

The Bethlehem Hebrew for 'House of Bread"

June-August Summer 2022 Edition

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This Ordinary Time is way beyond "ordinary"!



We are in right now the Season after Pentecost, which is the longest liturgical season on the Calendar. It is also called "Ordinary Time", not because it is common—with no special or distinctive features—but simply because the weeks of Ordinary Time are numbered Propers each week. The Latin word ordinalis, which refers to numbers in a series, stems from the Latin word ordo, from which we get the English word order.

The Season after Pentecost lasts from the Monday after Pentecost Sunday until the Saturday before the First Sunday of Advent. What an incredible Season we are in this year which is focused on changes going on in our Parish, the Church, and our Nation. Such recent changes include

major Supreme Court decisions, elections coming up in our local governments, the Episcopal General Convention in Maryland, and the Lambeth Conference, where all the Bishops around the world meet to discuss fluctuations taking place in our lives. Let's not forget the groundbreaking and construction of our new ministry on campus—Santa Angelina—which is just the start of a list of sacred changes in our lives.

Truly, this is the time we focus on the life of the Church as it grows in the midst of the world today. The liturgical color is green purposely, so as to emphasize how the Holy Spirit is moving in potent ways to provide a cultivating and flourishing Church through the abundance of God's transformative work within each of us as members of Christ's body. In this modern time, we are to demonstrate our growing faith by living in and being guided by the Spirit of our living God; to grow well in a world that needs the vibrancy and touch of Jesus Christ like never before. The time is now to change and move forward in God's grace.

The time is now for us to see new opportunities, new progress, and new beginnings. God has planted the seeds through Christ for us to nurture and develop through the ministries that have been ordained by our gracious and loving God. The time is now for us to step out in total faith and to fully participate in new ways to bring people together, to bring people to our parish, to pray for and partake in the various ministries that God is calling us each to be involved with for the building of the reign of God. The time is now to share what salvation is truly all about.

The time is NOW to see Christ at work through each of us by <u>choosing to immerse ourselves</u> <u>and fully contribute to do for others. We will receive blessings like never before. I promise</u> <u>you.</u> God has big plans for our parish, our community, our country, and our world. Don't miss the opportunity to thrive within the power of the Holy Spirit and give God the honor and glory at this very moment in time, now. AMEN.

Update on the Santa Angelina Project

There has been quite a bit of activity with the Santa Angelina Project lately. For Blessed Sacrament, it has been a bit frustrating with the "hurry up and wait" constraints, yet we have learned this is the nature of all affordable housing projects. Much of the work from the Design Committee over the past five years has been incorporated into the final plans. And recently the group has met several times to make choices about materials, colors, appliances, and a host of other details. Our new Parish Hall will be useful and beautiful.

Already a lot of work has been completed to evaluate and purge items currently in the Parish Hall. Things that we don't plan to keep have found a good home where they will be appreciated. This packing up will continue in early July and then items to be put in storage will go into a temporary storage module which will arrive in mid-July.

Since the agreement with CORE all along was a "like for like" replacement of what we currently have in the Parish Hall building, we are now at the point of considering any upgrades or improvements that might be appropriate. The Design Committee has identified potential upgrades and CORE is in the midst of pricing out the differences. Then the Vestry will make the final decisions.

You will probably notice fences going up in late July when CORE protects the areas where they will begin their work. They will start with creating a parking lot on the north border of our property, and building out a temporary structure to house our two CLC classrooms, as well as a temporary Parish Hall and Kitchen. The plan is for us to move into this temporary building in early August. **Please note that our Ground Breaking Ceremony will take place on Tuesday, August 16, 2022 at 10AM.** All are welcome.

OUTREACH UPDATE- CARING AND SHARING

Update from Doug Lee, Laundry Love Coordinator,



On June 16, Blessed Sacrament Laundry Love served **38 people**, doing **332 loads**, spending **\$499.20**. Maria, the Busy Bee Laundry attendant, led four volunteers from Blessed Sacrament (Tom Johnson, Marion Lee, Matthew Lee, and Doug Lee). Thirty six half-liter bottles of hand sanitizer from our Children's Learning Center were given out, as were about fifty face masks. The CLC also donated \$20. All the detergent was provided free by EarthBreeze.com. Thanks very much to all our faithful supporters.

JULY FOCUS - Christmas in July

During the month of July we will focus on Veterans and our Active Military. Please take a flag from the Christmas tree placed on the table near the church doors and bring back (UNWRAPPED) with the item requested on the back. Items such as: gum, note cards and stamps, word-game books, pens, pencils, sunscreen, beanies, and socks.





We thank all who brought in items for our **June Focus** on **Fathers/ Men**. The disposable razors, small containers of shaving cream and washcloths will be assembled into kits and distributed by Pathways of Hope, now known as the HUB in Fullerton.

We also thank the Caring Crafters for knitting and crocheting washcloths to be included in the kits.

If you have any questions or need more information please call or email Marion Hetherington, our Outreach Coordinator, at 714-595-4219 or <u>cssquared@roadrunner.com</u>



Corpus Christi





Incense is released...















Corpus Christi is displayed...



Procession is forming for presentation...









Corpus Christi is presented to congregation and to St. Mary and St. Joseph and then back to Altar.









Litany of Blessings for Our Building Project Santa Angelina Senior Homes Giving Thanks for What Has Been ~ Blessing What Is to Come June 26, 2022









Firepit & Parking Lot





Reflections and Memories are shared









Large Ash tree retained

Rear Area and Temporary Sheds



Patio, Memorial Rose Garden, Trees and Open Space





Farewell to Patio and on to north side and Parish Hall









Parish Hall west end with Cross, which will be removed and relocated. Many of the trees will also be removed with one large Ash to be retained NE corner of property. Wood on some will be set aside for future projects. All have been appropriately marked. Parish Hall (interior) contains the Classrooms/Choir Room, Kitchen, Restrooms, Children's Corner and Library. Many happy memories here.











EXIT







Thank You and Farewell to Fr. Ken Kaisch









Dedication of the Frankincense tree to be planted in the future after Santa Angelina Project is completed. Tree provided through the generosity of the CSUF Biology Greenhouse Manager, Ed Read via Leo Song, Jr. Kitchen events: more sharing, Fr. Ken's farewell speech as he retires, cake and dedication of tree to him.





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