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FOR

# All The Saints



May/June 2010

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# ALL SAINTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

6TH & PENNSYLVANIA, HILLCREST  
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SAN DIEGO'S TRADITIONAL ANGLICAN PARISH



## SERVICES

### SUNDAYS

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

### DAILY MASS

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

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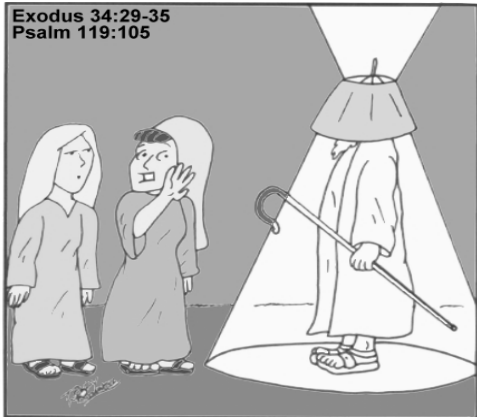
Rector's Administrative Secretary: Ms. Melissa Lamar

Associate Priest: Fr. Victor Krulak, S.C.C.



(See Matthew 14:14-21) 03-13-2009

**YES I COULD MAKE FIVE THOUSAND OF THOSE,  
BUT A FEW FISH AND SOME BREAD MIGHT BE A  
BETTER OPTION**



Exodus 34:29-35  
Psalm 119:105

**"We finally found a useful  
way to handle Moses'  
'shining face' situation..."**



May his 'REIGN' in your life be as refreshing  
as springtime 'RAINS' watering the Earth.  
Psalms 72:6



## FATHER TONY WRITES

My dear friends,

On Sunday May 2nd Bishop Mathes visited All Saints'. Both Services were well attended, and our bishop appreciated sharing in our Anglocatholic worship. At 10 am he celebrated the High Mass and the sacrament of Confirmation. We congratulate Kayleen Norstrom, Craig Tuttle & Chuck Garrett, and assure them of our continuing prayers for their fuller life in Christ. After the reception the bishop met with the Vestry over lunch. He shared his thoughts about parish ministry with us, and spoke positively about our parish. We are obviously one of the growing and vital parishes in the diocese, as far as he is concerned.

### EASTER

Once again there was a wonderful celebration of Holy Week and Easter at All Saints'. In particular, the 3 special liturgies of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday & the Easter Vigil were beautiful and uplifting. These Services are not a little complicated, but all went well. The music was inspiring, of course, and the solo at the



end of the Maundy Thursday liturgy, "When the first bird cried", was breath-taking. All came to a glorious climax on Easter day, with 2 wonderful Services. It was very pleasing to see new people at all our Services, most of which had increased attendances.

As always, I thank everyone who made our Holy Week and Easter so wonderful, especially Mr. Robert MacLeod, the choir, the acolytes, the altar guild, the flower guild & those who organized the receptions. I was sick during Holy Week, & could hardly sing - but that made it all even more glorious for me!

#### HAITI APPEAL

When I celebrated the 30th anniversary of my ordination to the priesthood on February 2nd, I designated the collection at the Mass to go to our SSM sisters working in Haiti. The sisters in Haiti are a branch house of the Society of St Margaret in Boston - and the same community as the sisters at Walsingham, of which I am priest associate. The Haiti sisters run schools & orphanages, as well as being a witness to Christ by their life and prayers. I am pleased to say that I was able to send over \$1,600 to the sisters, and thank all those who were generous in their giving to the appeal.

#### PARKING ON SUNDAYS

As our parish has grown, so parking in Sundays has become a problem. The funeral company at Anderson & 5th Ave - formerly Merkley Mitchell - has advised that parishioners may use their parking lot on Sunday mornings.




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## PRAYING FOR OUR MILITARY

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

Robert White  
Ian Kelley  
Mark Llewellyn  
Michael Leader  
Nua Moa  
Amy Garrett  
Chuck Garrett  
Johnathan Gray  
Warren Klam

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### All Saints' Episcopal Pre-School

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### Luke 24:26

*“Was it not necessary for the Christ to suffer?”*

It was tempting for the disciples to dismiss the suffering of their friend once they knew he had been raised; but his suffering is essential to the whole mystery of his eternal life.

*PRAYER:* Lord Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, when there is pain in my life or in the world, let me turn to you and behold the cross. *Amen.*

### Luke 24:36

*“Peace be to you.”*

The most common greeting of the risen Christ to his followers was the wish for them to be at peace. Peace is also ours when we have faith in the Resurrection.

*PRAYER:* Lord Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, make me a sign of your peace, so others will find your presence in me. *Amen.*

### John 20:15

*“Why are you weeping?”*

It is natural to weep when we are grieving; Jesus himself wept at the tomb of Lazarus. But he also is the Way, Truth, and Life who leads us beyond our sorrow.

*PRAYER:* Lord Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, you know the trials of our lives, and we know you bring us, in due time, to your joy. *Amen*



### SECURITY

Following the burglary last year, we have become more security conscious in the parish office. However, I was surprised to discover that some ladies are leaving their hand-bags, etc. in the pew when they come to the altar for Holy Communion. This is an open invitation to a stranger! Please bring your valuables with you when you come up for Communion.

### CHORAL CONCERT - June 20th.

Last year our organist, Mr. Robert Macleod, presented a choral concert featuring our choir and soloists. This was a wonderful evening, and attracted a full church. A second concert is being planned for June 20th. You will not want to miss this - do bring your friends!

### CHURCH FLOOR

Several years ago we removed the carpet from the sanctuary, then repaired and resurfaced the floor. The result was so good, that we then did the same in the Lady Chapel. We are now going ahead with the Nave. During July the pews will be taken out & the floor repaired and resurfaced. For 2 Sundays, Mass will be celebrated in the Parish Hall. This should be an experience, and make us appreciate our lovely church even more!

### OUR WORSHIP TRADITION

At All Saints' we use Rite 1 for our Services. This is the traditional Mass, with the original Prayer Book language. Most Episcopal parishes use Rite 2, in modern English - what is amusingly referred to as "You Hoo"



speak (as in "God, You who....")! Another difference is that the celebrant faces the altar, as opposed to standing behind it, facing the people. This is called the Eastward Position, and was one of the traditions the Anglo-Catholic clergy fought for in the 19th century.

The change in ritual from the eastward position was a product of Vatican 2 reforms of the Roman Catholic church. Many people assume it is just a matter of taste - however there are theological reasons why the eastward position is the proper position for the celebrant at the altar. Interestingly, under the current Pope there is now a return to the traditional eastward position at the altar. I often say that what we do at All Saints' is what the rest of the church used to do....now I have to say that what we do is what the rest of the church will be doing soon!

A recent article about the Bishop of Tulsa returning to the traditional practice caught my attention. It outlines theological reasons for the tradition. I reprint it on pages 9/12 as part of my Church Teaching Series.

#### PARISH MAILING LIST

Every time we post the magazine, there are problems with the parish mailing list. We need to update our computer data base, and check the mailing program. A form is enclosed for parishioners to use. Could you please return this to the parish office some time soon. Thank you.



#### Mark 16:15

*"Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation."*

The death and resurrection of Christ is not good news that we selfishly keep to ourselves, but is meant to be told to all the world.

*PRAYER:* Lord Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, make me a joyful messenger for you, send me into the world today and every day. *Amen.*

#### Matthew 28:10

*"Do not be afraid."*

The first followers of Christ did not immediately understand his glorified, risen presence among them, and so they were frightened. Like them, we are sometimes fearful, but Christ comforts us.

*PRAYER:* Lord Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, grant me faith when I am fearful, so I may trust in the power of your resurrection. *Amen.*

#### Matthew 28:20

*"I am with you always."*

As Christ prepared to ascend to reign from heaven, he assured us, his Church, that through the Holy Spirit, he would remain with us always.

*PRAYER:* Lord Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, help me to know you are with me always, and with the Church, in the Spirit, forever. *Amen.*



## *First Words of the Risen Christ*



The traditional devotion of the last words of Christ on the cross helps us know his unique, self-surrendering sacrifice to his Father in the Passion. The first words spoken by Christ after his resurrection also give us, his Church, an insight into the glory that is his and ours in baptism.

FOCUS ON THE MEDITATION AND  
PRAYER PROVIDED WITH THESE WORDS  
FROM THE RISEN SAVIOR:



### SPECIAL LEAVE

During Holy Week I was not well. As well as the usual exhaustion that affects all priests at that time of the year, I had to accept that I was suffering from stress. I subsequently met with Bishop Mathes and raised the matter of my health and well-being. During our conversation the bishop agreed that having a break from the parish would be appropriate. I then met with the Vestry Personnel Committee. We had an open and honest discussion in which I raised the matter of needing a break from the parish. The Committee decided that I should have a month's special leave, in addition to my usual annual leave.

I had planned to have the second week of my annual leave at the beginning of June, and had booked to go to the Oberammergau Passion Play with Fr Stephen Powers. I will be leaving for this trip on June 2nd. After that I will have 4 weeks special leave, and plan to visit family and close friends in Australia.

My last Sunday will be May 30th, and I will return on July 7th. During my absence Fr Krulak & Fr Edwards will be responsible for Services and pastoral ministry. Any requests for priestly ministry should be directed to the parish office during business hours.

I would be grateful if you would hold me up in prayer during this period, and thank you for your support.

Fr Tony



## FACILITIES REPORT

1. Carpet in the office areas has been cleaned
2. Bent gate entrance on 7th Avenue has been repaired
3. Enclosing storage shed for use of WIC tenants is near completion
4. Bids being taken to repair broken stained glass window above the vestibule
5. Bids being taken to refinish church floors and pews
6. Bids being taken by outside agency to refinish & repair all grill work
7. Repairs to stucco around the church will begin soon

Submitted by:

Ruby Littler  
Facilities Chair



The introduction of this novelty, he says, was “partly to help the people understand the liturgical action of the Mass by allowing them to see what was going on, and partly as an accommodation to contemporary culture where people who exercise authority are expected to face directly the people they serve, like a teacher sitting behind her desk.”

He then sums up in three quick points the negative consequences of this innovation: “First of all, it was a serious rupture with the Church’s ancient tradition. Secondly, it can give the appearance that the priest and the people were engaged in a conversation about God, rather than the worship of God. Thirdly, it places an inordinate importance on the personality of the celebrant by placing him on a kind of liturgical stage.”

The Bishop goes on to note that Pope Benedict, when Cardinal Ratzinger, urged a recovery of more authentic Catholic worship based on the ancient liturgical practice, “For that reason,” says Bishop Slattery, “I have restored the venerable *ad orientem* position when I celebrate Mass at the Cathedral. This change ought not to be misconstrued as the Bishop ‘turning his back on the faithful’, as if I am being inconsiderate or hostile. Such an interpretation misses the point that, by facing the same direction, the posture of the celebrant and the congregation make explicit the fact that we journey together to God.”





The Bishop says, “Having the priest and people celebrate Mass ad orientem was the liturgical norm for nearly 18 centuries. There must have been solid reasons for the Church to have held on to this posture for so long. And there were! First of all, the Catholic liturgy has always maintained a marvelous adherence to the Apostolic Tradition. We see the Mass, indeed the whole liturgical expression of the Church’s life, as something which we have received from the Apostles and which we, in turn, are expected to hand on intact. (*1 Corinthians 11:23*).”

Secondly, the Bishop continues, “the Church held on to this single eastward position because of the sublime way it reveals the nature of the Mass. Even someone unfamiliar with the Mass who reflected upon the celebrant and the faithful being oriented in the same direction would recognize that the priest stands at the head of the people, sharing in one and the same action, which was - he would note with a moment’s longer reflection - an act of worship.”

He then makes the point: “In the last 40 years, however, this shared orientation was lost; now the priest and the people have become accustomed to facing in opposite directions. The priest faces the people while the people face the priest, even though the Eucharistic Prayer is directed to the Father and not to the people.”

Bishop Slattery never refers to Mass facing the people as some sort of recovery of an ancient tradition, but clearly speaks of it as “innovation” that took place after Vatican II - an innovation with negative consequences.



## 2nd Annual Choral Performance

June 20, 2010

4:00pm

All Saints’ Parish and Professional Soloist will be presenting their annual concert of classical sacred choral music..

This program will be dedicated to the memory of Harold G. Lutz. Mr. Lutz was, for many years, a local music educator, mentor, composer, and was Director of Music at the First Presbyterian Church of San Diego. The program will include his festival anthem IF GOD BE FOR US.

ORGANIST & CHOIR MASTER:

Robert MacLeod



ASSISTED BY:

Organist, James Hansen and two trumpets

*Last years concert was a large success and was very well attended. Due to the nature of this year’s program, we expect to have many guests from outside the church. Please come and support us and bring a friend.*



## CHURCH TEACHING SERIES #2

### The Eastward Position at the Altar:

By John Vennari

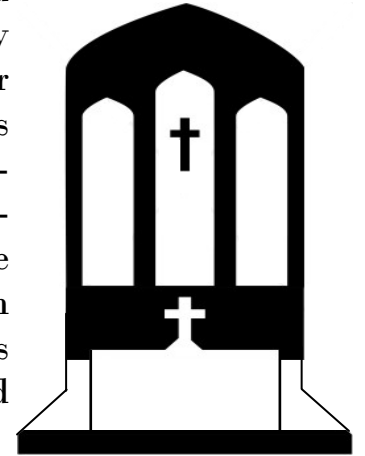
The September 2009 issue of Eastern Oklahoma Catholic featured a brief article by Bishop Edward J. Slattery, Ordinary of the Diocese of Tulsa, Oklahoma. The Bishop explains why he had ceased the practice of Mass facing the people, and now celebrates Mass facing the altar (*ad orientem*).

Though the article does not specify whether the Bishop will celebrate Old Latin Mass or Novus Ordo *ad orientem*, it is said Bishop Slattery is well disposed toward the Tridentine Mass. The fact that a United States Bishop displays a clear understanding of why Mass should be celebrated *ad orientem* is one of the few rays of hope in the Church in America. His words deserve to be widely known.

Bishop Slattery opens by explaining the Mass as “Christ’s sacrifice under the sacramental signs of bread and wine”, and goes on to explain that the people share in this offering, which is done through the priest.



“From ancient times, the position of the priest and the people reflected this understanding of the Mass,” writes Bishop Slattery, “since the people prayed, standing or kneeling, in the place that visibly corresponded to Our Lord’s Body, while the priest at the altar stood at the head as the Head, we formed the whole Christ - Head and members - both sacramentally by Baptism and visibly by our position and posture. Just as importantly, everyone - celebrant and congregation - faced the same direction, since they were united with Christ in offering to the Father Christ’s unique, unrepeatable and acceptable sacrifice.”



He points out that when we study the most ancient liturgical practices of the Church, “we find that the priest and the people faced in the same direction, toward the east, in the expectation that when Christ returns, He will return ‘from the East’. At Mass, the Church keeps vigil, waiting for that return. This single position is called *ad orientem*, which simply means ‘toward the East’.”

He then speaks of the multiple advantages of Mass *ad orientem*: