

FOR ALL THE SAINTS



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ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, San Diego*

HOLY WEEK 2008

16TH - 23RD MARCH



PALM SUNDAY

8:00am LOW MASS with blessing of palm crosses
10:00am HIGH MASS with blessing of palm crosses and
Palm Procession

MONDAY in HOLY WEEK

Mass at 6pm

TUESDAY in HOLY WEEK

Masses at 7am, 12noon, and 6pm

WEDNESDAY in HOLY WEEK

Masses at 9:30am and 6pm

THE SACRED TRIDUUM

MAUNDY THURSDAY

9:30am Low Mass
7:00pm HIGH MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

GOOD FRIDAY

12noon Stations of the Cross
7:00pm LITURGY of the PASSION

HOLY SATURDAY

7:00pm EASTER VIGIL and FIRST MASS of EASTER

EASTER DAY

8:00am LOW MASS with Hymns
10:00am HIGH MASS with Procession



FATHER TONY WRITES...

Dear friends,

The season of Lent is half-way through – and now we are looking forward to Holy Week. This is the most important week of the whole year for a Christian. Our Services will be inspiring and wonderful. Every year, like all Anglo-Catholic priests, I encourage you to make a real effort to attend as many Services as possible – but particularly the unique Services of the Easter Triduum. These liturgies go back to the early days of the church, and are celebrated in Jerusalem, and all over the Christian world.

MAUNDY THURSDAY	7.00 pm
GOOD FRIDAY	7.00 pm
HOLY SATURDAY	7.00 pm

These are not the only Services, of course. But they are special, and enable us to enter into the central mystery of our Faith – the death and resurrection of Our Lord.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

We began Lent with five of our children receiving their first Holy Communion on Sunday February 10th. This was a wonderful Service. The children came up with some interesting responses to my questions during the sermon – but when they made their first Communion I could see that it was a significant moment for them. It has been an interesting challenge for me to prepare them, and the teaching sessions are continuing. We must all encourage them in their new life in Christ. Please continue to pray for Andrew White, Matthew White, Eva Dreyer, Lacey Wilson & Sarah Woodward.

LENT

During the season of Lent the church encourages us to find more time for prayer and meditation, and to be more diligent in our praying. This is a challenge for me – and then I realize that the extra effort I am making should be my normal routine! After Easter I look for this to be an ongoing benefit in my spiritual life. What many of us find difficult is to find the presence of God in our daily lives.

An old friend of mine, Fr Ian Hunter, wrote a very sensible article about this for his parish magazine. I am reproducing it in this magazine, on pages 8/11.

BENEDICTION

During Lent we have a special Service on Saturday evenings - an hour of silent prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. It concludes with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Benediction is a Service of adoration and blessing, usually at the end of Evensong. It has been a long tradition of our parish, but many people may not be aware of its meaning and significance. On pages 12/15 I print an article about Benediction. This is a continuation of the Church Teaching Series that we publish in the magazine.

COMMUNITY COACHING CENTER

CCC is the group that leases the cottages & playground on the south side of the parish hall. This is an organization that does a remarkable job educating autistic children. The staff and volunteers are very happy being on All Saints' premises, and it is a wonderful use of our facilities.

Recently CCC was named the *2008 Health Hero* by the Combined Health Agencies, the fund-raising partners of United Way.

150th ANNIVERSARY

At our patronal festival last November I announced a five year preparation for the centenary of our church, which is on Sunday June 10th 2012. I have now appointed a chairman for a committee to start planning the celebrations, Rick Ochocki. You will be hearing more of this!

CONFIRMATION

Our bishop will be at All Saints' on the Sunday after Easter, March 30th. I will be presenting several adults for Confirmation at the High Mass. The usual arrangements will apply: At 8 am I will be the celebrant and the bishop will preach. At 10 am the Bishop will celebrate & preach, attended by his chaplain.

Soon it will be Holy Week, and then Easter. I am looking forward to all the Services, with their profound ritual and inspiring music. I know this will be a wonderful experience for us all. And don't forget the chocolate party!

Your priest and friend,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr Tony". The "Fr" is written in a simple, slightly cursive style, followed by a horizontal line, and then the name "Tony" in a more fluid, cursive script.



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is after the Easter Vigil 7:00pm

Holy Saturday night, March 22nd, 2008
in the Parish Hall.

Please contact Judy Borchert
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High up and Far away –
Closer than breathing, nearer than hands and feet.

By Father Ian Hunter, SSC

Somebody asked me recently where an ordinary person could expect to find God in the middle of an ordinary week in an ordinary life. The absolute basis of Catholic Christianity is the Incarnation, and I would suggest that the Crib of Bethlehem and its implications go a long way towards answering this poignant question.

The Cosmic Christ is certainly high up and far away, but he is also closer than breathing and nearer than hands and feet.

Where do we look for God?

This is a very good question, and worth some thought. There is one obvious place where we find him and that is in the Sacraments – particularly Holy Communion in which we find him and he finds us on a regular basis. I am convinced that we do well to adorn the Eucharist with all of the ritual dignity that we can give it – for it is there that we let God *be* God and bask in his Glory and his Love.

Ideally the Eucharist should be our weekly “Mount of Transfiguration” where symbolically we join with Peter, James and John on Mount Tabor and behold the Cosmic Christ in his dazzling white robes. But the trio on Mount Tabor needed to come with Christ back to the everyday world where the full Glory of God is hidden.

We need to develop the consciousness of taking Christ – taking the Eucharist – in spirit wherever we go, and to accustom ourselves to seeing the Cosmic Christ in little things as well.

God in the Mirror.

To me, one of the great difficulties I have in waking up every day is that first look in the bathroom mirror where I see a sleep dishevelled visage with tousled hair all over the place, swollen eyes which don't seem to be focussing and dry mouth and lips. What a picture!!! Ugh!!!

How could I possibly believe that this is in the image of God??? Yet, when you come to think about it – the Incarnation meant that the great Cosmic God became truly human. Jesus must have had the same experience (maybe without the mirror) particularly on those many occasions when he must have slept outdoors. As I wash my face I try to remind myself that outward appearances don't really matter – and that I am in the process of waking from the gift of sleep which God has given me to live through another day which he has given me.

Through sleep and darkness safely brought – restored to life and power and thought.

Lord, allow me to see you in mundane as well as sublime things.

God at the Breakfast Table.

Breakfast Table – that's a laugh! Generally speaking Margaret and I grab a bowl of cereal, and have a cup of coffee and that's that!! But yet into this new day God has allowed us to have physical nourishment and food is his direct gift.

In one sense –all food is a form of communion (not The Communion of the Eucharist but a Communion in the sense of a meeting). What lies on the plate before us is a gift of God providing nourishment and

enjoyment, and a cause for thanksgiving:-

Bless O Lord this food to our use and us to your service

Lord allow me to see you in the food I eat.

God on Public Transport.

It's a startling thought, but even here the Incarnation exists in full power. That journey between home and work in a crowded bus, tram or train where we jostle one another, hope we can find a seat and curse under our respective breaths at the prospect of being late. God here???? Impossible???? But is it?

Each human being is a unique creation – made in the image of God. The Incarnation is the sign and seal of the essential connection between God and Humanity. Wherever human beings gather together (or are crushed together as at peak hours) God in Christ is surely present. It does us good to be reminded of this when we wait out a tram, train or bus journey.

Much of the time it might not make us feel better, but the knowledge of the unique nature of each and every human being in a crowd carries with it a definite inspiration.

Bless our way and our footsteps.

Lord make us mindful that you are with us as we travel.

God in the Workplace.

A devout workers' group in France has as its motto "My bench is my altar and my work my Mass". We need to be able to see the glory of the Lord in human labour – *all* of which can be seen as an offering to God.

In some senses, the more menial the task, the greater reflection it is of God's glory. We must never forget that the Incarnate Lord was not a public servant, entrepreneur, general or university professor – he was a carpenter, and the chief of his apostles, a fisherman.

The Incarnation is with us at work and all honest human labour is sanctified.

My bench is my altar and my work my Mass.

Jesus the Carpenter – you are with us in our daily work. Give us eyes to see you.

God in the Evening.

As we relax after a hard day the Incarnation of Our Lord is with us. Many times Jesus took the Apostles aside away from the crowds to allow them to rest and be with him. We have every right to say that Jesus is with us at times of relaxation, allowing us to revive our spirits.

Come apart into a desert place and rest awhile

Lord, at the end of the day you are with us as you will be when our eyes close on this earthly scene, and we awaken with you in Heaven. Amen.

CHURCH TEACHING SERIES

NUMBER 9

BENEDICTION

Benediction is a service which is closely linked to the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. Indeed it only comes to have any meaning at all if theologically we establish the fundamental relationship between Benediction on the one hand and the Eucharist action on the other. They are in reality a unity, not two separate things or services, but one. So we can only come to understand and appreciate Benediction if we have first understood and appreciated the Eucharist. Benediction is not a service on its own, nor is it mere ritual or a simply a cultic performance, its whole *raison d'être* is its fundamental unity and interrelatedness with what we are about when we make Eucharist; therein lies the clue for our interpretation.

The climax of the Eucharist is in the Eucharistic Prayer itself, that long and dignified prayer, with its roots reaching back into the Jewish Prayer tradition in the thanksgiving for food at the Passover, when in the concluding doxology the host and chalice are raised together and all signify their assent to this prayer which the Celebrant makes on behalf of all present - everyone saying "Amen". There is a pause - a moment's silence. What else could be our response in the presence of so great and tremendous a mystery, the sacramental presence of the Lord - "the real presence of the Church's Lord in the material elements consecrated in the Eucharist"(1*). But we cannot tarry or pause for very long, much as we may want to contemplate there and then this wonder which the Father has bestowed upon us. Hence the service of Benediction, in which the primary emphasis must be contemplation.

In other words, Benediction is the extension and prolonging of that climatic and charismatic moment in the Eucharist celebration, a time when we can at once catch breath and take in and apprehend the splendour and the glory which is revealed - the glory of the One who is the only-begotten of the Father's glory. It is a further feeding upon, a chewing over, a digesting of that food of eternal life which we receive in Holy Communion - *"unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink his blood, you have no life in you; he who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life and I will raise him up at the last day. For my flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed"*. (John 6: 53-55)

The bread of eternal Life is placed in the Monstrance and set forth, to be seen and apprehended by all present - just as in the elevation in the Eucharistic Prayer, the Host is lifted high for all to see. The emphasis during Benediction then is upon silence and contemplation, of receptivity and openness to the activity of God in oneself and one's life, in the Church and in the world. Again it is the sustaining of the aspects of nourishment, of the fullness of the riches of the Divine Life, that squandering of Love upon love which the Lord imparts to each and every one in Holy Communion. Here is no wafer worship, no idolatry: as professor Macquarrie (2*) reminds us "we are men not angels, we have a need of an earthly manifestation of the divine presence; and because he, in his grace and mercy, has promised to grant us his presence in this particular manifestation and in this particular meeting place".

Remember that it is in and through the Sacrament that we adore Christ, and it is through Jesus Christ, in the power of the Spirit, that we sing our praises to the Triune God. Thus all our prayer in Benediction, like the Eucharistic Prayer itself, is directed towards the Father, in praise and adoration and thanksgiving.

It is a moment of glory and joy before the Father into which we are caught up and in which we are privileged to share. *“Glory let us give and blessing to the Father and the Son; Honour, might and praise addressing, while eternal ages run; Ever to his love confessing, Who, from both, with both is one”*.

It is at this point that the climax of the celebration is reached - the Sacramental blessing of the people as the priest takes up the Monstrance, turns and makes the sign of the Cross with the Host over the people. Dr. Macquarrie (3*) quotes some words of Hugh Blenkin (4*) in his book ‘Immortal Sacrifice’: “God can never be the object of man’s worship, he is always the subject”.



Now the meaning of the blessing in this act of devotion is clear - God is always there, ahead, waiting for us, his arms open wide to receive us, our worship is simply a response. He takes the initiative and reaches out towards us before it has struck us that we ought sometimes to be turning towards him: the Lord is risen: he goes before you.

All the fullness of blessing of the age to come is intensely focused then as we conclude the service - here and now we glimpse that new heaven and earth of which the Seer speaks in Revelation (21: 2) - "the holy city, the new Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband"; here and now we hear that voice as it thunders forth from the throne saying, "Behold the dwelling of God is with men. He will dwell with them and they shall be his people and God himself will be with them".

So the final conclusion and response from the Church on earth as it is caught up in the worship "*Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created*". (Revelation 4: 11)

So we leave the Church and go out into the streets, into the city, into the world, with the praise of the Almighty ringing in our ears, our hearts rejoicing within, reminding and challenging us that it is right where we are in the thick of it day by day that we need to keep the perspectives and priorities right - focusing upon God, and the struggle into which we are pitched - the accomplishing of his Kingdom and the doing of his will, the establishing of freedom and dignity and justice for all mankind.

1* J. Macquarrie, Paths in Spirituality, p.99

2* J. Macquarrie, Ibid, p.100

3* J. Macquarrie, Ibid, p.101

4* H. Blenkin, Immortal Sacrifice, p.30

Sunday, March 30th, 2008

The Visit of our Bishop
The Rt. Revd. James Mathes

8:00am LOW MASS

The Bishop will preach

10:00am HIGH MASS

and CONFIRMATIONS

The Bishop will celebrate and preach

SAVE THE DATE

All Saints' Fundraising Committee would like to announce the date of the Annual Garden Party. It will be held at the home of Marjorie Mitchell, on Sunday, 1st June, 2008, at 3:00pm - 5:00pm.

Please watch this space
for more information



HOLY COMMUNION

by the Rector

It is a long time since many of us were taught how to receive Holy Communion. Older parishioners, along with newer members, may appreciate knowing what I have taught the children who recently received their first Holy Communion. If you were not taught in an Episcopal or Anglo-Catholic parish, you might find this helpful.

- On leaving your pew & returning you should genuflect, to acknowledge the Blessed Sacrament. We are acknowledging Our Blessed Lord, present in the Blessed Sacrament. This is usual when entering & leaving the church, also – because the Blessed Sacrament is present in the tabernacle on the high altar.
- The children receive by intinction. When they are confirmed they will be taught to drink from the chalice.
- Before the priest comes to you, make the sign of the cross & hold your palms out flat, right over left.
- The response to the words of administration is *Amen*.
- The chalice minister will take the host from you, intinct it in the chalice, & place it on your tongue. Please poke your tongue right out!
- After the chalice minister has given the chalice to the person next to you, then get up and leave. It is important to wait, so that you do not accidentally knock the person next to you as they receive from the chalice.

PROPERTY PROJECTS

At the February Vestry meeting the new chair of the Facilities Committee, Ruby Littler, outlined several projects for improvement of our property over the next few years:

- Office block/sacristies roof - new roof OR major repairs to existing.**
- New design for 6th Ave frontage.**
- Relocate men's toilet in Parish Hall & expand existing women's toilet so as to contain 2 stalls.**
- Improvement to 7th Ave parking lot – remove wire fencing & install attractive wall, with vegetation/shrubs**
- Memorial garden – still thinking about how & where this can be.**
- Removal of the carpet in the nave & re-surfacing of wooden floor.**

Praying for our Military

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

On active duty

Amy Garrett
Michael Tollison
Warren Klam

At Home

Fr Bill Cantrell
Fr David Thames
Robert White
Ian Kelley
Mark Llewellyn
Nua Moa
Mike Wilson
Ben Apple

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

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

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