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A sacred summer can bring forth restoration and peace



Summertime is a chance to refresh and recharge. From vacation trips to backyard family gatherings to going to the beach and going swimming seem to be the events that we associate with this special season. Yet this summer has also been a time of redefining our vision in ministry; transitional opportunities from our national to our local diocesan leadership and canons; changes in our parish membership; increased active involvement with Santa Angelina ministry and new program planning for the fall and our parish Homecoming.

It has also been a summer like no other in regard to recent national and world current affairs that have given us all pause to reflect on the sanctity of life and the need to truly follow our Baptismal Covenant to respect the dignity of every human being. It is hard to imagine that people choose deliberate actions that will have consequences for them and others, even when their deeds are opposite of their own God given morals and principles.

Our local Brotherhood of St. Andrew had their meeting recently with a devotion about “Living in the Spirit of God instead of the “Works of the Flesh”. The Scriptures say that the works of the flesh are inherently selfish and destructive. They lead to broken relationships, internal turmoil, and separation from God. Such behaviors are contrary to the nature of God's reign, which is based on love, peace, compassion and holiness.

During this summer, as we both renew and prepare our hearts for what is coming ahead in the fall, with God's help let us cast out anything that is opposite of God and live in the sovereignty of Christ.

Let us make time for God as part of our summer by being involved with spiritual practices that reinforce our relationship with our heavenly Father, community support, mindfulness through Scripture, service and outreach to others, following our Baptismal Covenant and depending on the Holy Spirit within for wisdom and guidance.

WE all need to be continually realigned and transformed in order to be agents of hope, restoration and healing. In this season of regular Sabbath, let us stop the division and conflict in our personal lives and even within our society through the ways that bring forth the fruits of the Spirit.

In the big plans that God has for us for the rest of this year, let us begin to be united in the peace of God that passes all understanding, and in this Season after Pentecost let us live the pattern of human-divine action and be ruled by our King of Kings and Lord of Lords through the power of the Spirit. Amen.

Abiding in the Spirit of the living God,
Fr. Barrett+

Getting to know our Lay and Clergy Leadership

BEVERLY CARDWELL



Having been a member of Blessed Sacrament since 2015, most of you know me and have seen me around campus. I currently live in Yorba Linda with my wonderful husband, Mike, and our sweet little rescue dog, Sam.

I was born, raised and educated in Whittier and Hacienda Heights and I am the oldest of 6 children from a very Catholic family. Rather than college, I chose a career in the property and casualty insurance industry, where I eventually held numerous management positions until I retired in 2009.

After retirement, I devoted my time to the enjoyment of my four, now grown, grandchildren and a few volunteer positions with the City of Placentia. I enjoyed working at the Placentia Senior Center and I was Chairwoman of the

Senior Advisory Commission for the City of Placentia for 5 years.

As a new member of Blessed Sacrament, I jumped right in and joined a number of ministries including Laundry Love, Outreach, Ushers & Greeters, Piecemakers, Feeding God's People and Parish Life. I have also been involved in numerous short term projects. I understand that it takes a village so I have been happy to volunteer whenever needed. I have come to love that "village" and Blessed Sacrament has a special place in my heart.

I have held one full and a partial (fill in) term on Vestry, with a short 8 month stint as Senior Warden. This year, I am beginning my 3rd term on Vestry. My involvement with Santa Angelina has been from the beginning, when Vestry first voted that National CORE would be our Developer.

I am very excited about our future and the wonderful opportunities ahead of us. The Lord's grace is certainly shining on Blessed Sacrament and it is my hope that my contributions will continue to help on that journey.

Outreach

Laundry Love

On July 18, 2024, Blessed Sacrament Laundry Love served 71 people, doing 583 loads of wash and dry, 8.2 loads/person, \$1.55/load, \$12.69/person, spending \$901.25. Volunteers Tom Johnson, Marion Lee, & Doug Lee helped Busy Bee Laundry employees Beatrix and Yazmin. CLC contributed \$20 cash. 121 50 ml bottles of hand sanitizer provided by Sheila Jordan, Assistant Director of CLC, and Ward Smith, Placentia City Council member, were given out. One 1.5 liter bottle, one 300 ml bottle, and 12 240 ml bottles of hand sanitizer, provided by Tracie Donaldson, CLC Director, were given out. One coloring book and one box of crayons were given to a little boy. Detergent was provided free by EarthBreeze.com. Supporters can purchase this eco-friendly product for their own use.

Yours very truly,
Doug Lee, Laundry Love Facilitator

Backpacks for Success

Every year the City of Placentia invites us to donate Backpacks for students in need. This year our deadline for securing backpacks is August 8 (we ask that you bring one or more to church by Sunday August 4). If you wish to donate a backpack and it's late, we have another request from H.I.S. OC (formerly H.I.S. House) which welcomes children throughout the year. Please note the list of school supplies that are requested to be included inside each backpack:

List of requested supplies

Notebooks, Pencil Sharpener, Colored Pencils, Lined Paper, Pencil Pouches, Graph Paper, Folders, Three-ring binder and dividers, Erasers, Highlighters, Pencils & Pens, Markers, Calculators, Rulers, Crayons.



Blessing Bags

What is a Blessing Bag? A Blessing Bag is a miniature backpack which holds necessities for folks who are living outside. It contains a pair of new socks, hand sanitizer, a granola bar (or two) water, soap, small bottles of shampoo, toothbrush and toothpaste, a razor, a bottle of water, beanie or hat and a McDonalds gift card. We are asking for any donations of the above items. Please feel free to drop them off in the basket at the back of the church. If you are interested in joining Outreach members assemble them, please sign the list on the clipboard at the back of the church and Outreach will contact you.

Besides the above, there is so much more to share under Outreach: the coffee mugs with our logo (and a mug rug made by Darlene Reimers) that are being given to the new residents of Santa Angelina; the referral efforts that are taking place between Santa Angelina and Blessed Sacrament regarding the food shortage of most of our residents.

Currently, our first line of contact regarding this issue is Rosie the onsite (Monday and Friday) representative from Hope Through Housing. Rosie has been given food distribution resources within Placentia and Fullerton, and is in communication with Mary's Kitchen/Food Pantry in Anaheim to distribute food to Santa Angelina residents. According to the church management team, the average amount of Cal Fresh (Food Stamps) issued to this population is approximately \$90.00 per month. Tom Johnson, a member of Brotherhood of St. Andrews, has been in contact with them to help us with ideas to alleviate this shortage. If you wish to help us and Rosie with this issue, please feel to contact Teri Niebuhr at tnieb@sbcglobal.net.

Installing our sign



Saturday morning call time – 7:00 AM – Yikes!

How many people does it take to hang two signs on the corner of Angelina and Morse? 5.

One person to hold the ladder, one to take photos, another to give directions, another to run back to the shed to retrieve the items which were forgotten, and lastly another (younger person) to climb the ladder.

Thanks to all who came out, and especially to Matthew Clark(right inset) for climbing the ladder and taking direction from us Senior Citizens.

A Delicious Welcoming BBQ Event for Santa Angelina Residents



Our parishioners gathered to plan, coordinate, cook and welcome with open arms some of the residents of Santa Angelina. We had over 70 in attendance, including residents, Parishioners and guests. Pictured is part of the Welcoming table with Mueni Musembi, Aimee Aul and Susan Dolliver. Some of the Angelinos that were part of the Cooking crew included: Tom Johnson, Dave Juergens (Fr. Barrett can't wait to pray over the cooked hot dogs and hamburgers).



A delicious array of side dishes was included and lovingly prepared by the Parish Life Committee with the table set-up of various condiments. Fr. Barrett and Beverly Cardwell opened with a warm welcome to everyone attending and a prayer of Thanksgiving. Pictures include how our new Parish Hall was packed during the event with the majority of people indoors. One of the Volunteers, Anita Cruz, is expressing the joy of the hospitality in this special event.



Family guests of Brad (Resident), upper left center, pose to enjoy the feast and learn more about our parish and the ministries we offer, while Tony and his dog came in to enjoy the festivities. And we must not forget the Pillars of our parish forever: Mary Dalesi, Dick & Darlene Reimers. They shared how grateful they are of the new thriving campus, the new Parish Hall and the ministry of Santa Angelina.



Michael Beaver shows off the grilled food inside delivered for second helpings, while others outside enjoy the fresh cold lemonade and Iced Tea with Fr. Barrett and Jennifer—Resident Manager for Santa Angelina.

Below, top two rows: While people are enjoying their meals and residents receive a housewarming gift of a Parish Coffee mug and get involved with a raffle, people wait in line for seconds as live music is being provided by Dean Crabb. The Govorchin family pose and so does Michael Cardwell with Barry Dagastino and Ruth Govorchin that also comes to their table. Even the children exhibited such delight. We even had Laura Belonax having a private moment, taking a break after all the dedicated preparation and dedicated service to our Lord.



Hours of preparation paid off with plenty of leftovers given to the residents that were not able to make the festivities. Seen here are the core helpers in the kitchen to serve all the food: Pictured are Karin Laufer, Laura Belonax, Roxanne Young, Marion Lee, Susan Dolliver, and last but not least, Beverly Cardwell—Chairperson of Parish Life. Thanks to all of you that made the difference. It was a major success. Thanks be to God.

IT TAKES A VILLAGE!

Placentia Roundtable Women's Club donates \$3,000.00 in order to purchase the essentials for setting up 21 PSH* apartments:

When our Outreach team submitted a grant application to the Placentia Roundtable Women's Club, we had no idea that the amount asked in the application would be tripled. We purchased 21 sets of the following items: Sheets, pillows, comforters, mattress pads, blankets, shower curtains, bathroom cleaning supplies, towel sets, pots and pans, dish drainers, silverware including knives, dishes, drinking glasses, handmade mug rugs (by Darlene Reimers), kitchen cleaning supplies, personal hygiene items (shampoo, deodorant, conditioner, toothbrushes and tooth paste).

As the teams of helpers completed setting up the apartments, a handmade lap blanket, lovingly crafted by our Peacemakers, was placed on the couch.



Ed Note: Please see Bethlehem May&June2024:3-4 for the Dress and Bless of these PSH* apartments.

*** Permenant Supportive Housing**

Placentia Rotarians

If you have not viewed the **Hope Through Housing Video**, please do. This video along with a presentation by Teri Niebuhr and Ward Smith, inspired the Placentia Rotarians to gather much needed items for our new Santa Angelina PSH (**P**ermanant **S**upportive **H**ousing) residents. The featured items were 21 cooking sheets and 21 9 x 13 Pyrex dishes along personal hygiene items and bathroom cleaning supplies. Alice Shiozawa is featured in the photo delivering the supplies.



Frankincense tree dedicated to Fr. Ken Kaish



Our beautiful Frankincense tree was dedicated to Fr. Ken Kaisch at Blessed Sacrament for saying thank you for his contributions to our parish and local community and was blessed by Bishop John Taylor during a service after the Santa Angelina Groundbreaking on August 16, 2022. Photo on right was taken on August 11, 2024 in it's permanant location with Scully Hall in back.

In December 1986, Fr. Bauman asked him to officiate at a regular weekday service at Blessed Sacrament. He was new to the area and did not have an altar where he could celebrate regularly.

Due to the interest of various parishioners in our Deanery, he and others began to explore the traditional practices of Christian meditation. After a couple of years, this culminated in the formation of OneHeart, an ecumenical meditation group, formally beginning in 1989, while still continuing to serve Blessed Sacrament as a supply priest, from 1986 through 2022. He has also taught classes in Christian meditation until 2022 when he left the area and retired.

Through the recommendations of Vestry Members, Father Barrett spoke with Leo Song about how Fr. Ken Kaisch was retiring and that we would like to dedicate a tree for him. Through Leo's efforts and his connection with Cal State, Fullerton, the idea of a Frankincense tree, originally grown from a batch of seeds from near Karin in Somalia was born.

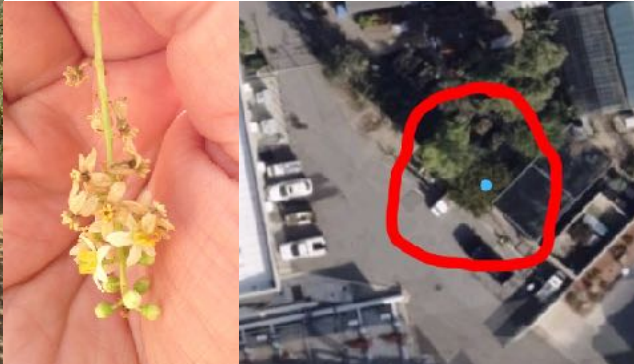
Leo Song was very instrumental in coordinating the efforts and assisted in working with our Building and Grounds Committee to include a Frankincense tree as part of our enhanced landscaping through the Santa Angelina project. It was eventually decided to have the planting of the small tree next to our new Parish Hall. Leo's years of experience in Botany and working as the Greenhouse Manager at Cal State Fullerton paid off with a beautiful specimen.

The photos below show clearly how we got such a beautiful and healthy tree, as our little tree, which is a

cutting off of the Big Tree, has a lot to offer. Leo extends a special thank you to his successor at Cal State, Fullerton, Ed Read, for generously providing this very special tree for our campus at Blessed Sacrament.



Boswellia sacra flowering in ground bed CSUF. Small bunch of flowers in hand for size. Wall in back is over 6 feet tall. Photos taken on 02 Nov **2012** by Leo C Song Jr.



Satellite view of CSUF Big Tree 12 Aug 2024.

CALENDAR

HOMECOMING SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 15!

Mark on your calendar and bring a friend to the upcoming event for our Parish: **Homecoming Sunday at Blessed Sacrament.** There will be one mass at 9:30 AM with a special Reception at 11:00 AM. Adult Sunday School returns at 11:30 AM. The Sunday will include gift packets for visitors, our full choir with beautiful worship music, a Baptism and much more!

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