

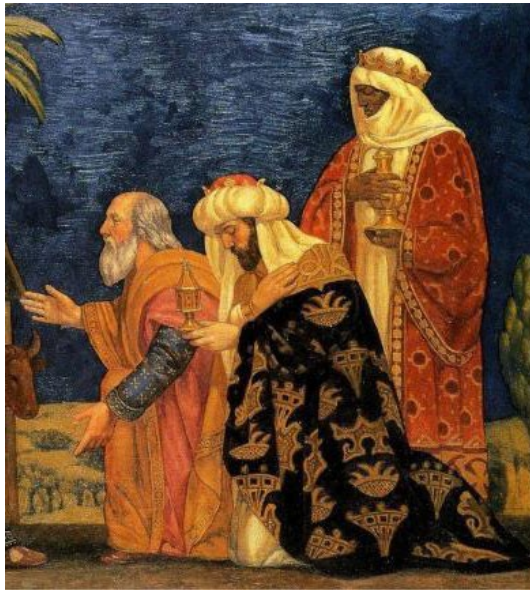
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FROM YOUR RECTOR

Opening Thoughts



After a very fruitful interim ministry carried out by Father Robert Eaton for about two years, the new Christian year meets us all with a new parish rector. This was preceded by a deep prayerful period of hard work by the search committee and all those involved. I myself was in deep prayer throughout the whole process which culminated with my election and call just a few weeks ago. Needless to say, I feel greatly honored and joyful for your trust and the hearty welcome you have given me as your new rector.

But starting a new position can be intimidating, especially when the position entails responsibilities and tasks you had never performed before, or had performed in quite a different way. It is only by great trust in God's guidance and power that I may be able to carry on the needed tasks, and I pray that I can serve and minister God's people in the best possible way.

All Saints' Episcopal Church in San Diego is a very special parish. It has a rich history, in which faith giants, both ordained and lay, have played their part. Reading the history of the church was crucial in my determination to serve here. It made me love the church even before I set foot on it for the first time. You have faced so many challenges, and through faith and generous sharing you have been able to succeed, in spite of ominous predictions of failure.

And you have a beautiful and respectable tradition. Throughout the years, in spite of prevailing fads of all sorts, you have kept your high-standard Anglo-Catholic liturgy alive and growing. And you have kept your ingrained theological positions against all odds. That makes me respect and value this church highly.

But as it happens in every human institution, not everyone is in full accord. I wonder if there is any human institution-family included-where full accord may exist. What we may come to attain, if good will prevails, is consensus. So in this parish there are people who sustain very traditional views, as opposed to others with less traditional ones. And the

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same happens with theological positions. Does this mean the parish life is in danger? Not necessarily. Conflict will always exist. In fact, conflict can promote needed changes and give rise to new opportunities for growth. It is the way conflict is handled that makes a difference.

A parish is not just any human institution. It is holy ground. It is the place where the Church (the Assembly of Christ's followers) meets for worship and nourishment of their faith. It is an institution where the Love of God is bound to become patent in the mutual love of its constituents. It is a place of communion in God's love. So intolerance, envy, competition, disrespect and hatred have no place in it at all.

When a new rector starts his office, there are all sorts of questions. Will he change everything? Will he keep on doing the same things as the previous priest? Will he respect our cherished traditions? Will he work in collaboration with the Vestry and staff or will he try to impose his views? And so on and so forth...

The new Christian year that has just begun brings new beginnings for this parish. As we prepare for the coming of the Christ child into our lives, our parish also makes room for a new leadership. Let it be done in joy, cooperation, respect and, above all, in deep prayer and guided by God's all-embracing Love. We cannot pretend to have ready answers to all the questions that may be posed. The best we can do is to be open to God's grace and transforming power, and, inspired by His incarnation, work together towards the manifestation of His kingdom among us, at All Saints', this beloved parish, for the Glory of His name.

Fr. Carlos Sepúlveda

FR. ROBERT EATON

With your blessings as support and strength, Thank you

In my final sermon on Sunday, November 24th, I made use of the words of St. Paul from the Epistle to the Colossians, and blessed you all. It was a word and a blessing for you to keep on working on being everything the Body of Christ is supposed to be, and to keep relying upon the Holy Spirit to achieve that, as well as your own maturity as disciples of Christ. But within his statement was the clear implication of the blessing that was received personally by Paul; and by me from you, which of course is why I wanted to say it over you.



You have been a blessing to me that has supported me; the picture illustrates that well, doesn't it? The last few weeks of my time with you was dotted with little moments of expressions of encouragement and promised prayers. But from you also came words of deep and meaningful appreciation, and these I will hold strongly in my heart and mind. And since you were invited to place some of these same thoughts and words and prayers into the "Big Deal Card" that Todd Muffatti crafted, I will easily recall all your blessings said and given to me. That so many people were involved in that last Sunday's meals and preparations is humbling. Along that line, I was amazed at the quantity of the various other expressions and gifts you offered. As I sat

down much later, recalling that final Sunday, and then reading and tallying all those physical expressions of blessing as presented to me by John Gray III (JG3), I realized you had singlehandedly provided a time of "non-anxiousness" as I pray, and search and discern my own next adventure. The Lord has provided through you. I am deeply grateful, and moved, for your caring and consideration ~ your blessings to me, and my family.

You have blessed me by trusting me, by allowing to be taught by me; I am blessed by what you all have taught me; you have blessed me by allowing me to lead you as Celebrant at the Mass, and to receive the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ by my hands; you have blessed me with laughing at my jokes, and reading through my long reflections; you have blessed me by taking the lead in prayers in meetings and gatherings, and allowing me to sing to you from the pulpit. You have blessed me by accepting my ministry to you, and by

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encouraging me to keep on keepin' on. I have been blessed by your prayers and intercessions for me and my family. I am truly blessed by you.

I want to make mention of one huge blessing in particular (without stealing the blessing away by mentioning it, I hope), and that was the seemingly unquenchable hospitality of Ed and Judy Heck in allowing me to live in their home. They will never let me pay them in full for the expense to them; I'm not sure that that would even be possible. More than a blessing of hostelry, however, there is the blessing of getting to know them probably more than so many of you, and you've known them for so many more years—oh, the night of singing Country and Western tunes, and the occasions of being perturbed by Aztec football! J Besides not chaffing at my coming in from late nights at the office, they are simply a joy and delight, and I am able to call them friends, and comrades on the Way. I have been truly blessed.

There is a hymn (you had to know I would add music, right?) that speaks so much about my time with you, and also, in leaving, I don't know where the Lord will take me. I already know there may be an intermediary step or two before I land in my next Kingdom adventure, but no matter where or what, I am extremely grateful for every single one of you, your affect on my own discipleship in Christ, and how I will carry you forward with me in service to Christ.

There are two versions of this early 1900's Evelyn Cummins hymn that I love to hear, and that confirm my resolve to keep on the King's highway. Here is one off the internet, a more traditional setting, using the tune Laramie: <https://youtu.be/oyNCSaePilg> Unfortunately, the other tune setting, taken from the 1960's Folk Mass Rejoice! was not available to share with you in a decent recording. Anyway, the first three of six verses share my sentiments upon leaving, and my thanks to you all:

*I know not where the road will lead / I follow day by day,
Or where it ends: I only know / I walk the King's highway.
I know not if the way is long, / And no one else can say;
But rough or smooth, up hill or down, / I walk the King's highway.
And some I love have reached the end, / But some with me may stay,
Their faith and hope still guiding me: / I walk the King's highway....*

Fr. Rob Eaton,
sometime Interim Rector

PARISH LIFE

Senior Warden's Reflections: Christmas Offerings

During the past year I have had several opportunities to reflect on things I recall from my early days at All Saints' forty or more years ago. In preparing my senior warden's stewardship message, I recalled the experience of attending Father Paul Satrang's Christian Heritage class during the Easter season in 1976. At the diocesan convention this year, I had the pleasure of meeting Father George Calvert, who was a member of the choir at All Saints' in the early 1970s and is now rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd in Bonita. Father Calvert's recollection of Solemn High Mass at All Saints' in those days matched up with my memories from a few years later. And I was able to provide a summary of one of Father Satrang's Christmas sermons and how he used a story of his experiences as a young priest to highlight the central meaning of Christmas.

As we once again reflect on Advent as a time of preparation for Christmas, I recall the main themes of a message about Christmas offerings that often appeared in parish newsletters and bulletins during my early years at All Saints'. I have not been able to find a copy of any of those messages. But to the best of my memory, these messages emphasized the importance of Christmas offerings for supporting the mission and ministry of the parish. It seems to me that there was a suggestion that an appropriate Christmas offering would be an amount approximately equal to the average cost of the gifts under our family Christmas tree. Those of us who use the "My Offering" envelopes to remind us to keep up to date with our pledges will find near the back of the packet an envelope marked "Christmas Offering." Perhaps 2019 would be a good year to recall the enduring Christmas message that we have always heard at All Saints' and consider a Christmas offering to the parish comparable to the value of the gifts we exchange with family members.

Also during Advent, we are invited to make special gifts to provide for decorating the church for Christmas. These offerings for Christmas poinsettias and other decorations may be designated as memorials for departed loved ones or as thanksgiving offerings.

Ed Heck
Senior Warden

ADDITIONAL WORSHIP TIMES

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I am pleased to announce that starting on January 8th, 2020, the following worship times will be added:

- Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays in the Chapel at noon: Noon Prayer.
- Wednesdays in the Chapel at 6:30 p.m.: Contemplative Prayer.

Note that these worship times can be led by laity, so if anyone feels called to lead, please, let me know.

Invite family, friends and neighbors to join us.

Blessings,
Father Carlos.



PARISH CALENDAR EVENTS

December

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| 1 | The First Sunday of Advent | |
| | Mass | 8:00am |
| | Solemn Mass | 10:30am |
| 3 | Channing Moore Williams, Missionary and Bishop in China and Japan , 1910 | |
| | Mass | Noon |
| 5 | <i>The Way of Love, Practices for Jesus Centered Life</i> | 9:30am |
| | Led by Fr. Carlos in the Parish Library | |
| 7 | Societies of Mary | 11:00am |
| | <i>All are welcome to join the Societies of Mary for their monthly day of devotion, beginning in the Chapel with Rosary at 11:00am with Mass to follow. After which we will adjourn to the Parish Hall for a potluck luncheon.</i> | |
| 8 | The Second Sunday of Advent | |
| | Mass | 8:00am |
| | Solemn Mass | 10:30am |
| 10 | Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (tr) | |
| | Mass | Noon |
| | Finance Committee Meeting | 6:30pm |
| 12 | <i>The Way of Love, Practices for Jesus Centered Life</i> | 9:30am |
| | Led by Fr. Carlos in the Parish Library | |

PARISH CALENDAR EVENTS

December

15	The Third Sunday of Advent Mass Solemn Mass	8:00am 10:30am
17	Mass Vestry Meeting	Noon 7:00pm
19	The Way of Love, <i>Practices for Jesus Centered Life</i> Led by Fr. Carlos in the Parish Library	9:30am
22	The Fourth Sunday in Advent Mass Solemn Mass	8:00am 10:30am
24	Christmas Eve (The Nativity of Our Lord) Mass Christmas Musical Offering – Organ, Choir, Carols Solemn Mass Christmas Eve Cookie Party	Noon 10:30pm 11:00pm 12:00am
25	The Christmas Day Low Mass with Hymns	10:00am
29	The First Sunday after Christmas Day Mass Solemn Mass	8:00am 10:30am

PARISH CALENDAR EVENTS

January

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| 4 | Societies of Mary | 11:00am |
| | <i>All are welcome to join the Societies of Mary for their monthly day of devotion, beginning in the Chapel with Rosary at 11:00am with Mass to follow. After which we will adjourn to the Parish Hall for a potluck luncheon.</i> | |
| 5 | The Epiphany of the Manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ to the Gentiles | |
| | Mass | 8:00am |
| | Solemn Mass | 10:30am |
| 7 | Mass | Noon |
| 8 | Noon Prayer | Noon |
| | Contemplative Prayer | 6:30pm |
| 9 | Noon Prayer | Noon |
| 10 | Noon Prayer | Noon |
| 12 | The First Sunday after the Epiphany | |
| | Mass | 8:00am |
| | Solemn Mass | 10:30am |
| 14 | Kentigern, Bishop and Confessor, 612 | |
| | Mass | Noon |
| | Finance Committee Meeting | 6:30pm |
| 15 | Noon Prayer | Noon |
| | Contemplative Prayer | 6:30pm |
| 16 | Noon Prayer | Noon |

PARISH CALENDAR EVENTS

January

17	Noon Prayer	Noon
19	The Second Sunday after the Epiphany Mass Solemn Mass	8:00am 10:30am
21	Mass Vestry Meeting	Noon 7:00pm
22	Noon Prayer Contemplative Prayer	Noon 6:30pm
23	Noon Prayer	Noon
24	Noon Prayer	Noon
26	The Third Sunday after the Epiphany Solemn Mass Annual Meeting	9:30am 11:00am
28	Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Friar, 1274 Mass	Noon
29	Noon Prayer Contemplative Prayer	Noon 6:30pm
30	Noon Prayer	Noon
31	Noon Prayer	Noon

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Christmas Poinsettias



We are offering an opportunity for parishioners to dedicate a Christmas poinsettia in memory of a loved one. These flowers will be used to decorate the High Altar and Sanctuary for Christmas. Orders must be completed by Tuesday, December 17th to ensure that all names will be in the Christmas bulletins. We ask for a \$25 donation. Forms are on the front and back tables of the nave.

We will be preparing the Church and the patio for Christmas on Monday the 23rd and will meet at 9am in the Flower Room. All are welcome!

Christmas Eve and Day Mass Schedule

- Tuesday, December 24 – Christmas Eve
Noon Mass – St. Mary Chapel
Musical Offering – Christmas Music: Organ, Choir and Carols at 10:30pm
Solemn Mass at 11:00pm
Christmas Eve Cookie Party at 12:00am
- Wednesday, December 25–Christmas Day
Low Mass with Hymns at 10:00am

ALL SAINTS' PRESCHOOL

Christmas Recital



The children and teachers of All Saints' Preschool will present their annual Christmas celebration and recital at 5 p.m. on Friday, December 13 in the church, followed by refreshments in the parish hall. Accompanied by Father Wayne Sanders on guitar, the children will sing selected Christmas songs and will follow the star to Bethlehem, where they will find the baby Jesus in the manger. Members and friends of the parish are invited to join the preschool family for this beautiful evening to celebrate the birth of Jesus. An offering will be taken, with proceeds to benefit St. Jude's Research Hospital.

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Holiday Art Show and Sale /Music

Sunday, November 17, 2019

Pictures by Stephanie Beck-fish



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TREASURER'S CORNER

By John Gray III



Operating income was under budget and operating expenses were over budget for the month of November.

	Actual	Budget	Difference
<i>Revenues</i>	\$24,375	\$32,894	\$(8,519)
<i>Expenses</i>	\$42,438	\$38,047	\$4,340

Key *REVENUE* deviations from plan were:

- Current month pledges were \$1,000 under budget.
- Music revenue was \$668 under budget.
- Plate/Other Contributors revenue was \$1,812 over budget. A \$1,200 donation was received in November.
- Investment income was \$10,988 under budget. No funds were disbursed from the Ready Fund in November.
- Property Mgmt. revenue was \$1,787 over budget due to adjusted CTA rent and increased preschool rent.
- Other income was \$597 over budget. This amount includes the Art Show donations.

Key *EXPENSE* deviations from budget were:

- Pastoral expense was \$2.9k over budget due to personnel transition.
- Business expense was \$3.8k over budget due to the timing of insurance payments.
- Facilities expenses were \$8k over budget. Painting in the church and chapel was completed in November.
- Music Program expense was \$44 under budget.
- Activity/Committee expenses were \$411 under budget.
- Property Management expense was \$2,287 under budget.

Totals through November:

	Actual	Budget	Difference
<i>Pledges</i>	\$71,181	\$82,500	\$(11,319)
<i>Total Revenues</i>	\$355,689	\$363,326	\$ (7,736)
<i>Total Expenses</i>	\$408,701	\$420,869	\$(12,168)

For the first eleven months of 2019, Net Income is over budget by a favorable \$4,532.

PRESCHOOL CORNER

By John Gray III



Operating income and expenses are both under budget for November.

	Actual	Budget	Difference
<i>Revenues</i>	\$49,859	\$53,113	\$ (3,253)
<i>Expenses</i>	\$47,710	\$52,936	\$ (5,226)

Key *REVENUE* deviations from budget were:

- Tuition was \$2,848 under budget for November.
- Foundation Fees are \$248 under budget and Program Fees are \$190 under budget for November.

Key *EXPENSE* deviations from budget were:

- Preschool salaries are under budget by \$2,068 for November, but are offset by Substitute wages that were over budget by \$787.
- Program expense was \$435 under budget for November.
- School supplies expense is \$494 over budget.
- Repairs and Maintenance expense was under budget by \$700. No major repair projects were done in November
- Security expense is \$883 over budget. Expenses include fire permit fees.
- Bank charges were under budget by \$560 for November.

Net Income for November is \$2,149.

Preschool Update for December:

- We currently have 68 children enrolled for November: 51 - F/T preschool, 11 - F/T toddlers, and 6 - P/T preschoolers. FTE=65
- We continue to have a waiting list for the Toddler and Pre-K programs.
- Holiday Cheer Social is December 6 at 8:30am.
- Christmas celebration is December 13 at 5pm in the church, followed by a reception in the Parish Hall.
- The Preschool is closed December 24-27 and December 31.

COMMEMORATION

St. Stephen, Deacon and Martyr



All that we know about Stephen the Protomartyr (that is, the first martyr of the Christian Church) is found in chapters 6 and 7 of the Book of Acts.

The early Christian congregations, like the Jewish synagogues, had a program of assistance for needy widows, and some of the Greek-speaking Jews in the Jerusalem congregation complained that their widows were being neglected. The apostles replied: "We cannot both preach and administer financial matters. Choose seven men from among yourselves, respected, Spirit-filled, and of sound judgement, and let them be in charge of the accounts, and we will devote ourselves to prayer and the ministry of the word." The people accordingly chose seven men, including Stephen, and the apostles laid their hands on them. They are traditionally considered to be the first deacons, although the Scriptures do not use the word to describe them. (The Scriptures do refer to officials called deacons in the local congregations, without being very specific about their duties; and a century or more later, we find the organized charities of each local congregation in the hands of its deacons.)

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Stephen was an eloquent and fiery speaker, and a provocative one. (Some readers have speculated that some of his fellow Christians wanted to put him in charge of alms in the hope that he would administer more and talk less.) His blunt declarations that the Temple service was no longer the means by which penitent sinners should seek reconciliation with God enraged the Temple leaders, who caused him to be stoned to death. As he died, he said, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." One of those who saw the stoning and approved of it was Saul (or Paul) of Tarsus, who took an active part in the general persecution of Christians that followed the death of Stephen, but who was later led to become a Christian himself.

We remember Stephen on December 26, the day after Christmas. Hence the song

Good King Wenceslas looked out

On the feast of Stephen,

describes an action of the king on the day after Christmas Day

From James Kiefer BIO's

COMMEMORATION

The Conversion of St. Paul, the Apostle

On January 25 we remember how Saul (or Paul) of Tarsus, formerly an enemy and persecutor of the early Christian Church, was led by God's grace to become one of its chief spokesmen.

Our chief sources of information about the Apostle Paul are (1) several of his own letters, preserved for us in the New Testament, and (2) the account of him given by Luke in the book of Acts.



One naturally asks whether we can be sure that the letters attributed to Paul are in fact his. A partial answer is that a forger would run into difficulty. If he wrote a letter, say, to the church at Corinth during Paul's lifetime, and signed Paul's name, the Corinthians would naturally mention it the next time they sent a message to Paul, and Paul would naturally reply: "What are you talking about? I never wrote anything like that!" If a letter supposedly to Corinth were circulated after Paul's death, sooner or later a copy would reach Corinth, and the members of the church there would ask, "If Paul wrote this letter and sent it to us while he lived, how does it happen that no one here has ever heard of it?" Thus, it would be difficult to obtain credence for a forged letter to a congregation. This argument does not apply to a letter to an individual (such as Timothy or Titus). Moreover, it arguably does not apply to the Letter to the Ephesians. Although some ancient copies of this letter begin:

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, to the saints who are [at Ephesus and] faithful in Christ Jesus:

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other ancient copies read simply "also" instead of the bracketed words. Thus, it is widely supposed that the letter was written as a general form letter to many churches, with the name of the church to be filled in in each particular copy. This view is supported by the fact that the letter contains no personal greetings and makes no references to the past history of the congregation addressed. Now, a forger might write such a form letter, circulate it after Paul's death, and escape detection, since no particular congregation could say, "Since we did not hear of this letter before, Paul could not have written it." And accordingly, we find that it is precisely Ephesians and the Pastorals (the letters to Timothy and Titus) that are questioned by some scholars who acknowledge Paul's authorship of all the other letters claiming to be by him. (I am not counting the letter to the Hebrews, which is not signed.)

Our other source of information is the book of Acts, where Paul (at first called Saul) appears in 7:58-8:1; 9:1-30; 11:25-30; 12:25-28:31. Here we read how Paul at first opposed and persecuted the Church, how he had a vision of Christ and was converted, and devoted the rest of his life to spreading the Gospel of Christ.

Portions of this account include statements like "we then crossed over to Troas," which are taken to mean that Luke was a companion of Paul for part of Paul's journeys. Since these accounts, particularly those of the shipwreck on Paul's last voyage, show every sign of being accurate eyewitness accounts (see the book *The Voyage and Shipwreck of Saint Paul*, by James Smith of Jordan Hill, FRS) and since a comparison of the style of various portions of the book of Acts makes it highly improbable that it is a scissors-and-paste job, with portions of one man's work inserted into a story by someone else, many scholars consider the claim that Acts was written by a companion of Paul to be well established.

On the other hand, it is not always clear how the chronology of Luke's account of the life of Paul is to be fitted with the autobiographical snippets we find in Paul's own writings, and for this reason some scholars dispute the genuineness of the book of Acts.

From James Kiefer BIO's

PARISH LIFE

CELEBRATIONS

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Karl Jörgensen with Dr. Ed Heck, Senior Warden and Fr. Robert Eaton, interim rector (11/2017– to 11/2019) as he proudly displays his award from Bishop Susan Brown Snook for his work heading the Search Committee to find a new rector.

Celebrating Fr. Robert G. Eaton's Interim Ministry at All Saints' on November 24, 2019



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Fr. Carlos Exposito, Rector First Sunday 12/1/2019

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