



The Bethlehem Hebrew for 'House of Bread'

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Harmony with both Traditional and Progressive Living for Christ



Now that fall is here and we return to school, another football season, Halloween and fall kick-offs; we also go back to our spiritual traditions in the Church, namely Animal Blessings, All Saint's Day, Thanksgiving, Advent, and the anniversary of our parish. Immediately, we return to recognize all around us of the traditions that we have cherished for many years in our personal lives, our families, our communities, and society. We also acknowledge the new traditions upon us and the changes in our lives, like the tree leaves in the Autumn season--shifting various colors in different ways each year. Change is constant in God's creation.

When we analyze the synonyms for the words of "traditional" and "progressive", we discover that the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion have ultimately married the two words as one: providing worship that is long-established, stable, historical, handed down and observant to our Tradition, Scripture, and Reason. Yet with such sacred Ordo and customs that are adaptable, the life of the body of Christ also becomes full growing, non-stagnant, developing, and neoteric, adhering to continuous revelation and ultimate transformation through the power of the Holy Spirit. In the over two thousand years of the history of Christianity, while far from perfect, the church has constantly changed to meet the needs of the people and to also proclaim Christ in reaching out for social justice. Both Clergy and Laity

advocating new ideas and groundbreaking inspiration that feeds the hearts of all God's people throughout the centuries have provided both numerical and spiritual growth. For us to hinder such expression negates the power of the Holy Spirit, even if some may find such variation a bit uncomfortable at first, due to their own personal piety or religious background. The Episcopal Church of the Blessed Sacrament is truly continuing such sacred growth and development by experiencing new members, new sacred music, new leadership, new inspiration and concepts to meet the needs of all of God's people. It is through a spiritual bond of both our traditions and progression that we can together encounter the power of the Holy Spirit in BOTH established and alternative ways that unite us and not divide us. All that is required by all parties is to understand that a "traditional" parish does not mean that we are not open-minded, receptive, flexible, inclusive, advancing, and creative through the Holy Spirit within that guides and nourishes all of us.

This understanding of "BOTH AND" and "Via Media" truly makes us a part of the Anglican Communion through our historical changes throughout the centuries, our Prayer Book, the Creeds, our budding traditional worship, the design of our sanctuary and so much more. We can also celebrate the ever evolving of our prayers, our embrace of the language of both Rite One & Rite Two, the eclectic array of worship music and instrumentation, new insights within our Christian Education, and so much more.

Stewardship Campaign

A Note from Our Treasurer

As we embark on our stewardship campaign this year, it is fitting that we take a moment to express our gratitude for the many forms of stewardship that have been abundantly evident in our congregation this past year. We are all familiar with the age-old adage that stewardship is a "three-legged stool" of Time, Talent and Treasure. We don't need to look far to see those gifts abundantly in our church. The work of our Tuesday Task Force, our commitment to Laundry Love, the tireless contributions of our Altar Guild, our excellent Music Ministry and the gift to the community of our Children's Learning Center are just a few examples of the ways our parish serves both our church and our community.

This year's theme for our stewardship campaign is drawn from The Episcopal Network for Stewardship. It is "More Than Enough." It comes from the end of St. Luke's account of the loaves and fishes and the feeding of the five thousand:

"And taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. And all ate and were filled. What was left over was gathered up, twelve baskets of broken pieces." Luke 9:16-17, NRSV

In responding to Jesus' call, the five thousand find that through the miracle of Faith and the action of Love there was an abundance provided for the needs of the community. This year we hope that your gift will allow us to continue to support and nurture the life-giving and joyful ministries that Blessed Sacrament provides both inside and outside our parish walls.

While we may not what lies before us, we remain confident in the assurance of God's abiding and steadfast love. We invite you to prayerfully consider how you will share with God and God's church from what you have received. We know that many of you contribute to worthy causes do good works in the community and the larger world. But it is our hope that Blessed Sacrament will be foremost in your thoughts in this coming year.

Our pledge campaign begins on Sunday, October 9, and continues through the First Sunday in Advent. During that time, through prayer, sermons and testimony we hope to share our hopes and aspirations for our ministries in the coming year. As always, we thank you for being a part of our Blessed Sacrament family and for your gift to our annual campaign.

Yours in Christ,

Joe Arnold, Treasurer

Outreach

An Invitation

The Outreach Committee would like to extend an invitation to parishioners interested in participating and/or just knowing more about Outreach to a meeting (either in person or on Zoom) on **Tuesday, October 18 at 3:00 PM. Light refreshments will be served.**

If you are unable to attend in person, please contact Teri Niebuhr (email tnieb@sbcglobal.net or call/text 714-749-8769) or Marianne Weisel (email Marweisel1@gmail.com or call/text 714-342-6504) for information about receiving a Zoom link.

Some Proposed Projects

Marion Hetherington cultivated many wonderful outreach opportunities in her years as chair. We have some additional opportunities to share and are excited to get feedback from our existing members as well as new members.

Upcoming projects we hope to participate in are Operation Christmas Guild, Gift filled shoeboxes for children in 100 countries and a food distribution (from a scripted list) in the Garnet Neighborhood just east of the Target Shopping Center. Since the closing of the Soup Kitchen this outreach ministry, organized by Placentia Presbyterian Church (PPC), keeps PPC busy. The non-profit SOLIDARITY located in the neighborhood knows the families in need and distributes the food collected.

As always, there are on-going items we collect such as cancelled stamps, Campbell Soup Labels, items for Blessing Bags, A Can a week of food for our Deacon's Closet located south of the Altar, Soles for Souls (gently used shoe collection) and Greeting Card fronts (excluding Hallmark, American Greetings and any non-profit agency sponsored cards). Let's not forget the need for volunteers for Laundry Love, the third Thursday of each month at Busy Bee Laundromat. Contact Doug Lee for more information. (See below.)

Laundry Love

On 9/15/2022, Blessed Sacrament Laundry Love did 315 loads for 37 clients, spending \$478 (8.51 loads/person, \$12.92/person, and \$1.52/load). Hand sanitizers from American Legion Placentia Auxiliary were given out, along with face masks. Free detergent from EarthBreeze.com was used. Blessed Sacrament volunteers Tom Johnson, Marion Lee, and Doug Lee assisted Maria, the Busy Bee Laundry attendant. CLC contributed \$20. Someone at Busy Bee contributed \$6 anonymously. Thanks very much to all our supporters.

Santa Angelina Senior Community

Progress Report Senior Housing Project

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Kathy Dagestino, Vestry Member, Liaison Between Parish & Core

Tom Johnson, Vestry Member, Deputy Jr. Warden, On ground coordinator with Core

Allyn Lean, Senior Warden (Left Hand to Father Barrett)

Fellow Parishioners, Vestry members, Clergy, and Administrative Staff I am here to say, along with my fellow authors, **"it takes a village"** to arrive at this moment in time.

The process of arriving here with actual construction and site preparation underway is due to countless hours provided by your current and previous Vestry as well as the help, guidance, and overall support of our diocese.

The fencing with screens on campus suggests we are limited in our view; however, Tom Johnson is always glad to review drawings with you and provide details as to the project and construction.

Kathy Dagestino is managing the ongoing decision making and adjustments to plans between the parish and CORE with help from Episcopal Community Services. If your curiosity needs satisfying as to progress, please don't hesitate to call your favorite vestry member or one of us.

The significant work of sorting and packing materials from the parish hall is finally completed after four months of many volunteers helping on Saturday mornings. We have a portable storage shed that is holding items we can manage without for 14 months, plus have located seasonal things we'll need near the doors. The temporary building has been placed and utilities connected. The Big Move is happening some time in mid-to-late October and beginning shortly thereafter, our old parish hall will begin to be demolished.

Our temporary parish hall will be smaller than our current one, but should accommodate the number of people that we recently have been seeing for our social gatherings. Our new parish hall will be ADA compliant and have many features that will be convenient for parishioners and CLC personnel. It will also be energy efficient and be much more sanitary.

We are still navigating with CORE and ECS a punch list of items which require resolution, but these decisions will not cause any delays in construction. The early work of grading the north and east parking lots and trenching and laying underground utilities is almost completed. The curbs for these two lots have been poured and the lots should be done soon. Next we will switch to using the new parking lots so that our current lot can be fenced in, graded and a large trench installed for remaining utilities. Over the next couple of weeks we will notice significant progress taking place with this exciting ministry.

The Triad

All Hallows' Eve

The evening of Oct. 31, which precedes the church's celebration of All Saints' Day on Nov. 1. The popular name for this festival is Halloween. It was the eve of Samhain, a pagan Celtic celebration of the beginning of winter and the first day of the new year. This time of the ingathering of the harvest and the approach of winter apparently provided a reminder of human mortality. It was a time when the souls of the dead were said to return to their homes. Bonfires were set on hilltops to frighten away evil spirits. Samhain was a popular festival at the time when the British Isles were converted to Christianity. **The church "adopted" this time of celebration for Christian use by observing All Saints' Day on Nov. 1, and All Hallows' Eve on the evening of Oct. 31. This evening before All Saint's Day was to prepare our hearts as Christians for the following day, knowing the Christian Celtic understanding of a thin space between heaven and earth.**

All Saints' Day

Commemorates all saints, known and unknown, on Nov. 1. All Saints' Day is one of the seven principal feasts of the church year, and one of the four days recommended for the administration of baptism. All Saints' Day may also be celebrated on the Sunday following Nov. 1. This is the day that we recognize and celebrate all believers in Christ who have died. We remember the Communion of Saints that watch over the Church and who have lived with us on this earthly pilgrimage or in the past; who are now in the closest presence with our Lord. Our parish will participate in such a Mass on Sunday, November 6th at both our 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM services. Please review the E-Tidings for more information.

All Souls Day

Popular piety felt the need to distinguish between the outstanding saints and those who are unknown in the wider fellowship of the church, especially family members and friends. This day remembers All Faithful Departed; an inclusive commemoration of all God's Children. Our parish has been invited to attend such a service on **Wednesday, November 2nd at 7:00 PM at Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Fullerton.** Please review the E-Tidings for more information.

Guess Who???

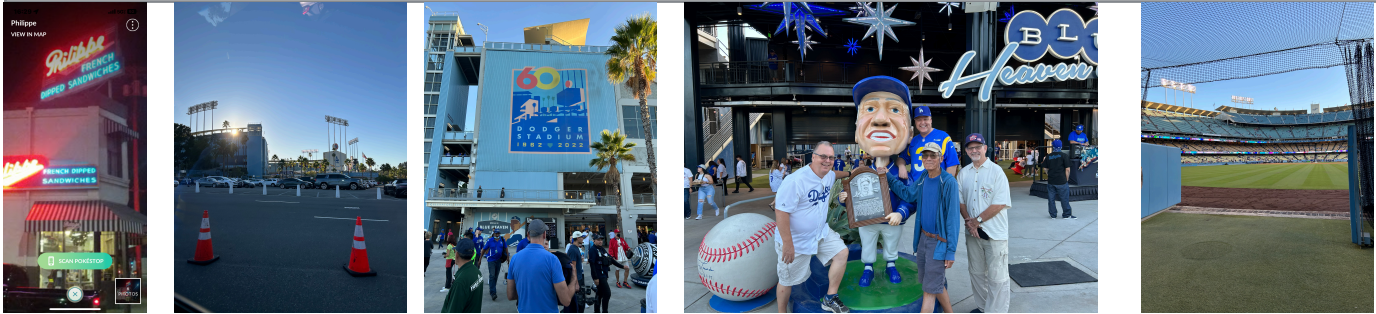
Thank you to all those who voted last month's **"Guess Who?"**

The correct answer was "the grandson of parishioners, Doug and Marion Lee."

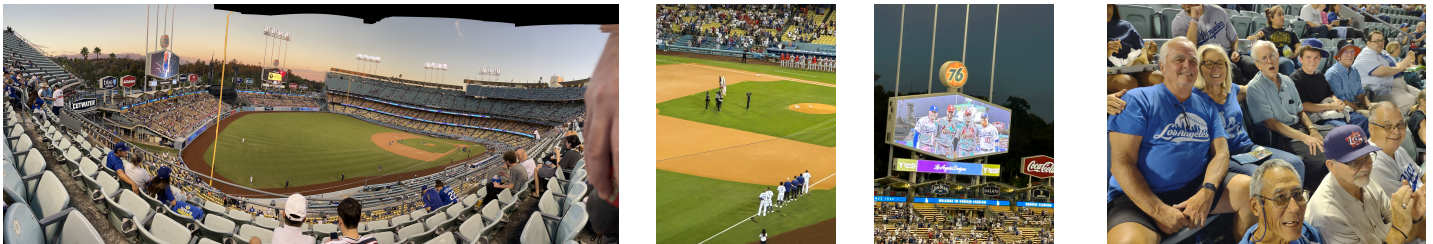
Again, this month we will be asking parishioners to guess "who is in the picture here? It may be a current or past member of Blessed Sacrament or a family member of a parishioner. Please email or call Patty Bell at pbell@bscplacentia.org or (714)528-2995 with your guess. The lucky winner will receive a \$10 Starbucks gift card. The winner be drawn from all the correct answers submitted by November 1, 2022 and announced at the following Sunday service.



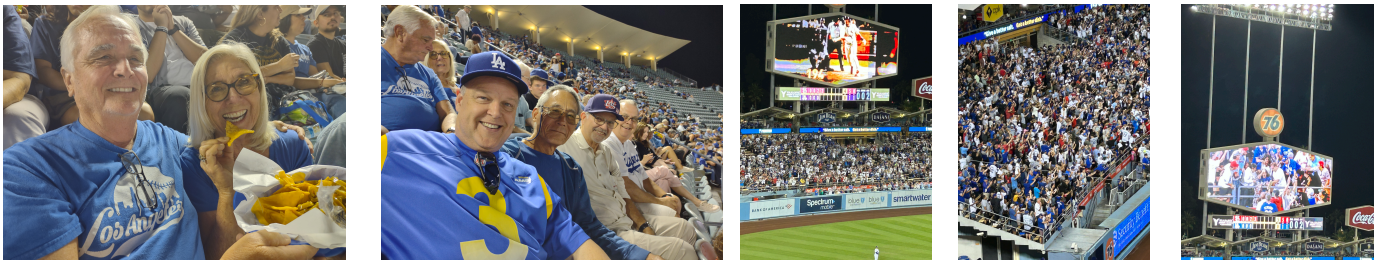
Episcopal Night at Dodger Stadium



Episcopal Night at Dodger Stadium on September 23 with St. Louis visiting, but first, a light dinner at the iconic Philippe's restaurant, then to Stadium and parking..as sun set behind stadium. Entrance and a few tourist shots, and a view of the entire field from ground level before we ascend...and below, a pano with our seats in the center.



Color Guard for the National Anthem, tribute to Albert Pujols of St Louis as we enjoy the view and eating



Dodger Quesadillas. Scoreboard show top of the 4 with the score 4-0 St Louis and Pujols is up! Will he do it?- the answer comes quickly as he sends one into the stands just below us and all the fans go crazy in a spirit of good sportsmanship for a career milestone. Note score now and a shot of where the ball landed and with replay, the mad scramble for the ball with a lady getting in and holding it up.



We leave early and with a last look from the upper deck and the end of a memorable evening. My thanks for all who helped with the photos, especially Fr Barrett who sent the pictures of the congregation who attended.

Final score 11-0 St. Louis

WELCOME LUNCHEON FOR NEW PARISHIONERS

On Sunday September 25th, Blessed Sacrament hosted a welcome luncheon for 10 new parishioners. Our congregation welcomed individuals as well as families with children by serving a delicious lunch including appetizers, sandwiches, salads, deviled eggs, and a yummy "welcome" cake. The new parishioners each introduced themselves, spoke about what brought them to Blessed Sacrament, and then received a welcome gift from the congregation. Next, our Senior Warden, Allyn Lean, introduced the Vestry members who discussed their responsibilities. It was a wonderful afternoon and a great opportunity to make new friends. Many thanks to the team who made it happen, Carol Morris, Susan Dolliver, Beverly Cardwell and Tom Johnson. And a special "thanks" to Father Barrett and Penny (Pasta Salad!) and all those who contributed to the wonderful meal.

Fr. Barrett shared that, "This is just the beginning of the semiannual Newcomer's luncheons. We are hoping to possibly have one every six months in the near future. We are excited about the joy and delight that was felt at this special event and it is everyone that was there that made the difference."



The Venue set up by our committee with Carol, Beverly and Susan (Left) and serving starts off the celebration (Right).





Welcome to our newcomers! (L-R): Jack Patterson; Todd McIntosh; The Justus Family->Chyrel-Rick's mom, Rick, Karen holding Sylvi; Brigitte Vellavoine; The Bittencourt Family->Cassie(standing) supporting Julia; Steve and Darcy Sprague; Fr. Barrett who introduced them earlier and each one gave a short statement, then Beverly presented them with a BSC Blessing Gift. Not present: Toni Miller, Kevin & Nancy Patrick, Debbie Toceo.



After the Newcomer Presentation and group picture, the Vestry members were spotlighted and then the cake was cut and served. Thanks to all who helped bring this event forth!

Blessing of the Animals

The annual Blessing of the Animals took place at the 8 and 1030 Services. Many were present on their owner's devices, but an in animal presence was also present. Below are some photos from both services and maybe some sent in by their owners or screenshots or by BSC press. Will be indicated with photo, if known or from person bringing their animal.



Many virtual blessings were bestowed up front and through out the Sanctuary.

Pix by Leo.

Brigitte Vellavoine with Claude; Allyn Lean with Bella (L) and Riley (R) with Fr. Barrett 8 AM Service.



Cassie & Julia Bittencourt with Biju; at 1030 Service
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JoAnne Powers virtually shared Apollo, Peggy Sue and Mia at 1030 service. Virtual Holy Water is non-wetting!

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