

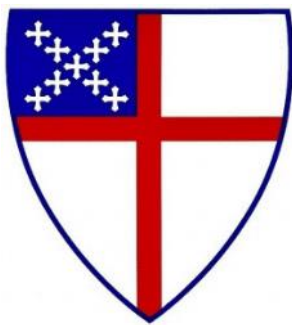


THE ANCHOR

SEPTEMBER 2019

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



Courage...

As the school year begins, we rejoice to see our little Gabi starting her formal education. What a gift to see her grow and learn, and five years since her birth has been a whirlwind. I've never experienced time move as quickly as it has. A blink, and she is heading out the door, with her school supplies and snacks. While this is a joyful time for all families, it is also one that in modern times fills some with a reasonable fear. Kids today, in addition to learning to read, write and do arithmetic, are having to learn also to shelter in place, and learning what to do in the increasingly common occurrence of school violence. That should not be! And should not be accepted as our new normal.



It is not just schools that are vulnerable, as the events of the last many months demonstrate, but any place of gathering, where people congregate for worship, or just to have fun as a community, or to shop for their families' household needs. No place seems to be truly safe in an increasingly violent world, where those of deranged minds or twisted purpose inflict terrible harm upon the innocent and unsuspecting. Our response time and again is to gather to pray, to collectively grieve, and to offer comfort to one another. That is important! Our loving witness assures the world that hate and death will not have the last word. Love and life will! One must ask however if this is a sufficient response?

We have ample knowledge about the means by which these tragedies are perpetrated. We know that the majority of these acts of carnage involved someone using an assault rifle with a high capacity magazine. In essence, a machine gun, whose sole purpose is to kill as many people as possible in the shortest amount of time. The deaths in Dayton, Ohio in July demonstrate the horrifying impact these arms. The police responded immediately and only thirty two seconds elapsed from the first shot to the last, but by then nine had already been fatally shot, and twenty-seven more were wounded. Consider that, thirty two seconds!¹

We should also reflect for a moment on what happens to a young body when it is hit with high velocity round from an AR-15 (as was used in Dayton) or AK-47 (as was used in El Paso²), even if the person is fortunate enough to survive. These projectiles travel at such speed that the catastrophic damage upon vital organs and other tissue can scarcely be overstated. These bullets depart the body with fist-sized gaping wounds. And as one doctor describe while treating a student victim from Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Florida, the impact upon organs was like a "overripe melon smashed with a sledgehammer".³ I'm not trying to be morose here. But I do wonder why, *in God's name*, we would allow virtually any adult - and in some states younger people - to buy and own such destructive weaponry. Why is that acceptable to us?

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What follows these tragedies is a familiar pattern, with people saying, “we must do something” and no one doing anything until there is another such event, when we all say the same thing over again. As followers of Jesus Christ, who proclaimed, “blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God,” (Mt 5:9) I think the time now calls for us to start putting our discipleship into action. How dedicated are we to this Prince of Peace? To me, our failure to remove assault weapons from our communities and from the hands of those who would inflict grave harm upon God’s children is not a partisan issue, it is a Christian issue. How long do we sit by while the innocent get cut down like so much mown grass? Doesn’t human life count for more than that to us?

I’m saddened that the depth of our national discourse is a debate about universal background checks and “red flag” laws, and that we cannot agree even on those. Do we really believe that someone who buys an assault rifle at a gun show or from an individual should have any less scrutiny than a person who buys an assault rifle at a retail store? And yet, I think even these debates are a distraction from the real issue, which is the average citizen’s ability to purchase and own an assault rifle in the first place. Why are we comfortable with someone buying and owning something that can be put to such murderous havoc? As a Christian, and a priest, I find it incomprehensible, especially given the overwhelming evidence that assault rifles are almost always the weapons used in these community tragedies.

We know very well when assault weapon sales were banned in this country (until 2004 when the law was allowed to expire), that we did not have the tragedies we are dealing with today. Yet, we continue to allow them to be purchased by just about anybody with a driver’s license. Is that reasonable? How many more tragedies will we have to endure before we wake from our collective denial about the destructive effect these arms are having in our society? I’m afraid the answer is, many more. And that is unacceptable. It is time we did what Australia and New Zealand did after tragedies in those countries, which is ban these firearms outright and buy back the ones that are out there. I’m not so naïve to believe this will end all shootings, but at least it will reduce the casualty count, increase the probability that those who are wounded will live, and give our law enforcement time to respond.

We are a country founded on the concept of individual freedom, but we are also a country that claims to be a holy nation, under God, with liberty and justice *for all*. The rights of the individual can never rightly outweigh the collective safety and security of the rest of society. I do understand the argument of those who would say that the right to bear arms is a hedge against government tyranny. But, to follow that idea to its illogical extreme suggests that because this government has nuclear arms, I (as an individual) should be allowed to have one too. Would anyone think that was a good idea? “Bob, did you add a new grain silo to your barn? Nope! That’s my ICBM, ain’t she purdy?” I digress, but there have always been reasonable limits on what the individual can possess, when that possession imperils the safety and security of one’s neighbors. My freedom ends where your safety begins. We cannot own tanks or grenade launchers or ICBMs. Thanks be to God! And we shouldn’t have a machine guns either.

I’ve often wondered about who buys such armaments. What is their motivation? I’ve concluded there is but two. One is the intention to inflict terrible harm, as I discuss above. The other is the most unreasonable fear that what one has must be protected at all cost, because someone is coming to take it away. Fear can be a powerful motivator. But as Christians, we are not to live in fear. Christ tells us “Fear not, I am with you!” If we live in faith of that promise than why do we have such trepidation. As a Christian, do you need an assault weapon, with a high capacity magazine? I believe our Lord says, “no!” Ultimately, your vote is more powerful than any assault rifle ever made. I resolutely believe that Christ demands more of us who claim to be dedicated to his nonviolent ways and holy purposes.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Patrick

¹ <https://time.com/5643405/what-to-know-shooting-dayton-ohio/>

² <http://nymag.com/intelligencer/2019/08/everything-we-know-about-the-el-paso-walmart-shooting.html>

³ <https://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2018/02/what-i-saw-treating-the-victims-from-parkland-should-change-the-debate-on-guns/553937/>



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND

Celebrating 90 years as San Clemente's first church!

All are welcome. Join us for the COMBINED 9:00am service, followed by our annual celebratory Founders' Day brunch!



- Flamenco Fiesta -



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Thanks to the generosity of the parish and friends, we had a fabulous event and raised about \$2,500. This came through ticket sales and direct donations at the event. These funds will be used to support the work of:

- Laundry Love
- Mary Erickson Community Housing
- San Clemente Military Family Outreach (SCMFO)
- Our bag lunch program for the Welcome Inn

Jessica Pacheco of Flamenco Tropical was terrific! She is a great dancer and even led some flamenco dance lessons. Father Patrick was an enthusiastic participant!



- Columbaria Project Update-



The St. Clement's columbaria project hit two major milestones in August - A City of San Clement building permit was finally obtained after almost two years; and the manufacturing contract was signed and sent with a deposit to Eickhof Columbaria.

It is expected that the columbaria will be ready for consecration and the receipt of urns in early 2020. It will be located in the Memorial Garden adjacent to the sanctuary wall. The structure is faced with granite and will have stucco blending into the church buttresses with a used brick header. It will be very beautiful and consistent with the style of our historic church.

35 niches (each holds two urns) have been sold, the columbaria have a total capacity of 104 niches so it will serve the needs of parishioners for years to come.

If you are interested in reserving a niche please see the church office; the current cost is \$2,000 for a niche which holds two urns.

Prices are subject to change and are well below the market rate for columbaria.



St. Clement's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church
San Clemente, CA

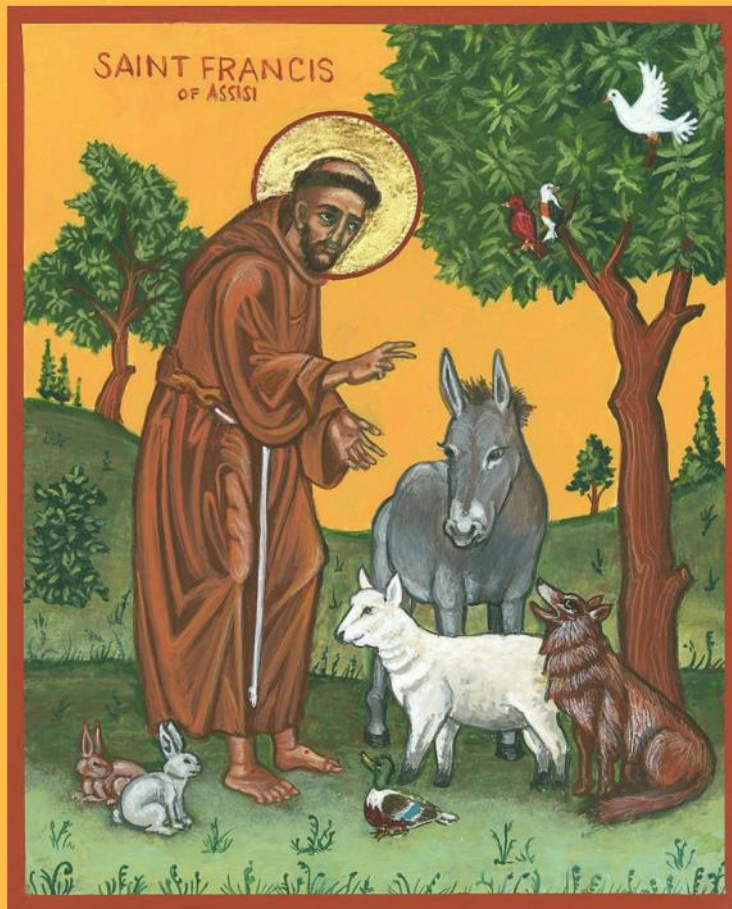
Two Exterior Free-Standing Wall Columbaria | 52 - 8" x 8" Companion Niches Per Wall | 104 Companion Niches Total
208 Total Urn Capacity | Niche Fronts Finished in Sanded Bethel White Granite with Stucco Sides and Masonry Capstone

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an ecumenical
Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 6th
Max Berg Park
3:00 pm



All are welcome. Bring your pets,
families, and friends to the park
for this joyous time!

A collaboration of: St. Clement's Episcopal,
Christ Lutheran, Palisades Methodist,
Our Savior's Lutheran, St. Andrew's Methodist
and San Clemente Presbyterian.

- Something for Everyone -



The Golden Son

by Shilpi Gowda

Tuesday, September 3rd

5:00pm at Ruby's Diner

Outlets at San Clemente



For more information, please contact: Mary Ann Morrison at (949) 361-0031



When: September 18th

2:00pm–5:00pm

Where: Laundry Basket South

2405 S. El Camino Real

Please contact Tina Inglish for more information:

ringlish@cox.net



Social Justice Book Club

Please contact Jan Genevro

for September meeting details.

Email: outreach@scbythesea.org



Sandwich Making for the Welcome Inn

September 15th at 9:00am

Join us to help make sandwiches and sack lunches for those in need!

-Something for Everyone -



Anchor's Potluck Supper Club



When: September 20th at 7:00pm

Where: Sawyer's Clubhouse

405 Avenida Granada

San Clemente, 92672

Hosted By: Mike & Andrea Morris

Please contact Pat Sawyer with any questions (sawlp@sbcglobal.net)

Thank You!



We had a very successful cleanup day and did many needed repairs on July 27th. Thirty five parishioners showed up eager to tackle the tasks at hand. Some of which included: cleaning the storage rooms downstairs, sanitizing the bathrooms, removing the entry doors and sanding/staining them, adding friction strips to the stairs by the altar, removing dead bees from the organ speaker loft and cleaning the kitchen, just to name a few.

In addition, we had a recurrence of bees. This time, African Bees invaded the attic where the previous honey bees had built a hive. They removed the honey from that honey comb. The *Bee Busters* installed screens preventing their access to the combs. And, we are very glad to report that this issue has been resolved!



Choir begins September 8th

**JOIN ST. CLEMENT'S *
CHANCEL CHOIR**

**CHEAPER
THAN
THERAPY.**

Join the Choir!

Singing builds confidence, reduces stress and anxiety, and raises endorphins! No kidding. It's also a fantastic way to be a part of worship leadership each Sunday.

So, come out and join us!

Rehearsals are each Sunday, 11:30am-1:00pm in Room 11. We have a great time learning new music and being challenged to do our best. We sing each Sunday at the 10:00am service, with a 9:00am warm-up.

**For more information, please contact Larry Gates:
949.735.2526 or larry@scbythesea.org**

- Godly Play -



Godly Play, I Wonder...Join Us

Sundays at 10 in the Education Wing - Children Ages 4 - 9

Godly Play is a Montessori –style curriculum that invites children into the world of wonder as they explore what it means to come closer to God through Biblical stories, prayer and creative response. Each week we follow the same format, as we introduce a new story. Our morning looks like this:

Join the Circle - on the rug to share about our week

Circle of the Church Year - Church Year Calendar and liturgical colors get updated and their meaning highlighted each week

The Story - Each week we hear a new story about people coming close to God, and wonder about how we are a part of that story

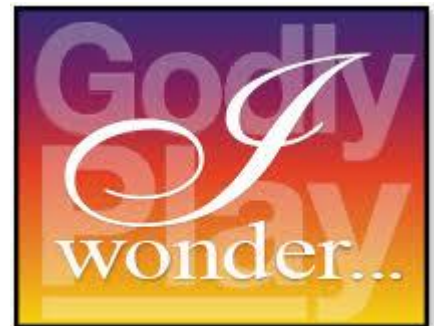
Prayer Circle - We conclude our Story Circle by praying our way around the Circle together

Our Work - This is the children's time to respond to the story through art, building structures, or perhaps using the time to get out the pieces and tell a story themselves

Eucharist - We rejoin our families in the sanctuary for the Celebration of the Holy Eucharist

Story Schedule - We will meet the last two saints in our *Summer With the Saints* series before re-visiting our *Holy Family* and moving on to begin our *Old Testament* stories.

Aug. 25	St. Margaret of Scotland
Sept. 1	St. Augustine of Hippo (Labor Day)
Sept. 8	Holy Family
Sept. 15	Creation
Sept. 22	Noah's Ark
Sept. 29	10 Best Ways
Oct. 6	Jonah
Oct. 13	Exile & Return
Oct. 20	Tower of Babel
Oct. 27	St. Teresa of Avila
Nov. 3	All Saints Sunday – Child's Own Saint, (End Daylight Savings)
Nov. 10	The Prophets
Nov. 17	St. Margaret of Scotland
Nov. 24	Introduce Christmas Pageant and start learning songs
Dec. 1	Christmas Pageant Rehearsal, Advent 1, (Thanksgiving Weekend)
Dec. 8	Christmas Pageant Rehearsal, Advent 2
Dec. 15	Christmas Pageant Rehearsal, Advent 3
Dec. 22	Christmas Pageant Dress Rehearsal, Advent 4
Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Pageant
Dec. 29	Circle of the Church Year



- Laundry Love Fundraiser -



SHOPPING EXTRAVAGANZA

Our Laundry Love Ministry is participating for the 3rd year as (1) of (47) charity organizations to participate in a fabulous and fun shopping extravaganza & dining event to raise money for the **LAUNDRY LOVE MINISTRY**.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2019
10:00 AM – 8:00 PM (Registration ends at 1:00 pm)
OUTLETS AT SAN CLEMENTE
TICKETS \$35

HOW DOES LAUNDRY LOVE GET MONEY?

- ☒ FOR EVERY TICKET SOLD, \$25 OF THE \$35 WILL BE DONATED BACK TO OUR LAUNDRY LOVE OUTREACH PROGRAM
- ☒ In 2017 we received \$1900 from this event; in 2018 \$1500.
- ☒ If 100 or more people attend who have selected "Laundry Love-San Clemente" as their charity when purchasing their ticket, Laundry Love will be able to participate in the profits from this event.

WHAT YOU WILL RECEIVE FOR YOUR \$35?

- ☒ Exclusive Discounts at Participating San Clement Outlet Stores
- ☒ Catered Lunch, VIP Wine and Cocktail Tasting
- ☒ 2 Raffle Tickets (a \$10 value) for multiple prize drawings through the day, including 1800 \$25 Gift Cards and Grand Prizes
- ☒ Outlets of San Clemente Tote Bag



HOW TO PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS

- ☒ Tickets must be purchased on line at ShopOSC.com/Tickets
- ☒ When purchasing your ticket, you must select the charity that will receive the \$25 of your ticket price. The charities are listed in alphabetical order, and Laundry Love is listed under "L" as "Laundry Love-San Clemente."

For more information, or assistance with registering, please contact Mary Ann Morrison at 949.361.0031.

- SCMFO Fundraiser -



PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS

SCMFO Annual Fundraiser
Honoring & Benefiting Military Families



Friday, October 25, 2019 - 6:00 pm
Talega Golf Club - \$65.00 per person

- ★ Social Hour & Dinner
- ★ Recognition of Military Honorees
- ★ Emcee – Ron J Ruhman, The Clean Comedian
- ★ Entertainment by Ryan Christopher, The Millennial Crooner
- ★ Silent & Live Auctions

How to Purchase Tickets

- ★ Purchase from Mark Pocino during coffee hour after the 8:00 am and 10:00 am services on September 15 and 22.
- ★ Sign up on the Reservation Form during any coffee hour. Mark will contact you for payment prior to the October 8 registration deadline date.
- ★ Contact Mark directly for questions or to make reservations/donations at 818.317.8607.

SCMFO's mission is to provide emergency assistance to qualifying military families in Camp Pendleton, responding promptly to requests for financial or material aid, as well as conducting seasonal morale projects for military families within the community served. In 2017 and 2018, the San Clemente Military Family Outreach provided more than \$250,000 of aid and support to military families in our community.

SCMFO is a nonprofit organization. \$30 of your \$65.00 ticket price is tax deductible Tax ID #30-1133945



- Save the Date -



UPCOMING EVENTS

- **September 22nd** - Founders Day Service & Brunch
- **October 6th**- Blessing of the Animals
- **October 19th** - Fundraiser Concert
- **October 31st** - Spaghetti Dinner, Costume Contest, and Safe Trick or Treating for kids
- **November 3rd** – All Saints Day / Día de los Muertos
- **November 10th** - Veterans Day/Marine Corps Birthday



Jim Prothero, Artist

15" x 22" Watercolor of early morning on the north side of main beach.

Art Raffle

Tickets on sale now.

Each ticket is \$25 & can be purchased at Coffee Hour.

The drawing will take place at the Founder's Day Celebration on September 22nd.

The more tickets you buy, the better your odds of taking home

Main Beach, Day Break

- September Birthdays -



2-Richard Suda	20-Bart Ashbaugh
4-Mike Marcu	23-Michael Morris
8-Sherilee Pocino	23-Joyce Stewart
9-Mark Williams	27-Fred Robinson
12-Fatima Delgado	28-Max Walleth
14-Diane Beneker	
18-Forrest Wilson	

- September Anniversaries -



7-Claus & Diane Beneker
 8-Duggan & Deborah Neville
 12-Mike & Rebecca Marcu
 13-Mark & Karen Williams
 14-Fred & Joyce Stewart
 20-Julia & Cathy Darden-Lentz
 23-Frank & Katrina Soto

Bible Studies



Every Wednesday
in the Library

11:00am (English)

6:00pm (Spanish)

Centering Prayer

Centering Prayer Group

Every Monday at 6:00pm in the Library

For more information,
please contact Matt Duncan:
morphix1@cox.net

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

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:00am Holy Communion Rite I

10:00am Holy Communion Rite II with Choir, Nursery, Sunday School

12:00pm La Misa en Español

202 Avenida Aragon
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OFFICE HOURS

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