



THE BETHLEHEM

Hebrew for "House of Bread"

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GOD HAS AND ALWAYS WILL HAVE AMAZING PLANS FOR US!!

"History is not a burden on the memory but an illumination of the soul". -- Lord Acton

I love the quote above that truly opens our hearts of why we are celebrating our **65th Anniversary of the Episcopal Church of the Blessed Sacrament in Placentia**. It is a time of reconnecting to what our traditions are all about and remembering who we have been and where God is taking us now and in the future. Truly, it illuminates our souls to be reminded of why our parish has been here for 65 years, what people appreciate and adore about our parish, and what we have offered over the six decades of pastoral care, Worship, Music,

Outreach, and various ministries that have transformed all God's people.

In this special publication of *The Bethlehem*, we have the opportunity to take a look at our history, our beginnings and see how God has changed us over the years in different ways. We know that through the power of the Holy Spirit, God has big plans for this "intimate, but mighty parish.". As we reflect on the past for a moment, we need never to be stuck in the past—becoming stagnant, downbeat, and out of touch. The Spirit of the living God requires us all to be fluid like the wind or the rippling tide of the river; always moving, constantly shifting, and making necessary adjustments.

While some question why there is such drastic change over the 65 years, with some people sharing, "Why can't things always be the way they were?" the other side of the spiritual lens is also reflected by those who say, "The Church always changes to meet the needs of the transforming of God's people". We all can learn from our past, yet we must also follow Jesus' teaching that we are to never stay looking behind us, for we never can build the reign of God and plow the field by doing so. How can one move forward if one is always looking behind them?

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May the great Celebration of our history, traditions and nuances of our 65 years coming up on Sunday, June 6th, give us all such illumination that rekindles our life and witness in new and fresh ways, that reaffirms our commitment to Christ TODAY and renews a right spirit within each of us to be continually integrated in sacred stewardship, faith-filled generosity, compassionate and caring ministries and in the knowledge of the abundance of God's peace, joy and love made complete-- NOW and forevermore.

Abiding in God's Spirit,
Barrett+



A SPECIAL CELEBRATION PLANNED FOR THE 65TH ANNIVERSARY OF BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH



On Sunday, June 6, 2021 beginning at 9:00 a.m. we will be having a wonderful celebration that will include our Patronal Feast and our 65th Parish Anniversary. This special day will include the physical presence with in-person gathering, Holy Eucharist Rite I, sung with live in-person choral music, the solemnity of Corpus Christi, a video presentation that will provide a historical perspective of Blessed Sacrament and personal testimonies from our parishioners, as well as from our Diocesan Bishop, John Taylor.

In addition, after the service there will be a Celebration Reception to be held on our Memorial Rose Garden Patio.

Please note that we will be continuing ZOOM and Facebook live-streaming for those that are not able to join us in-person for any reason.

FROM OUR SENIOR WARDEN, ALLYN LEAN

Upon the Celebration of Blessed Sacrament's 65th Anniversary

History & Tradition

Before providing my thoughts regarding this special occasion we must thank all those who came before us to provide the foundation upon which we continue to build.

Each year that passes allows us the opportunity to strengthen the connection between the past and present and enhance the connection between Blessed Sacrament and its community, internal and external.

The internal community consists of our parishioners, clergy, Father Barrett and Deacon Dominique.

Given these very special assets we are continuing to carry out founders' goals and enhance our relationship to our neighbors in the external community.

We are all ambassadors of Blessed Sacrament carrying forward our sense of Christianity through our efforts and maintenance of our Christian Learning Center, Laundry Love, The Food Pantry and many other philanthropic endeavors.

Each and everyone of us is a reflection of our internal community and we must ask ourselves what do ambassadors do?

The answer lies in providing an understanding of our community to those who unfamiliar.

We must provide an example of charity and continue to teach by providing insights into our congregational life.

These noted elements not only connect us to our past and our founders but also to the future by demonstrating our course of action by continuing past traditions by generously providing our time and talent.

In addition, by maintaining our presence in the community by our stewardship we can continue our efforts via our internal community to project the relationship with our creator to our external community, friends and neighbors.

Happy Anniversary my fellow parishioners as we have lots to do to continue the vision of our founders sixty five years ago and be an example of Christ's teachings.



SOME SIGNIFICANT DATES IN THE HISTORY OF BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH

- **January 30, 1956**

First planning meeting regarding the establishment of a mission in Placentia, with formal petition drawn up with sixteen signatures. Meeting held in home of Hilmer & Dorothy Lodge, 15761 E. Palm Drive, Placentia.



- **June 29, 1956**

Petition granted to form a mission in Placentia, in a letter from Bishop Bloy.

- **October 7, 1957**

First mass of the Church of the Blessed Sacrament, celebrated by Father Scully, Founder and first Vicar.

(See photos on page 6.)

- **December 7, 1957** — Dedication of Land.
- **October 9, 1960**



Groundbreaking for the Church.

- **August 20, 1962**

Dedication of the new church building. *(See photo on page 6.)*

- **February 28, 1969**

Retirement of Fr. Scully.

- **March 1, 1969**

Fr. Rasch becomes second Vicar.

- **November 1973**

Fr. Couper joins the staff.

- **March 16, 1976**

Attainment of parish status. Fr. Rasch becomes first Rector.

- **March 1, 1978**

Division of the congregation and resignation of Fr. Rasch.

- **March—October 1978**

Fr. Couper maintains services for the remnant of the parish during search for a rector.

- **October 15, 1978**

Fr. David Baumann becomes second Rector.

- **November 1994**

Fr. Richard Avery joins the staff of Blessed Sacrament as an Assisting Priest.

- **August 2003**

Fr. Michael Eldred joins the staff of Blessed Sacrament as an Assisting Priest.

- **June 12, 2004**

Dedication of the Baumann Center (to house the Children's Learning Center).

- **November 4, 2012**

Fr. David Baumann retires as the second Rector of Blessed Sacrament Church after 34 years of service.

- **October 19, 2019**

Fr. R. Barrett Van Buren installed as the third Rector of Blessed Sacrament.

EARLY HISTORY OF BLESSED SACRAMENT

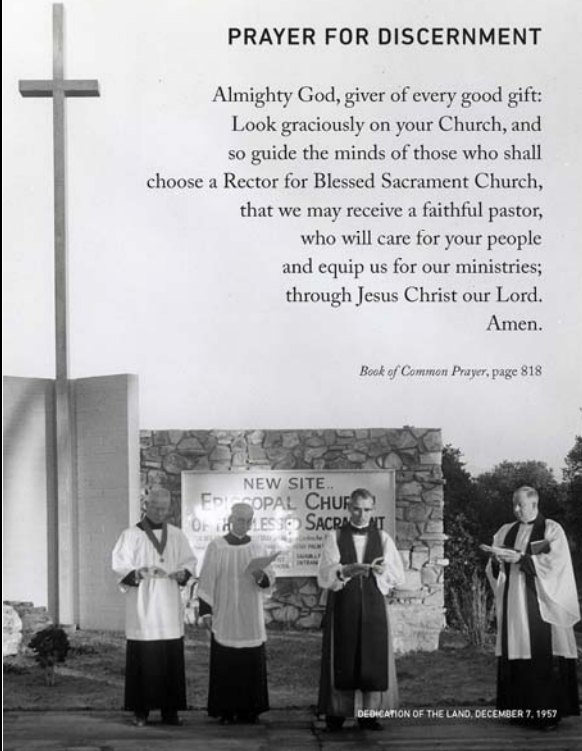
PRAYER FOR DISCERNMENT

Almighty God, giver of every good gift:
Look graciously on your Church, and
so guide the minds of those who shall
choose a Rector for Blessed Sacrament Church,
that we may receive a faithful pastor,
who will care for your people
and equip us for our ministries;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

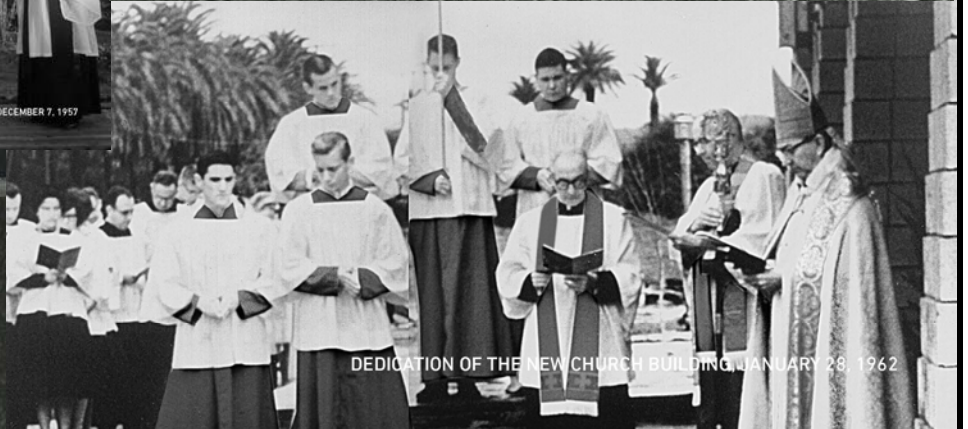
Book of Common Prayer, page 818



DEDICATION OF THE LAND, DECEMBER 7, 1957



DEDICATION OF THE LAND, DECEMBER 7, 1952



DEDICATION OF THE NEW CHURCH BUILDING, JANUARY 28, 1962

CONSECRATION OF THE CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 27, 1981



BY
THE RT. REV.
ROBERT C. RUSACK
BISHOP OF LOS ANGELES

On Lady Shrine
St. Joseph's Shrine
ST. Joseph STATUETTE *
* memory of F.
Gessert Palmer
Charles Smith
Pewee Desks or
On Lady + ST. Joseph Shrines
Statues of The Cross
(Polycheamed wood)
Black pulpit fall and
Black bible MARKERS
Green bible MARKERS
Holy Rood Figures
and
originally anonymous donor
in late 1800s of early 1900s
Belle Murray, daughter
member, and Margaret Dakosi;
church member, believe
donor was an attorney, David
Wheeler, a member of his
clerk but a friend of Father
Scully - donated in memory
of his brother. Guess not
confirmed and name of
brother not known. (This
note entered by Fr. Beauman
6-10-12.)



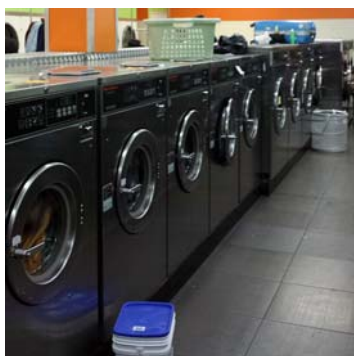
OUTREACH UPDATE

MOTHER'S DAY GIFTS DELIVERED

A HUGE THANKS to all who contributed \$20 Target Gift Cards for the young mothers residing at Mary's Path. A total of **twenty cards** were donated! And, to our Caring Crafters and their friends for creating **forty** baby blankets!

The gift cards and blankets were gift wrapped and delivered on Thursday, May 6, to the shelter and were given out on Mother's Day!

LAUNDRY LOVE—An update from Doug Lee, coordinator.



On May 20, 2021, Blessed Sacrament Laundry Love helped **57 people** do **652 loads of wash**, spending \$746.25. Maria, the Busy Bee Laundry attendant, handled everything herself.

Thanks to all Laundry Love generous supporters!

At the present time
we are requesting
pop-top cans of
tuna and chicken
for our Deacons Pantry.

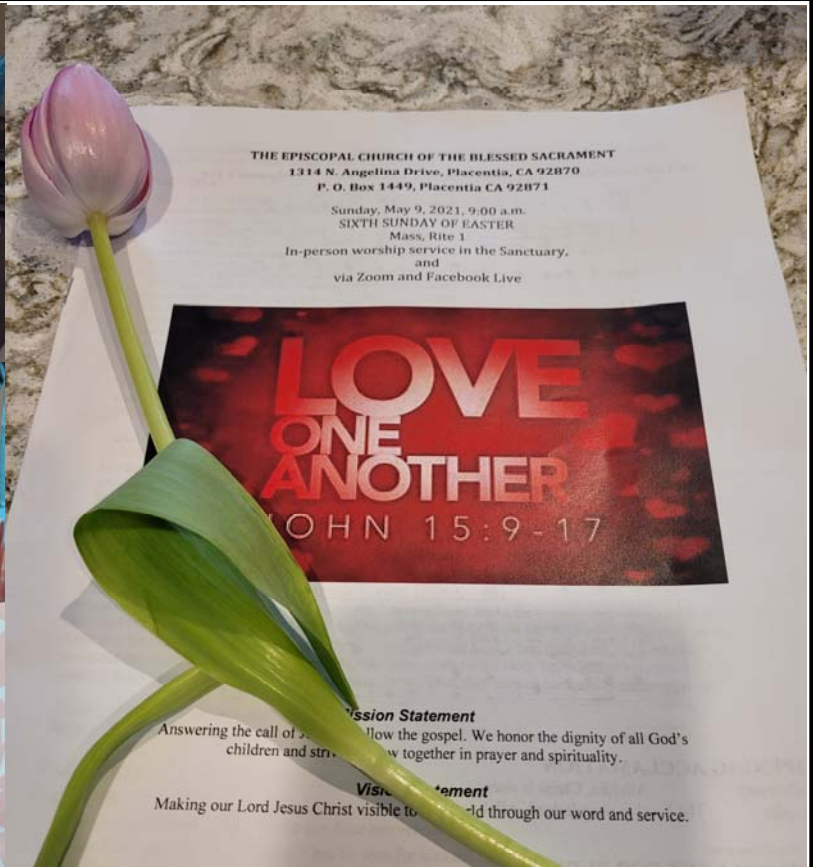
Please check on
Weekly E-Tidings for
Details of the June & July Focus

JUNE—FATHERS
JULY—VETERANS



If you need further information please contact
Outreach Coordinator, Marion Hetherington at
714-595-4219 or send her an email at cssquared@roadrunner.com

IN HONOR OF MOTHERS



A Thank you letter received:

Dear Marion and Episcopal Church of the Blessed Sacrament,

Thank You! On Mother's Day all of the girls (Moms) at Mary's Path had a beautiful day and were celebrated because of the life She choose! We could not honor them without all of your help. The blankets, gift bags, and gift cards to Target made them smile on a day that they are often forgotten!

Thank you all!

From all of us at Mary's Path.

Together, we are changing lives two at a time.

A CLC FUNDRAISER UPDATE FROM Teri Niebuhr, CLC Board Co-President

Can you believe it?

The CLC Auction held in the parking lot, May 14, raised over \$13,000!!!

Thanks to our auctioneer, Lindsay Whipple, cashier, Peter Koch, Diane Compton seamstress of two quilts and solicitor of donations, Mary Miller, basket coordinator, CLC Board staff, parents and Fr. Barrett, we surpassed expectations. Thanks to Tracie Donaldson's family and Alissa Stout's family, two vacation getaways were donated.

The three day exhibit (outside in the parking lot) of 60 silent auction items brought members of our community onto our campus and drove up bids as well as a friendly, bidding competition. Of course the five one of a kind classroom quilts ,created by students and teachers, were a favorite portion of the live auction raising more than \$1400.

Once a finally tally of monies raised is available more details will be reported.



CLC Special Lunch, Chapel Time, Fundraiser and Games

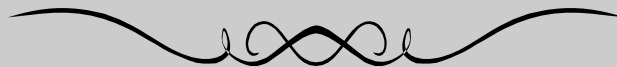


The Episcopal Church of the Blessed Sacrament, Placentia.



Mission Statement

Answering the call of Jesus to follow the gospel, we honor the dignity of all God's children and strive to grow together in prayer and spirituality.



Vision Statement

Making our Lord Jesus Christ visible to the world through our word and service.

REV. BARRETT VAN BUREN, PRIEST
ALLYN LEAN, SENIOR WARDEN
SANDY BERGERT, JUNIOR WARDEN
DIANE COMPTON, DEPUTY JR. WARDEN
PATTY BELL, OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

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