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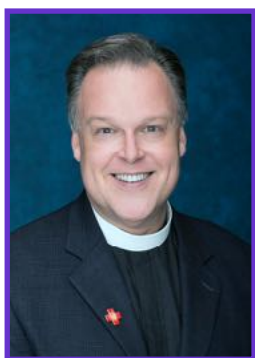
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A Season of Walking in Love



As the leaves change colors, we continue our Stewardship campaign and discover together the importance of us being ever changing faithful Stewards for all of God's Creation. We decided to "WALK IN LOVE" this Autumn, not only reminding us of the theme of our pledge drive, but to also prepare ourselves for the upcoming holy days of our faith and to renew our hearts.

This fall brings us closer to God's Love, from celebrating the blessing of the animals as St. Francis taught us to recognizing the eternal lives of all our saints and those we love, to God's immeasurable bounty, to beginning a new church year and to prepare for Christ's magnificent birth for all humanity. The fall is a paradigm shift of our Lord's abundance and the ways we walk in Love together as a community.

We have an indissoluble loving relationship with an awesome God that has designed Creation to be transformative through the reign of God's grace and mercy. As we walk in love, we need to prepare our hearts on how we will be expressive in God's Love in a world that so desperately needs it. We need to ask ourselves how our proportional giving in time, talent and treasure is going to make a difference and to help build such a reign of God that transforms, heals and nourishes all God's children?

Just imagine our church, homes and families thriving when we walk in Love. Imagine our neighborhoods and communities where Love is the way. Imagine governments and nations where we all walk in Love together. Imagine business and commerce when Love is the mission and thinking of the Other is the goal. When we all truly Walk in Love, our existence will be changed as our earthly pilgrimage becomes a powerful beacon of light and the earth will be a sanctuary reflecting the Light of Christ through us.

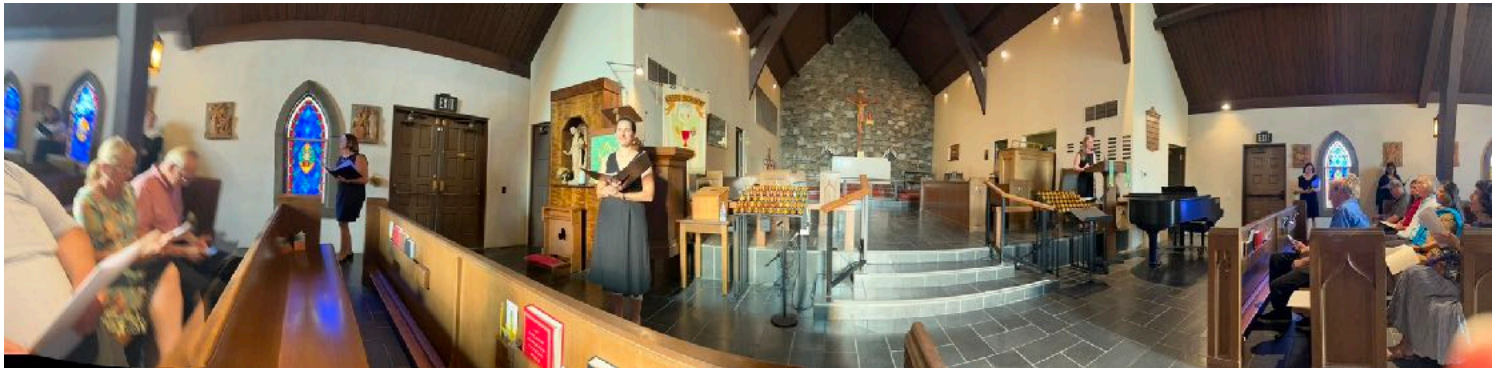
This fall will bring us closer to such great opportunities to continue the ministry of Christ in such a world that needs to know the love of God, especially with such recent tragedies globally. May we all reflect this season of how our walking in Love is the way to end marginalization, poverty; to stop the wars and conflict, to release anything that is not of God's Love and for us to make room for God's love to fill us up, to heal, redeem and nourish our hearts in such ways where there is plenty of room for all God's Children to be under such an umbrella of Love; to treat each other well, like we a loving family under the authorship of Love.

Abiding in God's Love,

Fr. Barrett+

Luminaria Summer 2024

Love and Peace



Sunday, August 18, 2024 at 6PM
Ready to go with wall to wall music, conducted by Brigitte Bellavoine!



First group sing conducted by Ashley Mangino, Assistant Director.



Veronica read Acceptance, by Robert Frost; Ashley read On Love, by Kahlil Gibran, and Courtney read Gitanjali 67 by Rabindranath Tagore



Singers in order of left to right on each row: Natasha Pittle, Veronica Kelii, Andrea Decker, Dianne Geivett, Patty Bell, Courtney Countryman Poteet, and Ashley Mangino. Brigitte



Bellavoine singing, on piano, and directing.



Final bows at the end of a stellar event with a standing ovation! Well done to all! Afterwards, Brigitte, Ashley and Gail Rwakatare chat.

Celebration of the life of Kathy Dagestino August 31, 2024 at 11:00 AM



The sacred gathering of Kathy Dagestino included a wonderful array of music. Kathy's ashes with portrait, Belle Musique Bell ringers, from left, Erin Earl and Charissa Harjo, family gathering.



Bell Musique Tolls the Eleventh Hour with Big Ben Chime before and Aimee Aul, Flute and Roxanne, Harp, performs various musical pieces through out the ceremony.



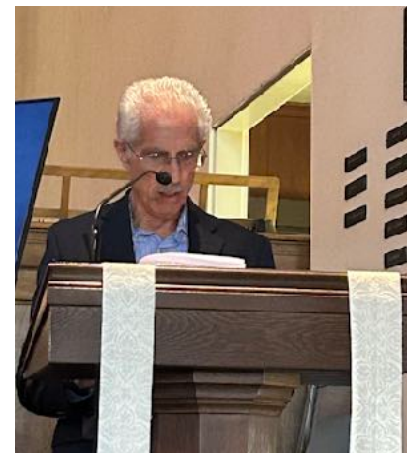
Dagastino Family and friends stand for the start of the service.



Burial of the Dead: Rite 2 and Daughters of the King prayers recognizing Kathy for her many years of service.



Eulogies above by Kathy's 2 sons Nicholas, Barry C. and husband, Barry S. Dagestino respectively. All selected scriptural readings were done by Nicholas, Pete Cangialosi, lower right and below, Dcn .Dominique.





Belle Music continues, followed by a memorable memorial Homily by Fr. Barrett. Sophie Dagestino sings *For Sentimental Reasons* by William Best & lyrics by Deek Watson with accompanist from St Andrew's. Prior to Holy Eucharist, the congregation stood and greeted each other and the family at the Peace. Family and friends lower right.



During the procession offering the gifts, church members and members of the Dagestino Family brought the oblation offered and placed on the Altar for consecration. After presentation, they all received a blessing.

Below, full Choir present.



Sophie Dagestino's Musical Offering, *Smile* by Charlie Chaplin and lyrics by John Turner and Geoffery Parsons. A very sentimental performance.



The entire family and combined staff and clergy of Blessed Sacrament, Placentia and St. Andrew's, Fullerton thanks all who attended in person and via our digital platforms, Facebook Live and Zoom for their presence to celebrate the eternal life of Kathy Dagestino. Celebration continued in Scully Hall with pictures below.

Daughters of the King prayer by Kathy's ashes pronounced by Fr. Barrett and Fr. Bill Garrison, St. Andrew's.

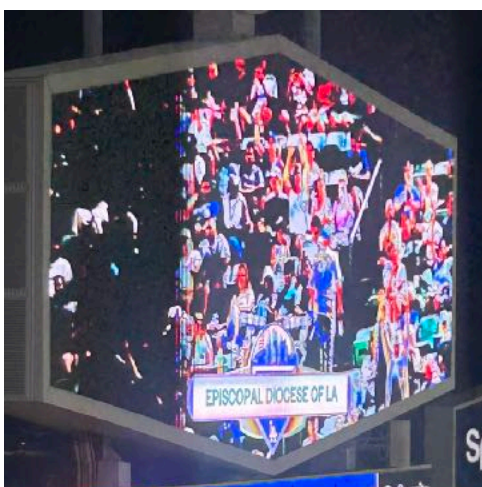
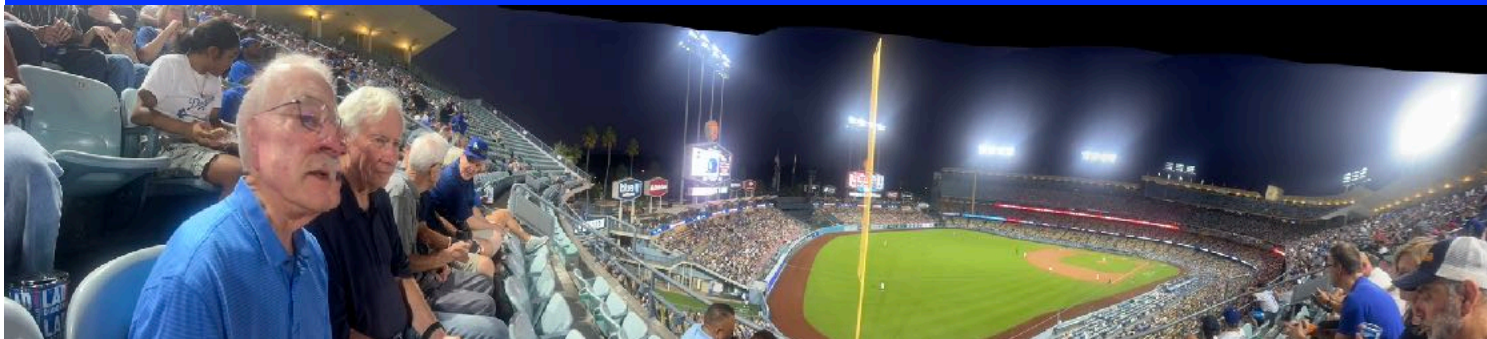




Some family photos previous page and here with a pano of Scully Hall and a family photo at bottom left. A truly sentimental and loving gathering honoring Kathy who will be missed by all.



Episcopal Night at LA Dodger Stadium

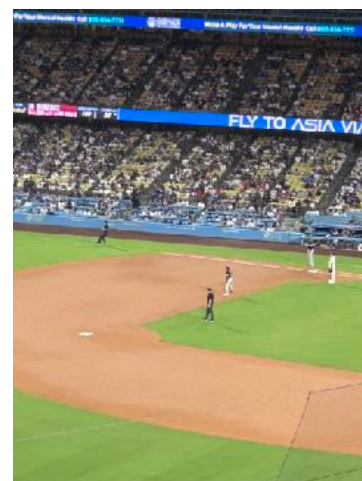


Blessed Sacrament at the game. Pano at top set the stage, close ups of us in the stands plus the greeting on. The scoreboard sign showing our presence..

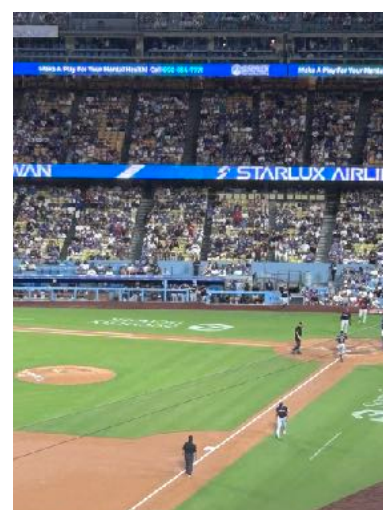
Pano below of our section.



Our Bishop John Taylor is out there somewhere!



A home run with the screamer circled in red and Cleveland's player around the diamond top left between first and second, then left hitting third and right at home! Cleveland won 3-1. Definitely a pitcher's night!



Outreach Laundry Love

On September 19, 2024, Blessed Sacrament Laundry Love served 61 people, doing 500 loads of wash and dry, spending \$859.25 (\$1.72/load, \$14.09/person, 8.2 loads/person). Two boxes of crayons and two coloring books were given to children. Tom Johnson, Marion Lee, and Doug Lee assisted Busy Bee Laundry employees Beatrix and Yasmine. CLC contributed \$20 cash. Detergent was provided by [EarthBreeze.com](https://www.earthbreeze.com) at no charge. Thanks very much to all supporters.

Yours very truly,
Doug Lee

Homecoming Sunday & Baptism of Zayn Anthony Phillips Sunday, September 15, 2024, 9:30 AM



Baptism Font ready and before the service, blessing of the children.



Aimee Aul does the Readings, Fr Barrett, the Gospel plus censing and the baptismal homily.
Below, Items ready and Fr. Barrett calls for the Presentation and family and friends gather at the Font.



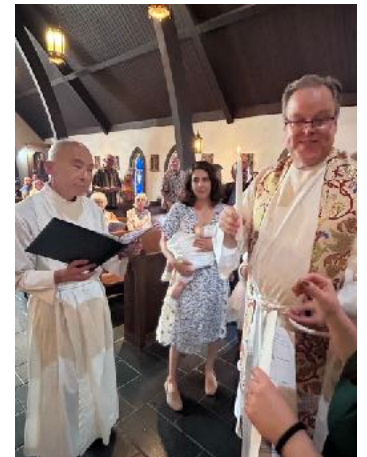


Next, with Doug Lee assisting, Fr. Barrett blesses the water by swirling his hand thru it and reciting the liturgy. Scallop shell is used to hold the water for the baptism by wetting the head.

After the baptism, Fr. Barrett blesses the congregation with Holy Water with some welcoming the sprinkles with open hands and upturned faces. The baptismal party and guests are now up front for the anointing and candle presentation to carry the Light out into the world.

Below, we welcome the newly baptized Zayn Anthony Phillips!

During the Peace, gifts are distributed to some of our new families who are joining us.





Below, with the start of The Great Thanksgiving, the Oblations (Bread and Wine) are carried by the parents of Zayn, Alexis and Steve Phillips. Offering by Carol Ann Miller and Mueni Musembi. We had over 80 people that were part of the Holy Eucharist. Afterwards, there was a special reception honoring the newly baptized and our new members of the parish.



At the reception, new members were also introduced including Alfredo Villalobos, Cliff Meyers, Lee and Patti Emory, Robert Benn and Zayne's parents, Alexis and Steve Phillips and guests Zöe Benn and her fiancé Noah Menke, whilst hamburgers and hot dogs were being grilled outside.

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