆ Recognition of Military Honorees
- ◆ Emcee – Ron Ruhman, The Clean Comedian
- ◆ Silent & Live Auctions (items will be different from those on the on line auction)

HOW TO PURCHASE TICKETS

- ◆ Contact Mark Pocino at 818.317.8607 or mcpocino@gmail.com
- ◆ Contact Tina Inglish at 949.285.9576 or ringlish@cox.net
- ◆ Register on line at militaryfamilyoutreach.com and select the fall fundraiser tab at the top of the page

- October Birthdays -

1 Char Bailey Crowe	15 Karen Stevens
2 Laurie Baxter	16 Kate Styles
3 Michelle Higgins	18 Justin Carbonara
6 Claire Morrison	18 Susan Pierce
7 Max Ulz	19 Francis Viscount
9 Anne Casey	20 Patricia Welliver
9 Kevin Higgins	25 Jim Prothero
10 Anne Garcia	26 Geoffry Harris
10 Jerry Stevens	30 Sophia Suda
12 Edwina Quayle	31 Larry Sawyer

- October Anniversaries -



6 - Roland & Audrey Daigle
12 - Rocco & Belkis Carbonara
22 - Robert Jr. & Debra Miranda



Vestry Meetings
Tuesday, October 19
7:00 pm

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

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