

FOR ALL THE SAINTS



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ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, San Diego*

ALL SAINTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SIXTH & PENNSYLVANIA, HILLCREST

SAN DIEGO'S TRADITIONAL ANGLO-CATHOLIC PARISH

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SERVICES

SUNDAYS

8:00am	LOW MASS
10:00am	HIGH MASS

DAILY MASS

Tuesdays	7:00am & 12 noon
Wednesdays	9:30am
Thursdays	7:00am & 6:00pm
Fridays	9.30am
Saturdays	9:00am

CONFESSIONS ARE HEARD BY APPOINTMENT

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FATHER TONY WRITES...

Dear parishioners & friends,

At our Patronal Festival on Sunday November 4th I pointed out that the centenary of the laying of the cornerstone of our church is in 2012. This is a very significant event. I announced a 5 year season of preparation, so that we may observe this anniversary with proper celebrations. In the new year I will be establishing a committee to start planning a program and festivities.

PATRONAL FESTIVAL

The celebration of our Feast of Title was a wonderful day. Thank you to Robert MacLeod and the choir for the magnificent music at High Mass and Evensong. The attendances were the best we have had in my time.

Next year All Saints' Day falls on a Saturday. I am wondering, therefore, if Evensong and Benediction should be on the Saturday night, instead of on the Sunday? Although the attendance was excellent, I know some people find it difficult to attend Mass in the morning and then return in the evening for Evensong.

NEW ALTAR MISSAL

All Saints' Day was the first occasion we have used the new altar missal. The old one was falling apart, and Robert Landfield gave the missal in loving memory of his parents.

CHURCH BELL

Everyone has appreciated the ringing of the bell. It not only rings out on Sunday, but the Angelus is rung during the week. I thank George Dreyer for restoring it into use, and saving the parish thousands of dollars.

OPENING THE CHURCH

As I indicated in the October magazine, the church is now open during the week. Our parish administrator, Terry, opens it up about 9 am and closes it about 5 pm. A nice sign, painted by Teresa Lindenmeyer, indicates it is open for prayer.

The West doors are wide open. This not only gives a grand view of the sanctuary, but it deters anyone from doing mischief. So far we have had a regular stream of people calling in to pray, or just sitting quietly. Votive lamps are lit, sermons and other literature are taken and prayer requests left. This is all good.

STEWARDSHIP

Our stewardship dinner in October was a wonderful night. 115 people attended, and enjoyed a delicious dinner from Phil's Barbecue. Four of the Walsingham pilgrims entertained us with their stories, including Ruby's cough medicine!

The children sang for us, and John Gray screened photos of parish life and the pilgrimage. After dinner I gave my stewardship address, highlighting achievements of the past 12 months and future plans. The Senior Warden, Rick Ochocki, finished the night in his inimitable way, encouraging us all to renew our financial commitment to the parish.

Everyone agreed that it was one of the best social events we have had at All Saints'. Since then there has been an encouraging response from our parishioners in their pledging for 2008. I am very hopeful that we will have a balanced budget next year. This will be a significant achievement, as the budget is \$370,000. Not only are there the usual increased costs to allow for, but we are now committed to increased budgeting for our parish administrator and the choir. As always, I thank everyone for their commitment to our parish. I know it is a commitment in thanksgiving to our heavenly father for all his blessings – but it is also a response to the good things happening in our parish. I am blessed to be your Rector!

EXTRA GIVING

Some people may not be aware that there are several special funds that they can give to in addition to their general pledging. Jim Mickelson, our business manager, suggested I list them.

- + Music Fund (for the choir, music, special expenses, etc)
- + Flowers (Memorial gifts are given most weeks)
- + Clergy Special Expenses (Rector's discretionary a/c)
- + Ascend Fund (building projects)

CHRISTMAS

Once again we prepare to celebrate the birth of Our Lord and Savior. The usual special Services will be held, and these are detailed on pages 7 & 8.

This year we are introducing a **NEW SERVICE**. Many of you will be familiar with the traditional Service of nine lessons and carols for Christmas. This was first held at Kings College, Cambridge over 70 years ago, and is held in many churches throughout the world. We will be holding this traditional Service at 5pm on **Sunday, January 6th**.

The service consist of nine readings which gradually tell the Christmas story interspersed with carols sung by the congregation and anthems sung by the choir. There is no sermon, and it concludes with Benediction. After the Service we will have a **Christmas Supper**. This is instead of the Christmas lunch we have had on this day in previous years. We bring traditional Christmas food and drink to share as we conclude the festival of Christmas on the feast of the Epiphany - the day which commemorates the visit of the three Wise Men to the Christ Child.

It seems hard to believe that we at the end of another year!
Thanks be to God for all his blessings to us.

Your priest and friend,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Fr Tony". The "Fr" is written in a cursive style, and "Tony" is written in a simple, slightly slanted font.



CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2007

CHRISTMAS EVE

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24th

6:00pm SOLEMN MASS

*A service especially for families
and includes the setting up of the Christmas Creche*

10:30pm CAROLS

Sung by the choir and congregation

11:00pm MIDNIGHT MASS

*A service with Procession and
Blessing of the Christmas Creche*

CHRISTMAS DAY

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25th

8:00am LOW MASS

10:00am HIGH MASS



SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30th, 2007

8:00am LOW MASS
10:00am HIGH MASS

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6th, 2008

*The day when we celebrate the arrival
of the three wise men at the Christmas Creche*

8:00am LOW MASS
10:00am HIGH MASS and
PROCESSION of the KINGS
This service includes the Blessing of Epiphany Chalk

5:00pm SERVICE OF NINE LESSONS
and CAROLS
A traditional service of Christmas readings and music

*Followed by a Christmas Potluck Supper
in the Parish Hall*



CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS

Friday December 21st

10.30 am - 11.30 am

Saturday December 22nd

10.30 am - 11.30 am

Monday December 24th

10.30 am - 11.30 am



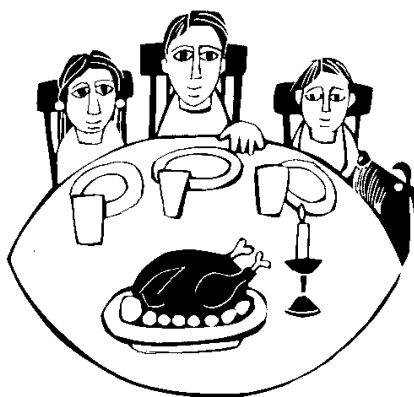
SUNDAY, JANUARY 6th, 2008
FOLLOWING THE 5pm CAROL SERVICE



PARISH CHRISTMAS POT LUCK SUPPER

This Christmas potluck supper gives us an opportunity as a parish family to enjoy a family Christmas supper together. What better way to start the new year than a parish family, gathered together for a meal.

All Parishioners are invited to bring special Christmas food and goodies for a time of fellowship and Christmas joy.





SUNDAY, JANUARY 27th, 2008
11:15am

PARISH ANNUAL MEETING

Annual reports must be submitted to the parish office before Christmas. They will be printed and distributed at Mass on Sunday, January 13th.

Elections will be held for four (4) new Vestry members. Nomination forms are available and should be submitted by January 13th.

CHURCH TEACHING SERIES

NUMBER 7

LIGHTING A CANDLE

Background

Light is something that most people take so much for granted, that we hardly give it a second thought. Nowadays most of our houses are lit by electricity, but not so long ago people relied on gas, oil, and candle power for artificial light.

The need for light is fundamental. There can be no life without light. It will come as no surprise, then, to learn that images of light and darkness recur throughout the Bible.

Almost the first thing that we read in the Old Testament (Genesis 1: 2) is that in the beginning “The earth was without form and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep”. The very first action of God in creation was to say “Let there be light; and there was light. And God saw that light was good”.

In the New Testament too, light is a key image. The Gospel according to Saint John describes our Lord as “the light”. Not the ‘light’ created by God, but the Creator himself! Our Lord, too, uses the image of light to teach his disciples, when he says that we should shine as lights exposed on hilltops, and not hide our faith under buckets.

Candles in Church - The Paschal Candle

A Paschal Candle can be found in most churches, and it is easy to identify. It could well be taller and fatter than any other candle in church, but it is certain to be the only candle to be decorated either with a transfer or by being

painted. From Easter to Pentecost, it will be in a prominent position in the Sanctuary near to the High Altar.

The Paschal Candle is named after the PASCH, the passion, death, and resurrection of the Lord. The candle is blessed at the Easter Vigil ceremonies, and represents Christ the light of the world. The Easter Vigil includes the first Eucharist of Easter, and is a dramatic representation of the mysteries of creation and redemption. It begins in total darkness, but ends in a flood of candle-lit glory!

Two of the ceremonies are of particular interest here:

1. Immediately after lighting, the Paschal Candle is carried in procession through the darkened church. As the Paschal Candle approaches the Choir, the ministers and congregation in turn light candles they are holding from the Paschal Candle, and from each other. This is a powerful image of the way in which we come to share in the living light of Christ, and also spread that light throughout the world.

2. Towards the end of the Vigil, before the Eucharist, the Paschal Candle is taken in procession to the font. This reminds us that in Baptism we enter into the tomb of death with Christ, only to rise again with him whose resurrection we are about to celebrate. After Pentecost the Paschal candle is kept in the Baptistry for use during Holy Baptism. It is also used at funerals as a symbol of the Risen Christ.

Altar Candles and Processional Lights

The number of candles used to decorate altars can vary, but traditionally they are in combinations of two, four, and six. A useful rule of thumb is that the more candles, the more important the altar is likely to be.

Side and Lady Chapel altars normally have two, or sometimes four candles (two being lit for low mass, and four being lit on high feast days). The High Altar would have anything up to six candles. The most obvious symbolism is that the altar represents the throne of God, from which the light of Christ shines upon his gathered people. You may also find it helpful to meditate upon what the number and arrangement of the candles might suggest.

Candles carried in procession are a simple, but effective way of honouring both the cross which they accompany, and also the priest as he represents the person of Christ. Their use adds both dignity and colour to the Church's worship.

Baptism Candles

The Book of Common Prayer Rite of Baptism provides for the presentation of a lighted candle to the newly baptized person. Before the service begins the Paschal Candle is lit, and the baptismal candle is lit from this. The symbolism demonstrates clearly that, through the Rite of Baptism, the newly baptized person shares in the life of the Risen Lord, represented by the Paschal Candle. The words which accompany the candle also point to an important meaning:

“Receive the light of Christ. Parents and godparents, this light is entrusted to you to be kept burning brightly. This child of yours has been enlightened by Christ, he (she) is to walk always as a child of the light. May he (she) keep the flame of faith alive in his (her) heart. When the Lord comes, may he (she) go out to meet him with all the saints in the heavenly kingdom.”

Prayer Candles

At All Saints' we are fortunate enough to worship in a church which has a stand for holding votive or prayer candles. When you go into a church which does, one will usually be found near a statue or shrine to a saint or Our Lord Jesus Christ. Lighting a candle in prayer is a powerful symbol, full of meanings.

1. The lit candle reminds us of our Baptism, and the way that we share in the life of Christ by sharing in the life of the Church.
2. When we go, leaving the burning candle behind, we are reminded that our souls never leave the presence of God, in company with his saints.
3. Prayer is not self-centered, it is God-centered, and an important element is prayer for other people and causes. When lighting your candles, it is a very good idea to light a candle for those others you want to pray for.

The candle will not be a substitute for the prayer of your heart, but an accompaniment. A small offering which, in honouring the saint and giving glory to God, speaks both from the heart and to the heart. Lighting votive candles in church, when asking the prayers of the saints and thereby to the greater glory of God, is a devotional practice in which many millions of Christians the world over have found inspiration.

CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY OUTREACH



On Friday, December 7th, 2007 as part of our parish outreach to the community; the outreach committee has organized a carol singing event and have invited families from our pre-school to join us in going around the area to sing Christmas Carols. We will meet in the Parish Hall between 5:30 - 6pm before going out as a group.

Following a night of singing, we will all come back to the Parish Hall for a hot chocolate social.

For more information please contact Kim Evans: outreach@allsaintschurch.org

JOKES PAGE

The headlines of the year...that didn't quite make it...

Some headlines can hinder more than help...

- Farmer Bill Dies in House
- Nation's Head Seeks Arms
- Safety Experts Say School Bus Passengers Should Be Belted
- Drunk Gets Nine Months in Violin Case
- Survivor of Siamese Twins Joins Parents
- Eye Drops off Shelf
- Squad Helps Dog Bite Victim
- Two Ships Collide, One Dies
- Panda Mating Fails; Veterinarian Takes Over
- Red Tape Holds Up New Bridge
- Typhoon Rips Through Cemetery; Hundreds Dead
- New Study of Obesity Looks for Larger Test Group
- Children Make Nutritious Snacks
- Hospital is Sued by Seven Foot Doctors
- Include your Children when Baking Biscuits

The teacher asked her Sunday School class to draw pictures of their favorite Bible stories. She was puzzled by Kate's picture, which showed four people on an airplane. She asked her which story it was meant to represent. "The Flight to Egypt," was her reply.

Pointing at each figure, the teacher ventured: "That must be Mary, Joseph, and Baby Jesus. But who's the fourth person?" "Oh," explained Kate happily, "that's Pontius - the pilot!"

K-B BOOKS VISITS ALL SAINTS'
Sunday, December 16th, 2007



When the cathedral closed the bookstore because they were in need of the space, I took a three month sabbatical and then was very aware that our Lord was still calling me to this Ministry and so I began again. I do not have a store front. I visit the different parishes in the Diocese throughout the year, also supply the books for the OSL Healing missions, Faith Alive Weekends, Alpha Projects, Cursillo, retreats and other functions of the Women of the Church ie: DOK. I also give bookshows for some parishes in the Lutheran Church as well as the Roman Catholic Church. I will be bringing special items related to Advent and Christmas through Epiphany. Coffee table books, special gift items, sterling silver crosses, Gift editions of the prayer book from 1662 just as an example. All styles and price range of the prayer book including the new prayerbook and bible. Prayerbook and Hymnal. Also books on the Blessed Mother and praying the rosary. I am currently working on a web site which will be completed in time for the Lenten season. I currently do a lot of work in the order field but this will make it more convenient for people. I am looking forward to being with you all. Kathryn Bunch owner formerly of the Cathedral Bookstore.

ALL SAINTS PRE-SCHOOL

Christmas Service
Wednesday, December 19th, 2007
6:30pm
At All Saints' Church

The text is framed by a decorative border of green Christmas trees. There are 14 trees in each of the four corners, forming a rectangular shape around the central text.

Praying for our Military

Please keep in your prayers
the following members of our Parish
and their families

On active duty

Fr David Thames
Amy Garrett

At Home

Robert White
Ian Kelley
Mark Llewellyn
Nua Moa
Mike Wilson
Ben Apple

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