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BEYOND STEWARDSHIP



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FROM YOUR INTERIM RECTOR

Expectations

The Vestry will have celebrated with Prayers of Thanksgiving to God, and the toasting of champagne (just a little bit per person – they still had work to do at their meeting!). They have come through quite a time of it, in learning of each other, learning of new priests and how they articulate their thoughts and faith, and their personalities! They have been drawn into - and sometimes dragged and forced into – prayer and petition and supplication they probably never thought would come out of them, except for those who may have been part of a previous rector search. They have been appreciative of all the resources that were provided them via the span of Transition officer(s) representing the bishop of our diocese. There is a wave of relief and accomplishment. And there is a distinct sense of expectation, of looking forward, of wanting to find ways to do ministry mutually with a new Rector.

This is very much the idea presented by this year's Stewardship theme of 'Beyond Stewardship.' That which we do now to accomplish our immediate goals, while having hope in what the larger picture means for the Body of Christ. In other words, the duty now of giving, while it may indeed have a great sense of satisfaction, and may include the Lord's blessing of that dutiful gratitude now, also releases into the future all of that hope for things to come, even greater senses of giving by joy and cheerfulness, and provides so much for those who come after us.

Sometimes – well, often, I should say – we just have no idea at all when we work hard at the 'now' and wait for it to do what it is supposed to do, what it's going to do. We can look for a priest who will lead in holiness and insight and experience and pastoral love; and then find out a plethora of gifts and talents and skills that we just had no idea of just by asking interview questions.

I remember several of you who came by my office early on, looked around at my 'busy' office, caught the sight of my cello case, and said, rather incredulously, "Do you play the CELLO?" You know, that question never came up in my Interim interview in that very same office. Who knew.

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FROM YOUR INTERIM RECTOR

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Teddy Bridgewater, the step up, step in quarterback (for Drew Brees after his hand injury) for the SAINTS NFL football team, had to do the same thing early on in his football career. I mean high school. When he started reps before his first game stepping in one week, he fired off passes like a canon. His coaches had no idea whatsoever. And the legend began! The point is that he was on the team to be a quarterback – throw the ball, hand off the ball, sometimes keep the ball, just do what the play was drawn up for, do his duty. And then came the realization that there was more than duty, there was calling, an ambition, a desire, a satisfaction in doing what otherwise might be called Duty; and then BEYOND that play by play would come a district title, champions of this and that for the team, and then more teams to come.

If you are seeing the election of a new rector as just what had to happen anyway, then you are only part right. We believe as Christians that GOD is in it. And if GOD is in it, then there is more to come!

If you are seeing your pledge for the next year as just what has to happen anyway, then you are only part right. We believe as Christians that GOD is in your call to holy stewardship of money, what GOD has given in the first place. And if GOD is in it, then there is more to come!

I am excited to see and to hear about the "now" of your giving for the sake of God's kingdom in this parish – stories of awakening, stories of unheard of provision, stories of conviction – and about the beyond of your giving, or even of those who have 10 years ago, and what that has meant for NOW!

The Lord bless your giving for his sake here and now, and there and then for His Kingdom, in Jesus' name.

Fr as Eaton +

SEARCH COMMITTEE REPORT

Dear Parishioners of All Saints' Church,

The vestry had in-person interview with the two priest candidates, one on Saturday October 5th and the other on October 6th. The in-person interview consisted of a tour of the facilities, meeting with staff, prayers, a roundtable with the vestry and concluded with dinner at a local restaurant. The time together allowed us to know the candidates better and for them to know more about us and All Saints'. This week the vestry will be in deep prayer and discernment before meeting with Rev. Laura Sheridan-Campbell on October 12th to discuss the election of a new rector.

Please continue to keep the search committee, the vestry and Rev. Laura in your prayers as we search for a new rector.

Yours in Christ,

Karl-Gregorij Jörgensen Search Committee Chair

Update: The Vestry on Saturday, October 12 met and voted unanimously to elect one of the candidates to be All Saints' next rector. At this time we are waiting for the finalist's acceptance and completing the preliminaries before making an announcement.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Beyond Stewardship



We actually began our Fall pledge drive this year on Sunday, September 22. In the Gospel lesson for that Sunday, Jesus told his disciples the rather puzzling parable of the dishonest steward. That reading concludes with Jesus telling his disciples, "You cannot serve God and mammon" (John 16:13). A footnote in the Second Catholic Edition of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible explains that "mammon" is an "Aramaic word meaning 'wealth'."

In his <u>Sermon that Sunday</u>, Father Eaton offered several approaches to helping us understand this challenging Gospel passage. He began by telling us the most common topic in the Bible is not "love" (as most of us would probably have guessed), but "money and possessions." Although love is mentioned in 300 verses in the Bible, Father Rob told us that the topic of "money and possessions" is mentioned (cue that drum roll, again) in approximately 2,350 verses.

In an effort to follow through on the lessons of this reading in this time of transition for our parish, we have chosen "Beyond Stewardship" as the theme of our Fall pledge drive. During this time, we will follow the example of the Bible and talk about money enough to make most of us just a little uncomfortable. But "stewardship" involves more than money – more even than time, talents and treasure. Stewardship of the gifts we have been given is ultimately rooted – as Father Rob told us in his sermon – on our devotion to God and "the TENSION that exists between money and our devotion to God."

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

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So how do we resolve this tension? In Father Rob's words, "It is the choice to serve God, seeking God's Kingdom and its righteousness that will shape the believers' relationship to their money and possessions." In the coming weeks of our stewardship campaign, then, we will definitely talk about money and the needs of All Saints' Parish. Pledge cards will be sent out, and we will set a date for our Ingathering Sunday. But in the end, we want to move "beyond stewardship" to our entire relationship with God. The goal is that our use of money should teach us "the way of uniting our lives and our wills with God." We must not only decide how we will give back to God from the gifts He has given us. We must "seek first the kingdom of God." Like Joshua three thousand years ago we must commit ourselves to God's Kingdom. In the coming weeks, we should respond as Joshua did: "Choose this day whom you will serve . . . , but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord" (Joshua 24:15).

All Saints' Stewardship Committee (George Dreyer, John Gray III, and Kay Phillips)

October

1	St. Michael and All Angels Mass	Noon
5	Societies of Mary All are welcome to join the Societies of Mary for their monthly day of in the Chapel with Rosary at 11:00am with Mass to follow. After who to the Parish Hall for a potluck luncheon.	
6	The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost Mass Solemn Mass San Diego Music Coterie Concert	8:00am 10:30am 4:00pm
8	Mass Finance Committee Meeting	Noon 6:00pm
13	The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost Mass Solemn Mass	8:00am 10:30am
15	Teresa of Avila, Nun, 1582 Mass Vestry Meeting	Noon 7:00pm

October

20	The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost			
	Mass	8:00am		
	Solemn Mass	10:30am		
22	St. James of Jerusalem	N.		
	Mass	Noon		
27	The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost			
	Mass	8:00am		
	Solemn Mass	10:30am		
29	James Hannington, Bishop of Eastern Equatorial Africa and his			
	Companions, Martyrs 1885 Mass	Noon		

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November

1 All Saints' Day

Benediction and Litany (St. Mary Chapel)

Noon

2 Societies of Mary

11:00am

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.

3 All Saints' Sunday

Mass 8:00am Solemn Mass 10:30am

5 Elizabeth and Zechariah, 1st Century

Mass

10 The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

Mass 8:00am Solemn Mass 10:30am

12 Martin. Bishop of Tours 397 (tr)

Mass Noon
Finance Committee Meeting 6:00pm

November

17	The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost Mass Solemn Mass	8:00am 10:30am
19	Elizabeth, Princess of Hungary, 1231 Mass Vestry Meeting	Noon 7:00pm
24	The Last Sunday after Pentecost: Christ the King Mass Solemn Mass	8:00am 10:30am
26	Mass	Noon
28	Thanks giving Day Mass	10:00am

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# SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

#### 2019 Fall Food Pantry Drive



The Social Action Committee in early September met to consider the next project of outreach for the parish to the community. After much conversation and prayer they ended their meeting agreeing to wait for the Lord's leading.

The Social Action Committee and Fr. Eaton announce the renewal of a wonderful partnership with the Salvation Army. Thanks to Norma Dreyer and her fantastic memory, we will once again be donating canned food items to the Salvation Army Food Pantry.

Some years ago, All Saints' parishioners regularly brought canned food items to church on Sunday placing them in a box in the church foyer for pickup on Monday by a Salvation Army staff member. The food pantries were established to "provide meal supplementation while helping those in need maintain their dignity and independence."

Food insecure families are more prevalent than you might realize, in fact 'each night in the U.S. 17.4 million families go to bed hungry.' Items requested by the San Diego Centre City Corps include cans of soup with pop top lids, Vienna sausages, Dinty Moore Beef Stew, Slim Jim beef sticks, small jars of peanut butter, nuts and crackers. The Centre City office is located downtown at 7<sup>th</sup> and F St. Please contribute what you can when you can, and whether you are donating a case of soup, or a can of soup, we are grateful and blessed by your participation in this ministry.

#### Note-

Items will be collected after each third Sunday of the month by the Salvation Army.

The Committee is also planning a 30-day clothing drive in November for Scripps Hospital ER.

In Service, Your Social Action Committee

#### Garden Update for Fall 2019

The Memorial Garden continues to thrive and the fall blooming plants residing there are about to explode with blossoms and color! I highly encourage you to plan to visit in the next few weeks. The garden has required little maintenance (yes, this was planned!) and minimal weeding thus far. Most of the care is involved with cutting off the many spent blossoms and trimming the shrubs which is a good thing!

I hope to have a trellis and some design work completed in the next few months to further enhance the appearance of the garden. And, if I get ambitious, I will be planting some bulbs later in the year. Our garden continues to be a work in progress and a true labor of love.

I am continually amazed at the bountiful growth and healthy appearance of the garden residents. I give thanks to God as I know He is watching over the space and guiding our hands in its design and care.

Respectively submitted, Sue Johnston





# ANNUAL FALL

# ARTS and CRAFTS SHOW and SALE with MUSIC

# **Sunday November 17th**

9am to 3pm -



ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH
625 Pennsylvania Ave.
San Diego

[corner of 6th and Pennsylvania]

Artists contact Todd Muffatti 619-764-5649



Find a gift for a special person or for yourself; (Sea glass treasurers, Assemblages by Todd Muffatti, Cards by Chris, Watercolor art, Knitted accessories and /or purchase homemade baked goods and enjoy music by some of San Diego's talented musicians.

#### All Saints' Thespian



Jo-Darlene Reardon a long time member of All Saints' is appearing in the Lamplighters Production of "On Golden Pond" The plot focuses on aging couple Ethel and Norman Thayer, who spend each summer at their home on a lake called Golden Pond. During the year the story takes place, they are visited by daughter Chelsea with her fiance Billy Ray and his son Billy Ray Jr. The play explores the often turbulent relationship the young woman shared with her father growing up, and the difficulties faced by a couple in the twilight years of a long marriage.

Performances: October 11 thru November 10, 2019 Fri. & Sat. 8:00 pm, Sat. 2:00pm.

Click <u>here</u> for more information and to purchase tickets.

#### The Altar Guild Needs You!

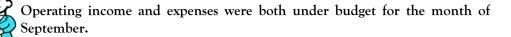


The Altar Guild is in urgent need for two volunteers. We need one volunteer to help set up for Sunday Mass one Saturday per month on either a Friday or Saturday morning. It takes about 2 hours and one of the members will train you and be with you until you are comfortable doing it alone. We also need a volunteer to help clean up/set up after 8:00 AM Mass (approx. 30 minutes)

Please contact Maureen at (619) 224-8683 or Norma Dreyer (619) 465-7662.

# TREASURER'S CORNER





|          | Actual   | Budget   | Difference |
|----------|----------|----------|------------|
| Revenues | \$23,857 | \$32,894 | \$(9,037)  |
| Expenses | \$34,486 | \$38,314 | \$(3,828)  |

#### Key *REVENUE* deviations from plan were:

- Current month pledges were \$1,905 under budget.
- Music revenue was \$2,353 over budget,.\$2,911 was raised through the Choir Appreciation Event.
- Plate/Other Contributors revenue was \$211 over budget.
- Investment income was \$10,981 under budget. No funds were disbursed from the Ready Fund. All 2019 McColley Trust distributions have been received
- Property Mgmt. revenue was \$1,582 over budget due to adjusted CTA rent.

#### Key EXPENSE deviations from budget were:

- Pastoral expense was \$4.8k under budget due to personnel transition.
- Business expenses were \$1.1k over budget due to the timing of insurance payments.
- Facilities expenses were \$722 under budget.
- Music Program expense was \$286 over budget. The upstairs piano was tuned in Sept.
- Activity/Committee expenses were \$347 over budget. A donation was made to the Living Church.
- Property Management expense was \$82 under budget. Two of the concrete stairs steps were fixed at 3660 7th Ave. and the asphalt was fixed in the preschool alley parking lot to remove the trip hazard.

#### Totals through September:

|                | Actual    | Budget    | Difference |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| Pledges        | \$58,626  | \$67,500  | \$(8,874)  |
| Total Revenues | \$302,066 | \$297,539 | \$4,528    |
| Expenses       | \$338,768 | \$344,787 | \$(6,019)  |

For the first nine months of 2019, Net Income is over budget by a favorable \$10,547.

Operating income is over budget and expenses were also over budget in September.

# PRESCHOOL CORNER

#### By John Gray III

|          | Actual   | Budget   | Difference |
|----------|----------|----------|------------|
| Revenues | \$59,678 | \$53,113 | \$ 6,565   |
| Expenses | \$56,215 | \$52,936 | \$3,278    |



#### Key *REVENUE* deviations from budget were:

- Tuition was \$1,889 under budget for Sept and \$2,782 under for the year.
- Foundation Fees are \$3,817 over budget and Program Fees are \$4,580 over budget for September. All families were billed for Annual Program fees and Foundation fees in September. Eleven have a balance due.

#### Key EXPENSE deviations from budget were:

- Preschool salaries are under budget by \$4,883 for September, but are offset by Substitute wages that were over budget by \$5,032.
- Program expense was \$638 over budget. Includes Back to School Fest.
- School supplies is \$747 over budget.
- Repairs and Maintenance expense were over budget by \$3,199. Expenses included concrete and asphalt repairs to remove the trip hazard.
- Security expense is \$883 over budget. Expenses include fire permit fees.
- Bank charges were under budget by \$672 for September.
- Dues and Subscription expenses were over budget by \$1,337 due to the annual membership for NAES.

#### Net Income for September is \$3,463.

#### Preschool Update for October:

- We currently have 67 children enrolled for October: 46 F/T preschool, 11 F/T toddlers, and 10 P/T preschoolers and toddlers. FTE=63
- We continue to have a waiting list for the Toddler and Pre-K programs.
- The preschool is closed on October 14 for Columbus Day.
- Scholastic Book fair is October 21-25.
- Harvest celebration is October 31 at 2pm.

#### St. James of Jerusalem

c. 62



James of Jerusalem is referred to in the New Testament as the brother of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

He was for many years the leader of the Christian congregation in Jerusalem, and is generally supposed to be the author of the Epistle of James, although the Epistle itself does not state this explicitly.

James is mentioned briefly in connection with Jesus' visit to Nazareth in Matthew's gospel. We are told elsewhere that Jesus' brothers did not believe in Him, and from this, and from references in early Christian writers, it is inferred that James was not a disciple of the Lord until after the Resurrection.

Paul, listing appearances of the Risen Lord, includes an appearance to James.

Peter, about to leave Jerusalem after escaping from Herod, leaves a message for James and the Apostles.

When a council meets at Jerusalem to consider what rules Gentile Christians should be required to keep, James formulates the final consensus.

Paul speaks of going to Jerusalem three years after his conversion and conferring there with Peter and James, and speaks again of a later visit on which Peter, James, and John, "the pillars," placed their stamp of approval on the mission to the Gentiles.

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Paul also says that messengers from James coming to Antioch discouraged Jewish Christians there from eating with Gentile Christians.

On his last recorded visit to Jerusalem, in Acts, Paul visits James (others are present, but no other names are given) and speaks of his ministry to the Gentiles.

Outside the New Testament, James is mentioned by the Jewish historian Josephus, who calls him "the brother of Jesus the so-called Christ," and reports that he was much respected even by the Pharisees for his piety and strict observance of the Law, but that his enemies took advantage of an interval between Roman governors in 62 AD to have him put to death. His death is also reported by the second-century Christian writer Hegesippus.

#### From James Kiefer BIO's

Oil Painting of St. James by Peter Paul Rubens

#### St. Martin Bishop of Tours

c. 397



Martin was born around 330 of pagan parents. His father was a soldier, who enlisted Martin in the army at the age of fifteen. One winter day he saw an ill-clad beggar at the gate of the city of Amiens. Martin had no money to give, but he cut his cloak in half and gave half to the beggar. (Paintings of the scene, such as that by El Greco, show Martin, even without the cloak, more warmly clad than the beggar, which rather misses the point.) In a dream that night, Martin saw Christ wearing the half-cloak. He had for some time considered becoming a Christian, and this ended his wavering. He was promptly baptized. At the end of his next military campaign, he asked to be released from the army, saying: "Hitherto I have faithfully served

Caesar. Let me now serve Christ." He was accused of cowardice, and offered to stand unarmed between the contending armies. He was imprisoned, but released when peace was signed.

He became a disciple of Hilary of Poitiers, a chief opponent in the West of the Arians, who denied the full deity of Christ, and who had the favor of the emperor Constantius. Returning to his parents' home in Illyricum (Yugoslavia, approximately), he opposed the Arians with such effectiveness that he was publicly scourged and exiled. He was subsequently driven from Milan, and eventually returned to Gaul. There he founded the first monastary in Gaul, which lasted until the French Revolution.

In 371 he was elected bishop of Tours. His was a mainly pagan diocese, but his instruction and personal manner of life prevailed. In one instance, the pagan priests agreed to fell their idol, a large fir tree, if Martin would stand directly in the path of its fall. He did so, and it missed him very narrowly. When an officer of the Imperial Guard arrived with a batch of prisoners who were to be tortured and executed the next day, Martin intervened

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and secured their release.

In the year 384, the heretic (Gnostic) Priscillian and six companions had been condemned to death by the emperor Maximus. The bishops who had found them guilty in the ecclesiastical court pressed for their execution. Martin contended that the secular power had no authority to punish heresy, and that the excommunication by the bishops was an adequate sentence. In this he was upheld by Ambrose, Bishop of Milan. He refused to leave Treves until the emperor promised to reprieve them. No sooner was his back turned than the bishops persuaded the emperor to break his promise; Priscillian and his followers were executed. This was the first time that heresy was punished by death.

Martin was furious, and excommunicated the bishops responsible. But afterwards, he took them back into communion in exchange for a pardon from Maximus for certain men condemned to death, and for the emperor's promise to end the persecution of the remaining Priscillianists. He never felt easy in his mind about this concession, and thereafter avoided assemblies of bishops where he might encounter some of those concerned in this affair. He died on or about 11 November 397 (my sources differ) and his shrine at Tours became a sanctuary for those seeking justice.

The Feast of Martin, a soldier who fought bravely and faithfully in the service of an earthly sovereign, and then enlisted in the service of Christ, is also the day of the Armistice which marked the end of the First World War. On it we remember those who have risked or lost their lives in what they perceived as the pursuit of justice and peace.

From James Kiefer BIO's

#### Choir Appreciation Event – September 14

#### Pictures by Derek Fish

The All Saints' family came together on Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, to celebrate the return of the choir after the summer lull. The event was warmly hosted by Senior Warden, Dr. Ed Heck and his wife Judy, and attended by about 40 people, to include several non-parishioner friends. Dr. Heck provided a generous selection of wines and cheeses for the wine tasting, and Joan Evangelou provided a fabulous spread of Greek finger food. The wine themed baskets, with their colorful names, Picnic in the Park, Pink Flamingo, Bubbly for Bruch, Apple n Spice (non-alcoholic) were a great success. Together with the wine tasting, cork pull, and wines by the glass, the event brought \$2750 in support of the choir! Special thanks to Ed and Judy for opening their home, to John Gray III, who sat at the front door collecting donations, to Kathryn Bunch for donation of books, to Glendora Tremper who organized the cork pull and ran the silent auction, and to all the basket-builders, bidders, and wine (and non-wine) tasters who came together to make this a fun and successful event!

Many contributed donations of wines, and food. A partial list, with apologies for any missed names: Leo and Chris Rocca, Peter Sheldon, Cree and Joanie Craig, Elizabeth Rietow, Althea ..... and special mention to the basket builders: Maureen Gardiner (and the Discovery Cancer Store), Kay Phillips, Sue Johnston, Louise and Blair Lawson, George and Kathryn Dryer, Lu Locke, Edith Thrumston, Gayle Murken, and Glendora Tremper.

Respectively submitted, Teri Tremper

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# Choir Appreciation Event — September 14 Pictures by Derek Fish





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