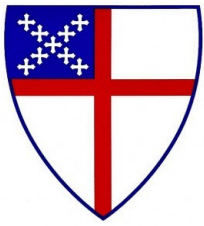


# THE ANCHOR

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The monthly newsletter of St. Clements by-the-Sea Episcopal Church

Welcoming all since 1929



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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*  
*of the Episcopal Church*



## **Reflections...**

November is often a time when people take some time for reflection. As we approach the holidays, we are blessed with time with our loved ones, and perhaps it is that which reminds us of what is truly valuable in our lives. Of course, Thanksgiving inspires in our hearts a sense of gratitude for all God's many blessings, and such gratitude is often incarnated in acts of mercy and service to others. It is no wonder that many charitable organizations typically have far fewer challenges finding willing volunteers during this season, as they do throughout the rest of the year. Maybe it is a result of that gratitude or perhaps it is that little bit of chill in the air that calls to mind for us the needs of the most vulnerable.

There are other significant dates this month, which tend to cause us to reflect. Veterans' Day in the second week, usually also inspires a sense of gratitude. We feel especially grateful for those who have served our nation, when she has faced perils in her past, and for those who are still serving our country daily in dangerous places throughout the world. This year, our youth group will be interviewing veterans who are among our parishioners or otherwise connected with our parish, and they will share a bit of what they've learned at our annual liturgy in celebration of the Marine Corps Birthday and Veterans' Day (Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>). I'm very excited to hear those reflections and see what the youth learned.

The first Sunday in November is All Saints' Day, and though this occasion typically highlights the well known and highly celebrated saints of the Church, it is also a time to remember those saints of our own lives, those saints that perhaps were only "saints" to us. And so, on that occasion, we read our necrology, of those who have died in the past year or recent years, those souls who we still remember and commemorate in our hearts. We know that God is already doing more for them than we can ask or imagine, and we find it hard to believe sometimes that so many months, a year or several years have passed since we last saw them. We again have gratitude in our hearts for the time and lives we shared.

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There are a few other meaningful dates in November, including the feast day of our Patron Saint, Clement of Rome, on Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>. Perhaps we can all take a moment to remember Clement on that day, his sacrifice for the faith, and to give thanks for this parish and the beloved family we have here! On November 30<sup>th</sup>, we remember the Apostle and great evangelist, St. Andrew. As a wise person once asked, “did you ever notice how Andrew was always introducing people to Jesus?” As a descendent of Scots, who claim Andrew as their patron, and whose flag is emblazoned with his cross, I’m particularly fond of him. I also preached on Andrew the first time I was invited to preach at this parish.

The last Sunday in November is, as it often is, the first Sunday in Advent, those four Sundays that proceed Christmas Day. It marks technically the beginning of the Church year. And again, it is a good time for reflection. There is certainly that for which we give thanks for about the previous twelve months. But, Advent is also a time when we take stock of ourselves, isn’t it? We ask if we are ready again for the arrival of Christ, if we have made him room in our hearts, and indeed if we are prepared to see him again. We are always reminded “slow down, breath, reflect” in this otherwise hectic season.

That’s a pretty full month! With ample opportunities for reflection, for gratitude, and as our former assistant rector, Shireen Baker, was fond of pointing out, “it’s gratitude that leads to joy!”

God bless you now and always,

Fr. Patrick



## ***Marriage Blessings from October 8th***

*What a wonderful turn out we had for the renewal of marriage vows and blessing of civil unions. It was a special night and we hope to make it a new tradition at St. Clement's!*



***Renewal of Vows and Blessing of  
Civil Unions 2016***

## ***Silent Auction begins, start your bidding!***

The church silent auction fundraiser started last Sunday, October 30th. Parishioners were able to browse items during coffee hour and place bids.



Here's a highlight of what's up for bid. Full list is available online.

- Play and Display 1927 Martin Ukele
- Jane Fladd collectible dolls (2 available)
- New Kitchen-Aid mixer
- 1 year tuition at Peaceful Warrior Martial Arts Academy (new students)
- Alaska's Majestic Frontier cruise for 2
- Handmade quilt
- G&L Tribute Legacy electric guitar and amp
- Genuine coral and turquoise necklace
- Stephen Lyman "Moon Shadows" print
- Three homemade pies by Joe Wharton
- Handmade silk shawls from Mexico (2 available)
- 4 day Mammoth Getaway
- Lunch with Bishop Diane Jardine Bruce

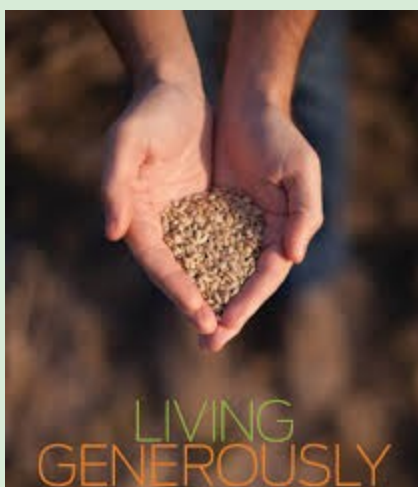
It's easy to view items during the week and update your bid. Just go to:  
[www.32auctions.com/jetsetter](http://www.32auctions.com/jetsetter).

***Get your bid in today!***



***Dear Friends...***

Please recall that on All Saints' Day, as we do every year, we'll ingather all the pledge cards for 2017 and bless them, along with all the pledges we've received so far. Please be sure to either mail your pledge card or deliver it to the church office in time for it to be blessed with all the others on November 6th. Many thanks for all your support of our beloved parish.



**Veterans' Day and  
Marine Corps Birthday Celebration**  
St. Clement's annual celebration will be held **November 13th.**

**There will be ONE service at 10:00am,**  
followed by a luncheon in Okie Hall.

*The 12:00 pm Spanish service will be held as scheduled.*

**Join Us! Sign up during Coffee Hour.**



## Something for Everyone

### Book Discussion Group

One Summer by Bill Bryson

Tuesday November 1st, 5:00 pm

At Rocco's

**For more information about this group please  
contact**

**Mary Ann Morrison at 949-361-0031**



### Anchor's Potluck Supper Club

We will NOT meet

in November and December.

We look forward to resuming

in January 2017.



## *Live Generously...*

Dear fellow St. Clement's Parishioners:

I'm honored to serve as your Stewardship Chair for this year's pledge drive at St. Clement's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church.

As you know, on Sunday, October 2nd, we kicked off our annual giving campaign: "**Living Generously.**" And since then, we have heard from a number of our fellow parishioners talking about their personal faith journey and what St. Clement's means to them. We've heard their personal testimony as to how we can live more generously as individuals and as a community of faith. **Living Generously** is more than what we do with our financial resources — though that is important. To live generously, we are also called to be open to new ideas, to welcome the stranger, to volunteer often, and to forgive those who have offended us.

Your generosity, in response to the abundance in your life, will fund the mission and ministry of St. Clement's and will transform lives...yours included.

Many thanks to those who have spoken so far these past four Sundays. These include: Jan Geneviro, Anna Brownell, and Matt Duncan at the 8:00 am service, and Char Bailey Crowe, Jason Feeney, and Kasey Carey at the 10:00am service (I kicked it off by speaking at both). The response to these talks have been overwhelmingly positive, so much so that we have put them up on the St. Clement's website [www.scbythesea.org](http://www.scbythesea.org) in the Stewardship section. For those of you who have submitted your pledge already, St. Clement's thanks you. **Of those pledges received to date, 33% have increased their pledge this year!** As I mentioned in my talk, if every pledge family gave just an additional \$5 per week in their pledge, we'd raise enough money to have a full time office administrator, with some left over for basic needs of the church — administrative, outreach, music, etc.

Here are some highlights from the talks:

*"There is always enough; He always provides. "*

*"The power and potential of St. Clement's capacity for caring are why I think it's essential to pledge to St. Clement's, both to support and sustain this community, and to empower and inspire us to take God's love out into the larger community. "*

*"From the very beginning of this "journey", I have asked God to guide me in the direction he feels best for my family and me. I would not question his guidance and I would put all of my worry on his shoulders to bear."*

*"For some, the safety of peoples' own possessions is more important than the well-being of another person. And the "well-being of another person" is the work that is done at St. Clement's — our souls, bodies and minds."*

*"I asked once 'Why do you always call me?' The answer was always, 'Because you belong to St. Clement's and it's the conscience of the community.' Yes, we are; we can do more; and we can provide that safe, comfortable place for others to find their Lord and their God.' "*

I ask that you join us in this year's Stewardship campaign, and pledge as you are able. I am confident that with prayerful consideration, you will be led to the appropriate amount. Fr. Patrick and the vestry have set a goal of receiving 100% of pledge commitments from our worshipping community. We will be in intentional prayer that each of us will remain open to letting the Holy Spirit lead and guide us in a faithful response to being called to **Live Generously.**

*~Karen Williams*

*"The safety of peoples' own possessions is more important than the well-being of another person."*

### *From the Parish...*

As part of our commitment to the Welcome Inn ministry to the homeless, we are again collecting clothing to be distributed along with the bag lunches we'll be making in November. Items that are especially needed at this time of year are warm items for men (jeans, sweaters, jackets, and socks) and small toiletries (shampoo, soap, and toothpaste). Please bring donations to your Coffee Hour on Sunday, Nov. 20th for distribution the week of Thanksgiving. Many thanks, and a big thank you to everyone who has already contributed!

*-Janice Geneviro, Peace and Reconciliation Committee*

### *Music Notes*

Recently, Larry Gates, our Music Director delivered the Sunday morning Homily and his message centered around the history and use of hymns in our worship service. It was very interesting and I could not resist the temptation during "announcements" to give an invitation to join the choir. I know there are some of you out there in the congregation who have musical experience singing either in church choir, high school choir, or college choir. If you love to sing and can read music, you are welcome, so come join us. We need people in all sections of the choir. When I first came to St. Clements in 1993, the choir was about 25 strong; why not help build this back up? We need your talent. You do not have to make a long commitment. Why not come on Thursday night rehearsals and sing through the Holidays? The added bonus is we all learn something from Larry's experience and expert direction. Personally, I'm never too old to learn and Larry's fine direction is just the ticket.

It has been requested that I revive this monthly column about music events, information, and answers to any questions you may have regarding our music program at St. Clements. I am not a professional musician, nor do I claim to know all the answers about religious music, but I am an interested participant and have been singing chorale music most of my life, starting at my mother's side at age 15 in the Methodist Church Choir in Taft, California, where I was born and raised. Actually, I also played cello and was a member of the Kern County Symphony but that was a long time ago.

*-Myrna Gray, Church Choir*

### *New "Classifieds" Section*

Dear friends, it is our plan to start a new classifieds section in the monthly Anchor newsletter. This section will give an opportunity for people to post if they are seeking employment, have services to offer, seeking to hire help, need temporary assistance, or offer donated household items that they no longer need. Please no "for sale" items. Please contact Kasey Carey at 949-228-8575 if you would like to submit a classified or email [info@scbythesea.org](mailto:info@scbythesea.org)

*-Kasey Carey, Newsletter committee*



## United Thank Offering

***We will be gathering the UTO boxes on Thanksgiving Day, November 24th.***

If you will not be at church that day, please bring your boxes on any Sunday between now and then or drop them off in the church office. Thank you!



## SAVE THE DATE!

In November, we'll have our ecumenical Thanksgiving Day service. In the past, we've combined with Christ Lutheran. This year, we've also invited Palisades Methodist to join us for that service. That has been a wonderful time to worship together, and if giving thanks truly is the sincerest form of prayer then it is something that is universal to all Christians. This year, Pastor Darren Cowdrey from Palisades UMC will be preaching.

*Thursday, November 24th*

*10:00 AM*

*St. Clement's by-the-Sea  
Episcopal Church*



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

Please contact the church office or Tina Borden for further information.

## ***Sandwich Making for the Welcome Inn***



**November 20th  
1:00 PM  
Okie Hall**

**Centering Prayer Group  
meets each Monday at  
6:00pm in the Library**

For more information,  
please contact Matt Duncan

## **Parish Register**

**November/Noviembre**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY / FELIZ CUMPLEAÑOS**

Marcia Mohler	1
Shea Stropp	1
Susan Nespor	4
Kathryn Freshley	8
Joan Ashbrook	10
Earl Welliver	11
Marie Card	12
Gustavo Carrillo, Jr.	12
Katrina Soto	12
Erica Becerra	15
Elvira Carrillo	17
Dylan Casey	17
Fr. Patrick Crerar	17
Margarita Farias	18
Susan Rhodes	21
Rachel Tomeo	23
Cecily Grigg	25
Juvenal Delgado	27
Kendal Bottjer	30



## **Happy Anniversary / Feliz Aniversario**

Raymond & Ashley Mancuso	4
Michael & Andrea Morris	18
Thomas & Marie Card	19
Roger & Mary Ann Morrison	27



## *St. Clement's Newest Outreach Program - Laundry Love!*

During the month of November you will be hearing about St. Clement's involvement with the Laundry Love program. This will be an exciting outreach journey for our parish as we join together with our friends at Christ Lutheran Church and the Family Assistance Ministries (FAM) to provide laundry services to our San Clemente homeless population and those living in poverty.

### **Our first Laundry Love:**

**1<sup>ST</sup> LAUNDRY LOVE DATE: Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup> 2:00 until 6:00.**

### **LOCATION:**

**Laundry Basket South  
2015 S. El Camino Real  
San Clemente, CA 92672  
(next to Molly Blooms)**



### **About the program:**

We first heard about Laundry Love from Steve Bruce, who is active with Laundry Love in our Los Angeles Episcopal Diocese. Steve has been helping us in our planning, and will be on-site to coach us through our first Laundry Love experience on November 16<sup>th</sup>.

The Laundry Love program helps to wash the clothes and bedding of individuals and/or families living in poverty. A Laundry Love customer may be entirely without shelter or living in a motor vehicle, weekly/monthly-rated motel, low income housing or transitional shelter and experiencing financial struggle or loss, or may be seeking asylum or residency in the U.S.).

As volunteers, we not only help the Laundry Love customers wash their clothes, but just by helping and listening to them as we work side by side, we provide a listening and nonjudgmental environment. At the end of the day, the Laundry Love customers leave extremely grateful, and the volunteers leave knowing they were able to make a difference in another person's life.

### **How can you get involved?**

There are many ways each of us can participate in Laundry Love.

**Become a Laundry Love Volunteer.** There are many roles in Laundry Love ranging from checking in the customer's; putting soap and quarters in the machines; working side by side as the customers load the washers, dryers, & fold their clothes.

**Contribute financially:** it costs approximately \$8.00-\$10.00 to do 6 loads of laundry. For some customers, this will be all they need.

**Contribute supplies:** Laundry soap, dryer sheets, bottled water and snacks are some ideas.

Please look for sign-up sheets, announcements, and information in the Sunday Bulletins. Or for more information, you can contact Tina Inglish at [ringleish@cox.net](mailto:ringleish@cox.net) or 949.285.9576.

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Rector— The Rev. Patrick Crerar

**November 2016**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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