



# The Bethlehem Hebrew for 'House of Bread'

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## Alignment & Renewal

### Our Evolution within Christ brings us Alignment and Renewal

Change is constant in God's Creation. I witnessed that most visibly, recently when I traveled back to the east coast. As I walked through the forests of giant ancient trees that changed vibrant colors in late October, I realized that Autumn brings us all a reminder of our evolution within Christ; a constant recreation that offers us transformative power and newness of life.



After returning from a fall clergy retreat in Delaware, I could not wait to share the renewal that I experienced from the five-day journey that brought about leadership insights of aiming for the goals that have been revised in my Rule of Life, to act through renewed thought, word and deed, that will bring forth realignment and a firmer grounding of my continued relationship with Christ. Such self-care and reflection are paramount in such a changing world. Such reinvigorating participation is essential to be the Shepherd that God has called me to be as your Rector through such shifting times in our community and for the body of Christ as a whole.

We can all agree that for all of us at Blessed Sacrament, this year has brought about more change than we have ever imagined in our community. From the change of our ways of doing things, the revised patterns of how we conduct parish life and worship,

the transition of our membership, the influx of new parishioners, to the building project of the Santa Angelina ministry, have all provided concrete evidence of the evolution within Christ.

Yet, throughout all this change within God's continued development and regeneration, our gracious God's love for us never changes. The indissoluble relationship with Christ through our Baptismal Covenant gives us all a sure footing that our sovereign God has big plans for us; flowing new processes and vision that will bring us all transformation with our Lord's help.

With the constant blessed assurance of our steadfast faith, we are given hope of how Christ's healing and recreative power can bring about positive change and renewal through our active stewardship. We truly have more than enough through the abundance and bounty of Christ. Through such seasons of change within all of God's Creation, our Lord is guiding us to be rejuvenated agents of reconciliation and change in a world that is needing to be altered through the power of God's love.

During our stewardship campaign in November, we will continue to recognize how parishioners and ministries are being blessed through the revitalized reciprocity that is recognized and how our faithful stewardship makes all things NEW. The transformative love we share in time, talent and treasure is the altered direction that can give us all a renewed abundant life, a revived parish, and a transformed people of God.

During this season of remembering the saints and all those that have gone before us who also went through major changes in their lives, and the expression of our gratitude and thanksgiving for God's immeasurable bounty, to beginning a new church year and to prepare for Christ's magnificent birth has brought about newness of life for all of us, may we all hold fast to the message in the Gospel: the life and teachings of Christ that make all things new and that we embrace the New Church Year with renewed joy that all things work together for good for those that love Christ and those called to God's purpose within the evolution.

Continued blessings.

Fr. Barrett

# Our Outreach Ministry

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Now is the time for helping others

### Thanksgiving

Let us assist the Friendly Center distribute baskets/boxes of food to 400 families.

Please fill a basket (a box is preferred) with the following food items to feed a family of five (5) and bring to church on Sunday, **November 20, 2022**.

**\$25 Grocery Store Gift Card to purchase a turkey**

- 1 Box of Stuffing
- 1 Can Cranberry Sauce
- 1 Box of Dry Potatoes
- 1 Can of Candied Yams
- 2 Cans of Green Beans
- 2 Cans of Corn
- 1 Jar of Turkey Gravy
- 1 Bag of Rolls
- 1 Pumpkin Pie

### Christmas

Two ways to help at Christmas.

#### 1. Pack a Shoebox for a Child in Need

Samaritan's Purse **Operation Christmas Child** shoebox gifts delight the hearts of boys and girls in more than 100 countries where Samaritan's Purse local partners deliver the boxes along with the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. For some children, it is their first gift ever! Many shoebox recipients also participate in Samaritan's Purse follow-up discipleship program, *The Greatest Journey*, where they learn to know, grow in, and spread the Good News. Through these exciting evangelism and discipleship efforts, Samaritan's Purse sees the multiplication of believers and churches worldwide.

The Outreach Committee is providing "How to pack a shoebox leaflets" and plastic shoe boxes located on the Welcome Table on the church steps. This year, Samaritan's Purse is charging a \$10 shipping fee per

box. If you have any questions, about packing the box or the fee, please feel free to call Teri Niebuhr, Anita Cruz or Marianne Weisel, and we will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

## 2. Christmas Gifts for Children . . .

Please look for a small table-top Christmas tree in the back of the church with ornaments which indicate the ages of children from Infants to teens. It has been a tradition that our families take the ornaments and provide an age-appropriate gift for that child. The outreach committee will be providing more information about this Family Resource center which assists families with children attending school at two elementary schools in the area. One around the corner to the east and the other two blocks west of the church.

## Laundry Love

On October 20, 2022, Blessed Sacrament Laundry Love served 50 people, doing 372 loads, spending \$610.50 (7.4 loads/person, \$1.64/load, and \$12.21/person). Many 50 ml. containers of hand sanitizers from the American Legion Placentia Auxiliary were given out, as were many face masks. Free detergent from EarthBreeze.com was used. The Children Learning Center contributed \$20. Blessed Sacrament volunteers Tom Johnson, Marion Lee, and Doug Lee assisted Busy Bee Laundry attendant Maria. Thanks very much to all our supporters and to Doug Lee, our Laundry Love Facilitator!

## Placentia Heritage Day

Blessed Sacrament again participated in the annual Heritage. Day Festival in Placentia by being involved in both the parade and having our presence at our booth. It was a wonderful day of fun fellowship, food and discovery. Special thanks goes to Tom Johnson, Allyn Lean and Karin Laufer making it all possible. Also, special thanks to the Placentia Chamber of Commerce for representing our new membership and their support.



Fr. Barrett with Miss Yorba Linda at the BSC area.





## All Souls Day/Día de Muertos



### **The Día de Muertos/All Souls Mass Ofrenda at Emmanuel Episcopal Church.**

Orange and yellow flowers front center, are Mexican Marigolds or *Cempasúchil*, a prominent part showing a welcoming for departed souls to their earthly home, some pictured in back and on floor. Families visit the graves of their family members and decorate the graves with flowers. Your Editor witnessed this in Chile.





Fr.Barrett and Rev. Holly Cardone presiding



Left: Rev. Holly Cardone (r) with Emmanuel Senior Warden, Marion Corral-see her note of thanks below.



Right: Our own Aimee Aul as one of the Lay Readers.

All Souls Days Service...A note of thanks from Emmanuel Episcopal Church  
Thank you for wonderful service Wednesday evening, November 2, 2022. It was such a blessing to have Blessed Sacrament join us. Look forward to sharing our events with your parish.

Blessings,

Marian Corral, Emmanuel Senior Warden

## **Lessons & Carols**

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Wonderful Christmas Event

**Sunday, December 4**

**7:00 pm**

**Prelude music at 6:45 pm**

A wind ensemble consisting of parishioners and directed by Steve Sprague will play for the prelude.

Our choir will be joined by members of St. Andrews choir and musical friends of Blessed Sacrament.

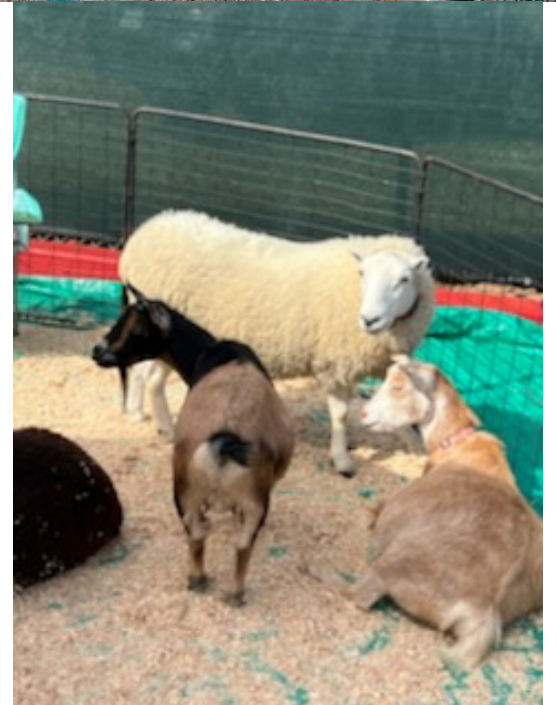
A festive wine and cheese reception will follow in the parish hall.

We hope to see you there.

Check with ETidings for latest info on availability of program and accessibility options.



## Children's Learning Center



Halloween Pumpkin Patch with large inflatable Frankenstein, a petting zoo and lots of pumpkins. A great time was had by all!

Thanks to Tracy and staff and kids for a wonderful time!



## Guess Who?

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The winner of our September "Guess Who" is Ashley Mangino who correctly guessed that the picture was of Doug and Marion Lee's grandchildren.



The winner of the October "Guess Who" is Patty Bell who correctly guessed that the picture is of Nancy Doman in 1992.



Congratulations to Ashley and Patty who both received a \$10 Starbucks gift card.



This month's "Guess Who" features a very special member of our parish along with her brother. Please submit guesses to Patty Bell at [pbell@bscplacentia.org](mailto:pbell@bscplacentia.org) or call Patty at 714-528-2995 by **November 30, 2022!**



## Upcoming Events

11/13: **Veteran's Sunday Mass at 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM** (Sung Mass will include special music, Guest Soloist and procession of all Veterans who attend. Reception afterwards).

11/20: **Christ the King Baptism Sunday at 10:30 AM** (Two baptisms planned with special music)

11/23 **Thanksgiving Evening Service** at 7:00 PM In-person gathering.

11/27: **Advent I Sunday Masses at 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM**

12/04: **Advent II Sunday--Lessons and Carols @ 7:00 PM** (Three Choirs will be uniting in NOC at our parish: St. Andrew's, Fullerton, Emmanuel, Fullerton and Blessed Sacrament, Placentia)

Be sure to check ETidings each week. Here is a link to the BSC Website to subscribe to get ETidings and other important notices. Also best source for **Santa Angelina construction updates** due to rapid changes!

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Have a joyous and thankful time together on Thursday,  
November 24, Thanksgiving Day!



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