

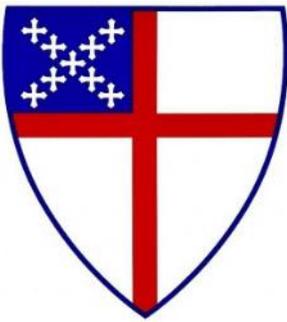


THE ANCHOR

NOVEMBER 2018

St. Clement's by-the-Sea
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Welcoming all since 1929



**Member, Anglican
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PARISH MISSION:**

Follow Christ through the way we live and love, spreading the good news of God in Christ, opening our hearts to all, and experience and spread joy in the process.



**“This Church of
Ours is Open To
All...There Will
Be No Outcasts.”**

-The Most Rev. Edmund
Browning Emeritus
Presiding Bishop



Jerusalem...

And so it begins! I'm flying into a sunset, and I wonder how many sunsets I'll see on this 14 hour journey, surely at least two. I'm so grateful to you who have made this continuing education and pilgrimage possible for me. As one of you said to me recently, "this must be a trip of a life-time for you." And that is so. Yet, while I wanted in general to travel to the Holy Land "someday," it really only entered into my consciousness as a real and present goal, about 3-4 years ago. I had read *Jesus, a Pilgrimage* by the Jesuit, James Martin, with several of you. A couple of years later, as our Lenten discipline, several of us read (and did) the "Christ Walk" a book and program wherein we studied and walked specific distances that were equivalent to those that Jesus would have walked in his time.



There was something about those experiences that affected me in profound ways. Something changed, and I knew I had to make this journey. Now, in my mind's eye, I see Christ smiling and waving for me to come and follow, and I joyfully anticipate walking some of the very steps that he trod. I'm quite sure Jesus didn't mean literally to walk his steps, when he calls us to "follow" him. But there is something to being in that place, where he did walk, where he preached and performed miracles, where he suffered and died, and rose triumphantly from the grave. It is already getting into me in ways I can feel. And I've been so encouraged by all of your kind prayers and words of loving support, as I begin this journey. "Traveling mercies" is how one friend put it.

I was given a St. Christopher medal by one of you to keep me safe. My wife and daughter prayed some extra prayers over the Anglican prayer beads that I'm bringing with me. Many of you sent me messages of love and prayers for safe travels by email, text or you called, and I'm overwhelmed by your kindness.

Some of you wrote cards. You've made this pilgrimage possible, and I thank you. I begin on this feast day of James of Jerusalem, sometimes called James "the Just" who is identified as both Jesus' brother and as the first bishop of Jerusalem. He, like me, took a little while before he figured out what his brother Jesus was calling him to be in this world. But, it is said that "as many as became Christians,

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did so through the ministry of James.” Once he was aflame with Christ’s love, there was no quenching it!

“Jerusalem,” what a name, “the city of peace!” Would it be that Jerusalem would have peace, but given its history the name seems almost ironic. I prefer to think of it as a hopeful name, an aspiration, a prayer, “may peace be upon the Holy City,” to paraphrase the Psalms. Of course, there is no peace without justice, and mercy, and mutuality. This present time has so many echoes of the past, and I can almost hear the prophets of old crying out, “is this way of the Lord?” I know I’m going to see things that are going to challenge me, some that will probably break my heart. This is why I was reluctant in the past to make this journey. But peace begins with relationship, and if Christians are going to be part of the solution rather than just another group of partisans adding more partisanship, then we have to be in relationship, with both Israelis and Palestinians.

It falls to us Christians to work for peace, because we serve our Lord who spoke the words, “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God” (Mt 5:12). I pray to ascend the mount where Jesus proclaimed those words, or more rightly, preached them (since it was a sermon). It is the high calling of the Church, through Christ, to reconcile people with God and with one another. Most days, I realize the total inadequacy within myself to fulfill that calling, more so here. The limits of my patience and my own frustration that God’s children don’t instinctively act in loving and humane ways toward each other, are just some of the barriers to my being a better peacemaker. But, we must try, and try, and try again. For we yearn for the peace of Jerusalem, and for the dignity of all of God’s children.

The prophet Isaiah said, “your ways are higher than our ways, O God, and your thoughts than our thoughts” (55:9). And God’s ways surely are higher than our ways. God does have a higher purpose, and if we dare to embrace it, and risk relationship for it, we might have what has eluded Jerusalem for so long, a lasting peace. When Jesus approached the holy city from the Mount of Olives, St. Luke tells us he wept for Jerusalem saying, “If you, even you, had only recognized on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes” (19:42). On our first day, we’ll be on the Mount of Olives looking, too, over at Jerusalem. And, I will be praying for the unity of that city and its people.

As I neared the time to leave on this journey, some of you said, “go and recharge your batteries” and spoke of how inspiring this pilgrimage will be. I have every expectation that will be the case. It is necessary from time to time for all disciples to sit at the feet of their Lord. Ideally, a priest’s life is one of preaching, teaching and pastoring. As a rector, sometimes my ministry looks more like that of a CEO of a small corporation. And that busyness can at times crowd out the truly essential. I miss the first love of my priestly ministry: the preaching, the teaching and the pastoring, all of which I adore. Even there, I’ve preached and taught about Galilee and about Jerusalem and its environs, but never have been to either place. This journey will provide context and experience that I cannot read in a book, and I pray will be a blessing for all of us.

I depart confident that you are in good hands in the meanwhile, those of our Lord, and of our capable assisting priests: Mother Norma and Father Brad. I so look forward to sharing reflections of this journey with you upon my return. November is a month of significant events and celebration around our parish. We have the Día de los Muertos (see Mother Norma’s excellent article in this newsletter about that), All Saints Day, our Veterans Day service and Marine Corps Birthday luncheon, Thanksgiving, of course, and our patron saint’s day, to name a few. I look forward to being back with you for some of those events. May God watch after St. Clement’s and bless us all during this time of prayer, reflection and learning.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Patrick

- UTO Ingathering -

NOTICE THE GOOD THINGS THAT HAPPEN EACH DAY...

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

for your blessings.

MAKE AN OFFERING

for each blessing.

EVERY PENNY, NICKEL, DIME, QUARTER, AND DOLLAR OFFERED IN THANKS

through United Thank Offering is given to God's mission in the world.

EVERY COIN AND BILL TRANSFORMS LIVES

in the United States and around the world.

YOUR BLESSINGS

become blessings for others.



UTO Ingathering Reminder:

We will be having an ingathering of the UTO Blue Boxes on Sunday, November 18th, right around the corner..

So, please remember to keep adding your coins as you say prayers of gratitude daily for God's many blessings. If you do not have a blue box, or if you need a new one, they are available on the sign-up table at Coffee Hour or you can drop into the church office during the week and get one! This is an ideal ministry for someone with limited time, and can be done as is convenient for you. Please consider taking advantage of this opportunity to serve our Lord.

United Thank Offering (UTO) is a ministry of the Episcopal Church for the mission of the whole church. Through United Thank Offering, men, women, and children nurture the habit of giving daily thanks to God. These prayers of thanksgiving start when we recognize and name our many daily blessings.

Those who participate in UTO discover that thankfulness leads to generosity. United Thank Offering is entrusted to promote thank offerings, to receive the offerings, and to distribute the UTO monies to support mission and ministry throughout the Episcopal Church and in invited Provinces of the Anglican Communion in the developing world.

- SCMFO Fundraiser -

DID YOU KNOW?

There are 1000 military families living on base at Camp Pendleton – just a stone’s throw away from south Orange County? That over 10% of those same families are living below the poverty level?

SCMFO’s mission is to provide emergency assistance to qualifying military families in Camp Pendleton, responding promptly to requests for financial or material aid, as well as conducting seasonal morale projects for military families within the community served.

The bulk of the proceeds of the “Salute” will go to provide turkeys and all the fixings for Thanksgiving dinners for 800 military families, with the balance being used throughout the year to meet emergency needs of enlisted Marine/Navy families.



San Clemente Military Family Outreach 2018 Annual Fundraiser

REMEMBER TO BUY YOUR TICKETS!

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH
6:00PM AT TALEGA GOLF CLUB

Salute
to
Military
Stars!

- *Social Hour and Dinner
- *Recognition of Military Honorees
- *Entertainment: Don McMillan, comedian
- *Silent Auction
- *Tickets: \$60.00 per person
(\$20.00 tax deductible)

A sign-up sheet is available during Coffee Hour. Mark Pocino will contact you to collect payment for your tickets.

If you have any questions, please contact Mark Pocino (818.317.8607) or Tina Inghis (949.489.0870)



***VETERAN'S DAY
& MARINE CORPS
BIRTHDAY SERVICE***

***Sunday, November 11th
10:00am Combined Service***

*Followed by a luncheon celebration
in Okie Hall. 12:00pm Spanish
service will be held as scheduled.*

Veterans Day is an official United States public holiday, observed annually on November 11th. It honors military veterans and all those who serve or have served in the United States Armed Forces.

The Marine Corps Birthday celebration is a commemoration of the birth of the United States Marine Corps on November 10th, 1775. This date was chosen as a result of the Second Continental Congress resolution to raise two battalions of Continental Marines.

- Laundry Love -

OCTOBER WAS AN AWESOME MONTH FOR LAUNDRY LOVE

In addition to serving our Laundry Love clients in October, we had a wonderful month for fundraising for this very important outreach ministry of St. Clement's.

SAN CLEMENTE OUTLET MALL SHOPPING EXTRAVAGANZA

Thanks to many of you who participated, we were able to raise \$1550 for Laundry Love at the October 6th San Clemente Outlet Mall Shopping Extravaganza. We had 62 people who selected Laundry Love as their charity as they shopped, had delicious hamburgers or salads from Ruby's Restaurant, enjoyed wine tasting, and hopefully, won some gift cards from the Outlet Mall merchants!

A big thanks goes to MaryAnn Morrison for spearheading this event for St. Clement's and Laundry Love!

RECIPIENT OF CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE GRANT

Earlier this year, we were given information that Laundry Love had the opportunity to apply for a grant from the City of San Clemente for charitable, nonprofit organizations.

Stuart Herriges volunteered to do the grant writing. Due to Stuart's hard work, we were recently informed that Laundry Love was awarded a \$1400 grant from the City! As a recipient of the grant, we are required to give quarterly reports to the city regarding our activities, expenses, and fundraising. To receive the grant, we have the requirement that we must continue to do fundraising throughout the 12 months term of the grant.

Thank you, Stuart, for being instrumental in helping to keep our Laundry Love program funded. We also thank all the parishioners who continue to donate funds and/or volunteer at our monthly Laundry Love. *We need all of you to keep this ministry going!*





BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

2018



Ending Life Well

Faithfully Planning Our Final Days



When: Saturday November 3, 2018

10 am - 1 PM

(Light lunch provided)

Where: Christ Lutheran Church

35522 Camino Capistrano

A presentation led by Pastor Brenda Bos (Lutheran Pastor)
Rev. Lucy Stafford-Lewis (Hospice and Palliative Care
Chaplain & Therapist) and Jennifer Elliot (Estate Attorney)
about decisions and options for end of life care and planning,
making sure you family understands your wishes.

Please RSVP to pastor@clcsanclemente.org

- Christmas Cards -



Dear friends,

To thank you for your generosity and support of our church and her mission, we'd like to offer you an early Christmas gift! We'll be purchasing Christmas cards so all our wonderful parishioners can invite their friends and family to share in worship during our upcoming Christmas services. These beautiful embossed cards will include an invitation flyer to the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Services at St. Clement's.

If you would like to accept our gift to you, please email us at: info@scbythesea.org with the following information:

1. First & Last Name
2. Phone Number
3. The number of local friends and family you wish to send Christmas greetings to!

We'll also have Christmas cards available at Coffee Hour for you to pick up and send!

- Something for Everyone -

In the Midst of Winter

by Isabel Allende

Tuesday, November 6th

5:00pm at Rocco's in San Clemente



A sign-up sheet is in the church hall for those who wish to attend.

For more information, please contact: Mary Ann Morrison at (949) 361-0031



Sandwich Making for the Welcome Inn

Please join us in the Parish Hall on

Sunday, November 18th

at 1:00pm

to help make sandwiches and sack lunches for those in need!



When: November 21st from 2:00pm-5:00pm

Where: Laundry Basket-South

2405 S. El Camino Real in San Clemente

New volunteers are welcome and should arrive at 1:30pm for a brief orientation.

The first Sunday of almost every month we gather donations for Laundry Love. The monthly collection takes place during coffee hour. Since November 2016, this ministry has done over 2,000 loads of laundry for families in need. Let's keep the momentum going!

Contact Tina English for more information on this ministry: ringlish@cox.net

- Something for Everyone -



Social Justice Book Club

When Helping Hurts

By Steve Corbett and Brian Fikkert

Thursday, November 15th, at 7:00pm
in the St. Clement's Library

Please join us for the next meeting of the combined St. Clement's and St. Edward's Catholic Church book discussion group on **Thursday, November 15th, at 7 pm** in the St. Clement's library.

Questions? Please contact Jan Genevro at outreach@scbythesea.org.

⚓ Anchors Potluck Supper Club



The Anchors Potluck Supper Club will **NOT** be meeting in November. We look forward to resuming in January 2019!

Plan on joining us! More details to come.

Please contact Pat Sawyer (818.281.9943) with any questions, or if you would like to sign up as a host in 2019!

Monday Morning Counter Needed

Are you free one Monday per month?

Do you like working with numbers?

Do you have a good sense of logic?

St. Clement's has an opening for one additional Monday Morning Counter. If you are free one Monday per month at 9:30am, for approximately two hours, and can meet the above criteria, **WE NEED YOU!** Training is provided.

If you are interested in this ministry, or have any questions, please contact:

Myrna Gray (949.661.3452)



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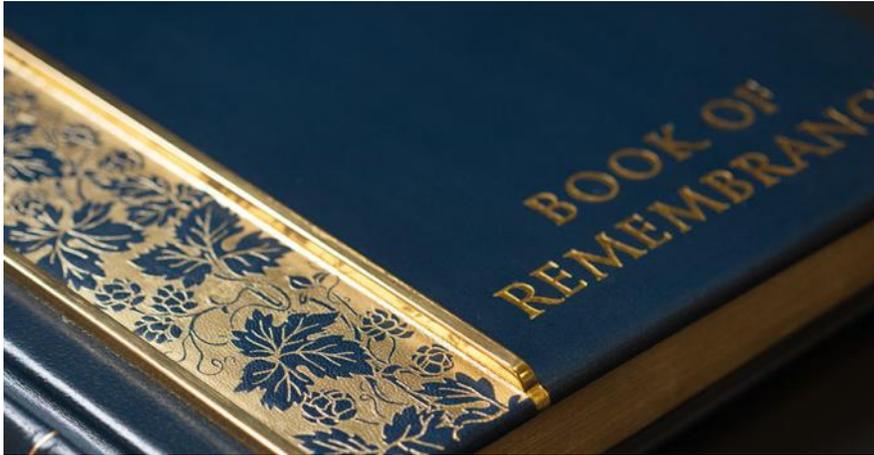
A note of thanks...

Swing Time! was made possible by our fabulous volunteers, who were responsible for everything from organizing our annual fall fundraiser to donating items for our silent auction, decorating baskets, and working during event. We greatly appreciate your generosity and dedication to our church and her mission.

-St. Clement's by-the-Sea



- Book of Remembrance -



You are invited to write the names of your loved ones who have died in the past year in the Book of Remembrance, which is located in the Mary of Walsingham shrine in the back of the church. If you will not be in church over the next couple weeks, please contact the church office to have names added to the Book of Remembrance: info@scbythesea.org

Names will be read during services on All Saints Sunday, November 4th

- Outreach News -

From the *Book of Common Prayer*

Almighty and most merciful God, we remember before you all poor and neglected persons whom it would be easy for us to forget: the homeless and the destitute, the old and the sick, and all who have none to care for them. Help us to heal those who are broken in body or spirit, and to turn their sorrow into joy. Grant this, Father, for the love of your Son, who for our sake became poor, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

To have the opportunity to turn sorrow into joy is a great gift, and though it can be easy to lose sight of the possibilities, we have opportunities every day, with God's help, to heal the world in small ways.

Please help the Outreach Committee make important decisions about how St. Clement's will remember the individuals in the larger community who need our care and comfort, while also caring for each other.

At our next meeting, we'll select a project to bring joy to others in our community during the holidays. We'll also discuss new ways that we can support efforts to end homelessness in Orange County. We need your ideas and fresh perspectives, and we'd love to have you join us!

Outreach Committee Meeting

Thursday, November 8th

7:00pm in the Library

For more information, please contact Jan Geneviro at 949-276-4799 or outreach@scbythesea.org

- Mary's Feast -

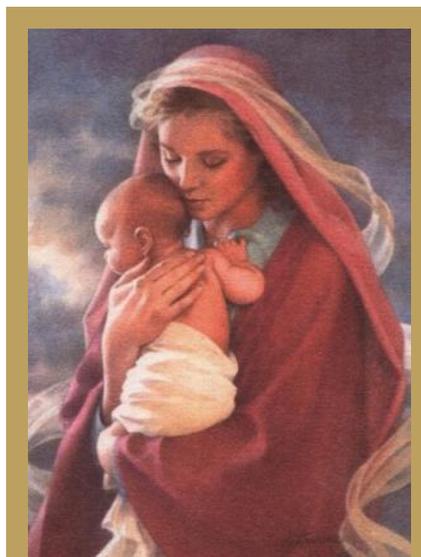
Mary's Feast

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5TH, 2018

Annually, St. Andrew's by-the-Sea United Methodist Church sponsors "Mary's Feast." Mary's Feast is a dinner at the start of the Advent season where women of various San Clemente parishes come together in fellowship to serve God, here in our community, by supporting under resourced military families at Camp Pendleton through the **San Clemente Military Family Outreach**.

Mary's Feast is also a baby shower for Mary and her son, Jesus. At this event, each guest is invited to bring unwrapped clothing, diapers, blankets, bottles, gift cards, etc. appropriate for an infant or child up to 12 months of age or clothing items suitable for toddlers up to 24 months or 2-4T. **All the gifts will be distributed to under-resourced Marine families in need via our San Clemente Military Family Outreach (SCMFO).** In the past, the generosity of the women attending Mary's Feast has provided over 100 layettes to be given to Marine & Navy families in January at the annual "baby shower" which is given by SCMFO. In addition, the proceeds from ticket sales have provided critically needed school supplies for the San Onofre Elementary School, at the north end of Pendleton.

Throughout November, Tina English, St. Clement's representative on the board of SCMFO, will be providing information on the many ways how St. Clement's can participate in this program; by attending Mary's Feast, donating new baby items, or sponsoring a marine/navy wife to attend the dinner.



ST. CLEMENT'S BY-THE-SEA EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*Di*a de *Muertos*



2ND ANNUAL DIA DE LOS MUERTOS

SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 3

• 5:00PM
• ST. CLEMENT'S BY-THE-SEA
• 202 AVENIDA ARAGON
• SAN CLEMENTE, CA

PRESENTATION OF ALTARS
FOOD • MUSIC • FOLKLORIC DANCING

Free admission! Join us to celebrate the traditions of this
joyous holiday. *All are welcome!*

For more information, or to participate, please contact Margarita: 949.444.4843

- El Día de los Muertos -

El Día de los Muertos or Day of the Dead is celebrated in many Latin American countries where the dead are honored and remembered in a positive way. Personally, I like to connect it to our Christian holidays of All Saints Day on November 1st and All Soul's Day on November 2; however, I realize that this celebration dates back to our ancestors: Mayan, Aztec, and others; therefore, the celebrations vary from one country and region to another.

Rituals celebrating the deaths of ancestors have been practiced by pre-Columbian civilizations when it was common to keep skulls as trophies and display them during the rituals to symbolize death and rebirth. Mexico is best known for its *Día de los Muertos* celebrations, which include pageantry, processions and public display of altars to the dead.

The first time I experienced a Day of the Dead here in the U.S. was in Pasadena back in the year 2000. Since my arrival on March that year, I started attending All Saints Episcopal Church and it was a surprise to me to see in the Chapel an altar prepared by some Chicano and Mexican members to commemorate their loved ones. It was beautiful, colorful, full of pictures and also full of skulls. I must confess that this took me by surprise as this is not the way we celebrate it in Guatemala. Eighteen years after that first encounter with this beautiful Mexican tradition, I have come to love, embrace and admire their devotion, commitment and culture.

These altars that are prepared with so much love are the heart of the celebration. They can either be built at homes, cemeteries and in public places, just like we will be doing on November 3 at St. Clement's. In these altars you can see pictures of loved ones, glasses of water, alcohol, food, candies, toys, flowers, skulls, and candles. These offerings are meant to welcome the spirits of their departed loved ones and they are meant to celebrate their lives.

In my country of origin, Guatemala, the celebration of *El Día de los Muertos* is more of a family holiday, in fact, it is a National Holiday. For many it marks the beginning of a season of traditional family holidays. As October comes to an end, flower stands bloom on every street corner in Guatemala City, kite vendors' displays sway in the brisk November winds and marketplaces and cemeteries are filled with multicolored flowers. On November 1st families gather to eat *fiambre*, a traditional salad-like cold dish that consists of assorted cold cuts, pickled vegetables, meats, different types of cheese, and sometimes even shrimp – it is so complex it can easily include 50 or more ingredients. Each family has its own secret recipe. In the streets, you see people selling traditional candies and flowers to place in the graves. Many people, especially in rural places, visit the cemetery to clean the graves of their loved ones, honor their ancestors with flowers and incense, and to share a picnic of *fiambre*, tamales and sometimes even alcoholic beverages.

The most spectacular Day of the Dead celebration in Guatemala occurs in the towns of Santiago Sacatepéquez and Sumpango. Here giant kites or *barriletes gigantes*, reaching diameters of almost 30 feet and made of bamboo rods and colored paper are assembled in the cemetery. It has become so popular that people actually compete trying to make the biggest and the most beautiful one. It is a great honor for these families to participate in this beautiful tradition. At dusk on November 1st the kites are launched into the blue, windy sky. Many times, the high November winds quickly tear the kites to pieces, which is symbolic of the life and death that all are here to celebrate on *Día de los Muertos*. Many people also have the tradition of writing little messages into the kites as a way to communicate with their departed. The kites become an extension of themselves reaching up to heaven.

I am most certain that there are many other traditions. And I would love to hear about them. I hope I see many of you as we gather together to celebrate both at All Saints Sunday and the celebration of *Día de los Muertos* to honor and send messages to our loved ones as we remember and celebrate their lives.

Yours in Christ,
The Rev. Norma Guerra

- How2charist - Join Us On Set! -



Church of the Epiphany
2808 Altura, Los Angeles, CA

Saturday, November 17th
9:00am-2:00pm

Digital Instructed Eucharist Film Cast Volunteers Needed

Join us on set! We need your help for How2charist en Español, a professionally-filmed digital instructed Eucharist - in Spanish - which will be available as a free resource for all Episcopalians and churches to learn more about the beautiful mystery of the Eucharist. We are recruiting a diverse cast of extras for a fun half day of filming on Saturday, November 17th, at Church of the Epiphany, Los Angeles; lunch provided! Find more details and sign up at How2charist.com

All are welcome (as long as you can stay for the whole block of time). People of all faith backgrounds, races, genders, sexual orientations, immigration statuses, and more are invited. Trinity Ambler is an accessible facility. Whoever you are, and wherever you are on your journey of faith, you're welcome to be part of the How2charist.

The Details

What is this exactly? We're capturing a cinematic version of a Service of Holy Eucharist in Spanish. That means that the final product will be a complete service - but it might not look exactly like that on the filming day. We'll be in a church, but on a film set. There might be times that we stop and repeat a section of the service to capture just the right angles (and to make sure all the words are right). And we may film some pieces out of the order you're used to on Sunday morning. But having a full, participating congregation will be key to sharing the Eucharistic service with the world. We want to show folks what it's like to worship in an Episcopal (or another liturgically-oriented) Church each week, and that's what you'll be helping us bring to life.

What should I wear? Whatever you might wear to church, be it shorts or three-piece suits, jeans or fancy dresses. We are hoping for an eclectic gathering, representative of the whole church. Don't worry about fitting in to a particular mold. We're proud that the Episcopal Church welcomes everyone, and we want to show that off in this film.



- Birthdays -

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|-------------------------|---------------------|
| 1-Marcia Mohler | 17-Patrick Crerar |
| 2-Deb Loftus | 17-Robert Miranda |
| 2-Paget Merriman | 18-Margarita Farias |
| 5-Don Rodgers | 21-Susan Rhodes |
| 10-Joan Ashbrook | 23-Rachel Tomeo |
| 11-Earl Welliver | 25-Cecily Grigg |
| 12-Gustavo Carrillo Jr. | 26-Addison Golay |
| 12-Katrina Soto | 27-Juvenal Delgado |
| 17-Elvira Carrillo | 30-Kendall Bottjer |
| 17-Dylan Casey | |



- Anniversaries -

- 5-Jose & Elvira Carrillo
- 18-Mike & Andrea Morris
- 27-Jim & Paget Merriman
- 27-Roger & Mary Ann Morrison
- 29-Bill & Deb Loftus



Do you know a parishioner that needs help with rides, meals, or that would like a home visit?

Please contact:
the church office, Fr. Patrick, or Carolyn Ferreira

Bible Studies



Every Wednesday
in the Library

11:00am (English)
6:00pm (Spanish)

Centering Prayer

Centering Prayer Group

Every Monday at 6:00pm in the Library

For more information,
please contact Matt Duncan:
morphix1@cox.net

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San Clemente's First Church

Welcoming all since 1929



SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:00am Holy Communion Rite I, Nursery

10:00am Holy Communion Rite II with Choir, Nursery, Sunday School

12:00pm La Misa en Español

202 Avenida Aragon
San Clemente, CA 92672

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Monday—9:00am-1:00pm

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