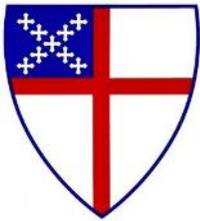


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Welcoming all since 1929



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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



Preexistent...

One of the pressing questions for many believers is when the Son of God came into being, and how is that reality in unity with the life of Jesus [the] Christ. Different denominations struggle with this question, though from the perspective of those whose faith we would call “orthodox” (by which I mean adhering to the Christian tradition handed down to us), this matter is quite clear and well settled. It has been written about by the saints for centuries, and our faith in the *eternal nature* of the Son is encapsulated in our Creeds. And yet people still wonder.

Some have paraphrased Saint Athanasius to put it this way, “There was never a time when the Son of God was not.” That’s a pretty good understanding. But it is easy from there to slip into some rather confusing theology and esoteric philosophy if we go much further. But press on we must, for as Saint Anselm famously said, “faith seeks understanding!” The most convincing articulations of our belief in the Son’s preexistence are found, of course, right in Holy Scripture, where we read in the famous prologue of John’s Gospel, for example:

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being...And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father’s only son.” John 1:1-3, 14

Saint John here points to the one who was with God, and who is God, and who became flesh for us, in the person of Jesus of Nazareth. It is through this one, John argues that in fact all things came into being, pointing to the Son’s pre-world, pre-time existence. The fact that Jesus refers to the Source of his being as “Father,” and to himself as the “Son,” establishes their relationship, as one begets the other, though by their nature as One God, they are coequal in the Trinity (by which I mean not in competitive but rather loving relationship with shared salvific purpose).

There are other indications in the Johannine corpus that point to the preexistence of the Son. Later in the same Gospel for example, Jesus speaks of a glory that he had in the Father’s presence, before the world existed (17:5). He speaks of his Father having sent him into the world (17:18) and that his Father loved him since “before the foundation of the world” (17:24). We find also in the First Letter of John the idea of the Father sending the Son into the world (4:9). This may bring to your mind perhaps the image



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some theologians have described as the parabola of salvation history. I.e. that the Son is on high, He is sent low, to the earth (indeed into the earth) on a mission of salvation, and returns again to his rightful place at the right hand of the Father, bringing his humanity, and thereby raising us, along with him.

It is Christ's true nature then that exists before time, that then in time unites itself to humanity in the incarnation, living a fully human as well as fully divine life, and so uniting himself with humanity that the bond is not broken, not even through his death, resurrection and ascension (his return to his place of Glory). There he is now not only in unity with the Father but significantly and symbolically with us, so that we too can now share in his divine life eternally! What splendidly GOOD NEWS! And gives a firm answer to the question, "why does any of this matter?" Indeed, when I contemplate such a truth as this, I am so filled with joy that it evokes in me the words to that old hymn, "How can I keep from singing..."

The above are not the only passages in scripture that point to the reality of the Son's pre-incarnation existence. But they are probably the most direct. Jesus also tells his apostles for example that he "watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning" (Luke 10:18), which certainly points to his own presence in heaven, which must have been prior to his human sojourn. The Transfiguration also points to this reality, as the blessed apostles are permitted to see the Beloved Son in glory before their eyes who is indeed, Emmanuel, "God among us," and who cannot be less than he is. They see both his Resurrected, Ascended glory and the glory that indeed he has and already has had prior to the Incarnation.

There are also Old Testament texts which point to the preexistence of the Son of God. The very Hebrew word for "God," which is treated as singular but is plural at the same time, is an example. So, that when we get a text like in Genesis when God creates humankind, the text rightly reads, "let us make humankind in our image" suggesting our Trinitarian understanding of God's very nature. The mysterious figure we find in the Book of Daniel that speaks of "one like a human being coming on the clouds of heaven" (7:13) is another example. This is an image that Jesus uses often when he refers to himself as the "Son of Man." It directs our attention to the very question he asked his apostles in our reading last Sunday, "Who do people say the *Son of Man* is?" (Matthew 16:13).

We find ourselves finally at the Creeds, those ancient statements of our shared belief, where we proclaim (as Christians have since at least the fourth century) that "We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, *eternally begotten* of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, *of one Being* with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven." Here I take the authors of the Creed to be saying "begotten before all time" where they wrote "eternally begotten," i.e. preexistent to his "coming down from heaven" in the Incarnation. Or as St. Athanasius' Creed puts it succinctly, "The Father eternal, the Son eternal, and the Holy Ghost eternal. And yet they are not three eternal, but one eternal" even while the Father "begets" the Son, and the Spirit "proceeds" from the Father and the Son (see the *Book of Common Prayer*, 864-865).

Surely, by now your head is spinning. And you're thinking, "Father Patrick, why are you making me think so hard? Can't I just love Jesus and that be enough?" The answer is, of course, "Yes!" But these ideas, and what we proclaim each week gets to our very understanding of who Jesus is. What do these things mean to you? When we pray these words of the Nicene Creed on Sundays, how do you receive them? Are they merely *eternally* confounding? Or do they fill you with hope in the one eternally begotten of the Father?

Fr. Patrick

Update on Floor Refinishing Project – Almost Done!

The Vestry authorized the refinishing of the wood floors throughout the church to protect, preserve, and beautify our property. We got a great price, and the project is almost complete!

Take a look at the completed work. We will now have beautiful wood floors for many years to come!



Parish Hall—before



Hallway—before & after



Okie Hall—after

Something for Everyone



Hidden Figures
by Margo Shetterly

Tuesday, September 5th
5:00pm at Rocco's

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

Anchors Potluck Supper Club

When: Friday, Sept. 15th at 7:00pm
Hosted By: Susan & Robert Hagstrom
Where: Cypress Cove Clubhouse



Please sign up in the Parish Hall during Coffee Hour!
Guests must be on list to get through security gates.

Any Questions?
Contact Pat Sawyer 949.498.6460 or
The Hagstrom Family 949.661.2033



Sandwich Making for the Welcome Inn

Join us in the Parish Hall on
Sunday, September 17th at 9:00am
to help make sandwiches and sack lunches for those in need! A very important ministry!

Something for Everyone



CONFIRMATION AND RECEPTION CLASSES

Classes begin on September 3rd
at 9:00am in Room 11

The classes will be led by
the Rev. Charles Sacquety

Tai'Yo Classes

Tai'yo combines the fluid, meditative movement of Tai'chi with the strength, flexibility, and calm attained through the practice of Yoga postures.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Classes meet on Monday and Friday mornings from 9:00am – 10:00am
in the Parish Hall

NOTE: No class Sept. 8 & Sept. 11

For more information about the group, and about what to bring and what to wear, please contact: Jan Geneviro or Cassandra Pinnick
at outreach@scbythesea.org



Blessing
of the
Animals



Sunday, October 1st

at the 10:00am Service

In the Parish Hall

(8:00am service will be as usual)

Please bring your families, friends, and pets to
the Church for this joyous time!



LAUNDRY LOVE CONTINUES TO SPREAD THE LOVE

Contributed by Mary Ann Morrison

Many of us take clean, fresh smelling clothes for granted. However, to those who are living on the streets, in tents, or in their car, it is sometimes an unattainable luxury. Laundry Love is a ministry which provides free wash and dry to those in need. The story of Laundry Love began with a conversation with a homeless gentleman in Ventura, CA. The question was: How can we come along side your life and be of help? His answer was simple: "If I had clean clothes I think people would treat me like a human being." A local Episcopal congregation began the first Laundry Love. That was over twelve years ago. From this small beginning, there are now over 70 Laundry Love ministries throughout the country. One such service (ministry) began last year in San Clemente, a coastal town in Southern California. It is sponsored by a partnership of St. Clement's by-the-sea Episcopal Church and Christ Lutheran Church, along with Jeff Campbell, the owner of The Laundry Basket-South. The Laundry Basket-South is a coin operated Laundromat in San Clemente. The churches raise the money to provide for the machines and detergents. Volunteers assist the clients in getting the laundry washed and dried. The owner provides his Laundromat for four hours. During that time, approximately 300 loads of laundry are washed and dried. The service is promoted through local resources in the community. Although it started out slowly, it is now established and has many repeat clients.





The volunteers soon found out the ministry of Laundry Love was more than just free laundry. For the clients, it has become a safe gathering place with an opportunity for socializing and connecting with others. It is also an opportunity to learn of other community resources available to them.

Laundry Love is regularly scheduled, once a month, on the same day. The church ministry takes the opportunity to provide information on additional resources that are available to these clients in need. The volunteers also provide coloring books and snacks for children. "Thank you, thank you," say the clients. Jeff Campbell, the owner of The Laundry Basket-South, says, "It is a wonderful way to give something back to the community."

For further information or to find out how to become involved, go to www.LaundryLove.org OR view below:



Join us for Laundry Love!

When: September 20th 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.
Laundry will be done in two hour shifts between 2:00pm-6:00pm*

*The first Sunday of every month we gather donations for
Laundry Love. The monthly collection takes place during coffee hour.*

*Since November, this ministry has done over 2,000 loads of laundry for families in need.
Let's keep the momentum going!*

Contact Jan Genevro for more information on this ministry.

Music... the voice of the soul!



Supporting Susan G. Komen for the Cure!

Sunday September 17th, 2017 at 4:00pm in the Sanctuary

Featuring Sarah Harrison (soprano) and Friends
singing songs of faith and inspiration

Donations will be accepted at the door.

Every penny will be donated to breast cancer research and patient care.



CHILDREN'S CHOIR

LEARN TO SING!

Open to all 4th and 5th graders.

Classes begin **Mon, Sept. 18th** and will be held every Monday & Thursday
from 2:45pm – 3:30pm thereafter until December (except on Federal Holidays)

To register, please email music@sbythesea.org and include:

your name, your child's name, age, grade, your phone number, and preferred email address.



JOIN ST. CLEMENT'S CHANCEL CHOIR

*Cheaper
than
Therapy.*

Join the Choir

Singing builds confidence, reduces stress and anxiety, and raises endorphins. No kidding! It's also a fantastic way to be a part of worship leadership each Sunday. So, come out and join us!

Rehearsals are each Sunday, 11:30am to 1:00pm in Room 11 (downstairs). We have a great time learning new music and being challenged to do our best. We sing each Sunday at the 10:00am service, with a 9:00am warm-up.

There is a 15-minute break after service for refreshment and fellowship.

Founders' Day



YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND OUR FOUNDERS' DAY BRUNCH!

Celebrating 88 years as San Clemente's first church

Sunday, Sept. 24th

Combined 9:00am Service



The Winner of the Raffle Fundraiser for San Clemente Watercolor to be drawn at Founders' Day Brunch!

Your \$25 raffle ticket, on sale during Coffee Hour and at the church office, could be the lucky winner of a framed watercolor painting!

Jim Prothero, a member of the Vestry, has once again donated a lovely framed watercolor for a church fundraiser. "North Beach" is on view every Sunday through Founders' Day in the Parish Hall. The winning ticket will be drawn at the Founders' Day brunch.



This raffle benefits our annual budget, with proceeds going to the general operating fund. *A huge thanks for your donation.* Last year's winner of the Jim Prothero "Poche Beach" painting was Karen Williams. This year it could be YOU!

Founders' Day



Get Your Photo Taken for the Directory After Worship on Founder's Day

Individual parishioner portraits for the church directory will be taken by Mark Williams after the combined 9:00am service on Sept. 24th, Founders' Day.

If you don't have a photo in the directory, or would prefer an updated photo, just see Mark Williams on the side steps to the Sanctuary and have a new photo taken!



The church directory is now available on your phone and on your computer, after a quick and easy sign up using your email address!

*** There will be help available after the Founders' Day service if you need assistance with downloading "Instant Church Directory" to your iPhone or Android. You can phone or email a church member with one click from your phone; It's an easy way to stay in touch. ***



Thank You

A HUGE THANK YOU

to all those who have helped make this Founders' Day Celebration and Brunch possible!



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

Outlets
at San Clemente



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CHRIST LUTHERAN

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE 3RD ANNUAL SHOPPING EXTRAVAGANZA CHARITY FUNDRAISER AT THE SAN CLEMENTE OUTLETS!

ST. CLEMENT'S BY-THE-SEA & CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

have been selected by the Outlets of San Clemente as (1) of (38) charity organizations to participate in a fabulous and fun shopping extravaganza & dining event to raise money for the laundry love program!

Saturday, October 7th

10:00am– 8:00pm (Registration ends at 1:00pm)

Outlets at San Clemente

Tickets: \$35.00

HOW DOES LAUNDRY LOVE GET MONEY

- FOR EVERY TICKET SOLD, \$25 OF THE \$35 WILL BE DONATED BACK TO OUR LAUNDRY LOVE OUTREACH PROGRAM
- If 125 or more people attend who have selected "**San Clemente Laundry Love**" as their charity when purchasing their ticket, Laundry Love will be able to participate in the profits from this event as well.

WHAT YOU WILL RECEIVE FOR YOUR \$35

- Exclusive Discounts at Participating San Clement Outlet Stores
- Catered Lunch, VIP Wine and Cocktail Tasting
- 2 Raffle Tickets (a \$10 value) for multiple prize drawings through the day, including 1500 \$25 Gift Cards and Grand Prizes
- Outlets of San Clemente Tote Bag

HOW TO PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS

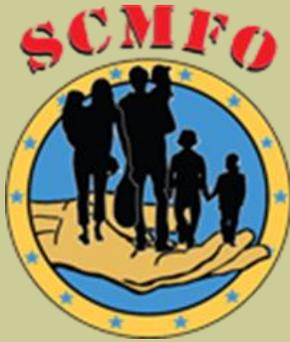
- Tickets must be purchased on line at ShopOSC.com/Tickets
- When purchasing your ticket, you must select the charity that will receive the \$25 of your ticket price. The charities are listed in alphabetical order, and Laundry Love is listed under "S" as "San Clemente Laundry Love."

For more information or assistance in purchasing your tickets, please contact:

Mary Ann Morrison (949.361.0031) or Tina Inghish (949.489.0870)



laundry love



REMEMBER TO BUY YOUR TICKETS!

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20TH
TALEGA GOLF CLUB - 6:00PM

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.

Salute
to
Military
Stars!

San Clemente

Military Family Outreach 2017 Annual Fundraiser

- *Social Hour and Dinner
- *Recognition of Military Honorees
- *Entertainment by: Tony O'Dell
Rogers & Cheryl Silverstein
- *Silent Auction
- *Tickets: \$60.00 per person
 - Sign-Up Sheet at Coffee Hour
 - Mark Pocino will contact you to collect payment for tickets

Meet the Parishioner: Jane Fladd

St. Clement's Parishioner Returns After 10 years as a Missionary

By Judy Johnson

And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send?" Then I said, "Here I am! Send me."

Isaiah 6:8

Jane Fladd has packed a lot of excitement and a lot of Episcopal ministry into her life, and now she's back at St. Clement's which she attended in the 1980's and 1990's. Jane and her twin sister were born at the Episcopal Good Samaritan Hospital in Los Angeles, and spent their first six months at the hospital because they each weighed only a few pounds at birth. Jane spent most of her childhood growing up on a citrus orchard that later became the Main Place Mall in Orange, and was baptized and confirmed at the Church of the Messiah in Santa Ana. After graduating from Chapman College in Orange, Jane went on a school trip to Europe for 2½ months and caught the travel bug. She went on to Germany to teach the children of American military personnel, married an Army officer, and in time had a son and a daughter. 30 years later, the same love for travel and foreign adventure eventually took Jane to China, Honduras, and the Dominican Republic as an Episcopal missionary. As a St. Clement's parishioner in the 1980's and 1990's, Jane was clerk of the Vestry and active in many parish functions. Among her church friends at that time were current parishioners Patty Clarke, Judy McDonald, Julia Rae Walz, and Lanneau Miller. At age 57 Jane applied to the Episcopal Church Center in New York for an overseas mission, offering 30 years of teaching experience. When asked, "Why did you become a missionary?" she said: ***"First, because of my love of the church; Second, because of my love of teaching; Also, because of my love of travel."*** Jane taught English as a missionary from 1994 to 2004 – three years in China, followed by two years in Honduras, and finally five years in the Dominican Republic. Jane commented about her assignments:

- *In China you could not initiate a conversation on religion, but if asked a question I could answer. You know that song, 'They Will Know We Are Christians By Our Love'? That's what we did, walking with them, talking with them, working with them.*
- *In Honduras, a high point was receiving the "Mujer Episcopal/Episcopal Woman" award for the country-wide Episcopal Church in 1998. I was assigned to St. John's Episcopal School from 1997 to 1999.*
- *My work life in the Dominican Republic was shooting off in all directions, with lots of different assignments in any week. We came up with an expression to apply to our work at the orphanage – "Poco, a poco, por el amor del Señor, TODO es posible."*

Jane now lives in Oceanside and remains very active – teaching water aerobics, painting, sewing, and attending the 10:00am worship at St. Clement's by-the-sea!



Jane in Honduras—1989



Jane today, with some of her own paintings!

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 for further information.

***Join us for our weekly
Bible Study!***

Wednesday

In the Library at

11:00am (English)

6:00pm (Spanish)

***NOTE: Bible Study resumes on
Sept. 20th***

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

For more information
please contact Matt Duncan

September Birthday Celebrants

2-Rich Suda
4-Mike Marcu
8-Sherilee Pocino
9-Mark Williams
10-George Nixon
12-Fatima Delgado
18-Sarah Harrison
18-Forrest Wilson
20-Bart Ashbaugh
21-Chris LaBarthe
22-DJ Atkinson
23-Lina Hernandez
Garcia
23-Michael Morris
23-Joyce Stewart
27-Fred Robinson
28-Ainsley Harrison
28-Noelle Harrison
28-Max Walleth



September Wedding Anniversaries

8-Dug & Deborah Neville
10-Earl & Patricia Welliver
12-Mike & Rebecca Marcu
13-Mark & Karen Williams
14-Fred & Joyce Stewart
20-Julia Darden Lentz & Cathy
Darden Lentz
23-Frank & Katrina Soto

HAPPY
anniversary



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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

OFFICE HOURS

9:00am-1:00pm Monday
8:00am-1:00pm, Tuesday— Friday