

# THE BETHLEHEM

## Hebrew for 'House of Bread'

**Aug & Sep, 2021**

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O God, As the season of fall comes upon us, may we begin with a renewed and refreshed mind, filling us with all truth and peace. Let our "Fall Kick-off" be a time of witnessing all the mighty and abundant gifts that you have given us as a

parish. Where we are tired, wake us up; where we are corrupt, purify us; where in any thing we are amiss, reform us. Where we are right, strengthen us; where there is demotivation, energize us; where we are in want, provide for us; where we are divided, reunite us; for the sake of Jesus Christ thy Son our Savior. Amen. (BCP 816—Prayers for the Church)

Even for those that had a summer break, for all of us, it has been a challenging year, so far. Yet, our faith-filled generosity has continued strongly in providing for those who are less fortunate, for our various ministries that have received renewed hope; for all the time, talent and treasure that has been focused on through continuous blessings of our parish, even in times of walking through the wilderness. repeatedly through the life-giving Spirit that lives in all of us. WE thank God, for all such actions of passionate care, an expressive love of Christ and practicing compassion that radiates a joyful and heartfelt people of God.

As we return to new schedules, new responsibilities, and new opportunities in our lives this fall, may we always put our parish as a top priority. I remember a Rector one time, who said to our family, "God first, Family second, Church third." If we do not first follow the Summary of the Law in Holy Scriptures (BCP p.851), we cannot truly understand an intimate relationship with God, the full blessings of our Lord and to follow our baptismal covenant first and foremost.

If we do not put our families as the most precious gift provided by God on that priority list, then we will have missed the mark in why we have been ordained as a Spouse, Parent, Guardian, Significant Other, Partner, Relative. And then, it is our responsibility to build the reign of God through the Church with our family involved. If we do not do it through the body of Christ, we will not understand the importance of being a sacred community empowered by the Holy Spirit, and fully involved with the spiritual benefits of serving within God's Holy Church.

During this Fall Kick-off, let us get reacquainted with our three top priorities and make it all happen on our blessed campus. It is through this new vision that we must get fully involved each Sunday, to participate in the upcoming classes and workshops, to prayerfully consider which ministry and committee is the best fit for us and to utilize our interests and our gifts from God. It is also an opportunity for us to find out the different ways we gather in fellowship, continuing Christian education and building the reign of God in thought, word and deed. Get your friends and neighbors to also be committed to the three top priorities in life as faith-filled Christians and for everyone in our community to become all that they were created to be. Welcome to the Fall Kick-Off of Blessed Sacrament. Come and See the Goodness of the Lord!!

Abiding in Christ,

Fr. Barrett +

#### LETTER FROM THE EDITORS

Greetings to our readers from Leo C. Song, Jr, Editor and Maureen Burton, Assistant Editor and Proofreader. This is our first issue and we are learning a lot about bringing the newsletter to fruition. It is not as easy as it seems!

It is indeed an honor to take on the baton passed to us from Theo and Marion Hetherington who did such an amazing job. We will strive to continue their legacy of producing a high quality Bethlehem Newsletter. Please bear with us during this transitional period.

As in the past, we will continue to produce a work with inside color, which will be downloadable from the link on our website. The hard copies for the time being will continue with color on the front and back covers only and with black and white inside. For the best view, download the digital copies for your records. The number of hard copies will be limited to a press run of 50 copies. There will be an annual bound volume of the hard copies for that year by our publisher, LPi (Liturgical Publications, inc) free for our library.

## OUTREACH UPDATE

### JULY FOCUS

**MANY THANKS TO ALL** who contributed to our Christmas in July for VETS and the Active Military! 502 individual items were received! This included underwear, socks, sunscreen, sticks of gum, drink packs, note cards and stamps, word game books, pens, pencils, and snacks. Denise Garcia from the American Legion 277 in Placentia accepted our gifts with much appreciation and thanks the congregation of Blessed Sacrament for their generosity.

### AUGUST FOCUS

**A HUGE THANK YOU** to all who responded to our August Outreach Focus -Help Children Thrive!



On Tuesday, August 17, **eleven (11)** school supply filled backpacks were delivered to the Friendly Center for distribution to local children in need.



### JUNE LAUNDRY LOVE

Through our generous donors we were able to help 38 people do 474 loads for \$477

### JULY LAUNDRY LOVE

Through our generous donors we were able to help 58 people do 638 loads for \$716.75

### SEPTEMBER FOCUS

#### SOLES FOR SOULS

During the month of September we will collect new and gently used shoes for men, women and children.

### TIMELY CONCERNS

7.2 Earthquake & Tropical Storm in Haiti

- Please Pray, and, if you are able, donate via: Episcopal Relief Development Fund at: [episcopalrelief.org](http://episcopalrelief.org)

If you need further information please contact

Outreach Coordinator, Marion Hetherington at 714-595-4219 or send her an email at [cssquared@roadrunner.com](mailto:cssquared@roadrunner.com)





Hannah Kim, our organist for the past 6 years is leaving us to tour nationally and internationally and continue to explore the world of music. At the Announcement section of our 10:30 Service on her last Sunday, 22 August 2021, gifts were presented with a short presentation, a farewell and blessing by Fr.Barrett and her personal farewell. Afterward, a reception was held in the patio complete with a cake.

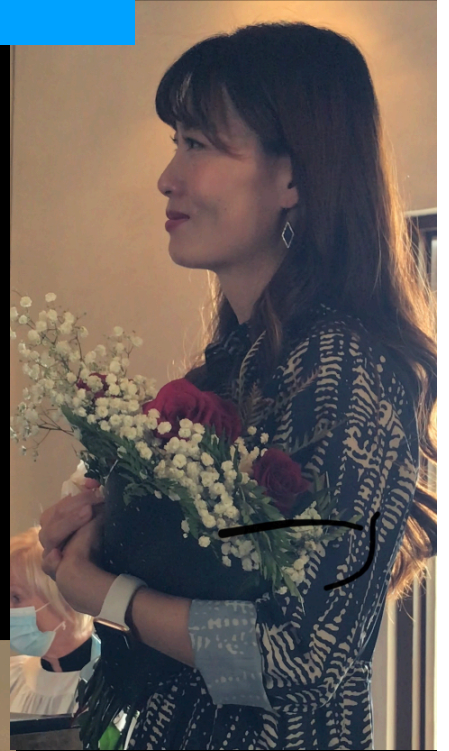
She credits her job that Blessed Sacrament offered her was her saving grace and kept the small ember of passion for music alive until she slowly began to regain her confidence and love for music. She feels eternally grateful and indebted to Blessed Sacrament for saving her and her musical career.

We are indeed honored and proud as a Church and Congregation to have been a part of her recovery and we will be following her as she flies to new heights in the glory of God's love. Godspeed, Hannah, as you depart our nest and start yet another adventure We will carry you in our hearts and will miss you terribly. Be safe and in the spirit of the performing arts, "Break a leg!"





## Hannah's Last Sunday



## CALENDAR

For **September Events**, please consult the weekly E-Tidings emails and or church website calendar.

10/3/2021 **St Francis Feast Mass** 9:00AM

This date falls on the Feast of St. Francis. Fr. Barrett will be Blessing our Fur and Feathered, our scaled and shelled pets and otherwise Please make sure all animals are secured, dogs on leashes and cats in carriers, and that you plan on cleaning up after your animals. All those attending the service on Zoom can also have their animals with them to be blessed in the Spiritual Presence. Church members and guests can also bring pictures of their pets to receive a blessing. Make sure not to leave unattended pets in your car if attending Mass.

10/10/2021 **Stewardship Kickoff Mass** 9:00AM

10/21/2021 **Copy Deadline** for The Bethlehem to Fr. Barrett

10/31/2021 **All Hallow's Eve Mass** (Note is NOT All Saints ) 9:00AM

11/7/2021 **All Saints' Mass** 9:00AM

All remembrances should be sent to Fr. Barrett ([frbarrett@bscplacentia.org](mailto:frbarrett@bscplacentia.org)) by 11/5/2021.





## Treasurer's Report

August 15, 2021

Although there are no significant issues in our income/expenses for the past month, I have tried to note a few items that should be of interest as we keep an eye toward the development of our proposed budget for the coming year. We continue to be fortunate that we have been able to continue to offer services on-site, as well as through Zoom and Facebook. We remain hopeful, although we are aware that the rise in the "Delta" variant may pose some challenges. Once again, our thanks to Adrien for providing the Treasurer's Report, Balance Sheet and a brief Profit & Loss Summary for the month of July which summarizes much of the activity during that period. Please note for the sake of clarity the numbers below for the most part have been rounded to the nearest \$10.

### Treasurer's Report for Operating Accounts

**Income** The Envelope Offering slightly exceeded our budgeted figure, thanks in large part to the Extra Summer Tithe income of \$470. The usage fee income from our sharing facilities continued to be strong. Rectory Rental remained stable and we are slightly ahead of our year-to-date budget figure. Altar Guild Income (4.302) continues to be strong and to match satisfactorily against the Altar Guild Expense (5.034). We raised modestly the anticipated annual income and expense in those items for this year's budget. The actual income/expense figures once again have exceeded both projections. We will probably want to increase both figures for the 2022 budget.

Overall, our total income for the year-to-date exceeds our budgeted figure. However, we should recognize that we no longer have any PPP funds to partially offset payroll expenses and we have used up the Living Memorial gains that we hoped would offset Janitorial Services, Rectory Repairs and Maintenance and Church Repairs and Maintenance

**Expenses** Our expenses in Salary and Wages in July remained within predictable ranges. We have been able to maintain the increase in our Mission Share Fund from 6.0% to 6.5%. As noted last month, we have strengthened our Parish Life activities this year. While both the Parish Life Income (4.316) and Parish Life Expenses (5.057) have exceeded our annual budget figures, their actual income and expense thus far balances out. We may wish to adjust those two items in our proposed budget for next year. Once again, our Computer/Web Maintenance expenses exceed what we had anticipated. This is an issue that we may wish to re-visit as we consider our proposed budget for next year. Also, we had a significant Electricity bill this last month. And, as noted last month, we have a significant increase in our Janitorial Services expense due to the need to move over to another company.

Respectively submitted by:

**Joe Arnold, BSC Vestry Treasurer**



## CLC is Starting Out BIG this year!!

A new school year is starting at Blessed Sacrament Children's Learning Center. After a very successful and fun summer full of water play days, camping fun, and so much more our fall session promises to be the best ever.. Most of our classes are full to the brim with students already. The teachers are busy this week preparing their rooms and their curriculum for the New Year. The first day of school will be Monday August 30<sup>th</sup>. On Friday September 24<sup>th</sup> I would like to invite you all to come join us for our annual Bike A Thon. Festivities begin at 6:15 PM with about a half hour of bike riding in the parking lot, this year Father Barrett will be joining in the fun and riding along with myself and the children. When we are worn out from riding, we will all join for dinner on the patio. I hope to see you all there!



As always our door is always open to you, please feel free to stop in and say hi and see all the wonderful things we are doing here at the preschool.

Blessings,  
Tracie Donaldson





## CLC Kids in Action



**Ready to spray and checking out a Gulf Fritillary butterfly**



## CLC Kids in Action & Nature Observation





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