

FOR ALL THE SAINTS

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“Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore His sacred name.”

ALL SAINTS' MISSION STATEMENT

"Our mission is to bring the good news of Jesus Christ's love to our entire community through traditional Anglo-Catholic worship, fellowship, outreach, and Christian formation."

OUR VISION

"We strive to be a haven of healing, reconciliation, joy and peace in service to our wider community and beyond, so that our example in prayer and practice may reflect Christ's love for us all."



On the cover: Crux Gemmata in the Ravenna, Italy cathedral. Above: details of art surrounding the Crux Gemmata

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The Blessing of Bearing Our Crosses



Our liturgical calendar brings us Holy Cross Day on September 14. This is a major feast observed in honor of Christ's self-offering on the cross for our salvation. The collect for Holy Cross Day recalls that Christ "was lifted high upon the cross that he might draw the whole world unto himself," and prays that "we, who glory in the mystery of our redemption, may have grace to take up our cross and follow him" (BCP, p. 192). The themes of Holy Cross Day are powerfully expressed by the hymn "Lift high the cross" (Hymn 473).

Historically, the feast has been associated with the dedication on Sept. 14, 335, of a complex of buildings built by the Emperor Constantine (c. 285-337) in Jerusalem on the sites of the crucifixion and Christ's tomb. This shrine included a large basilica and a circular church. Constantine's mother, Helena (c. 255- c. 330), supervised the construction of the shrine, and a relic believed to be the cross was discovered during the work of excavation.

Although the cross as a symbol appears in different religions in the world, for us Christians it has come to be specifically associated with Jesus' crucifixion, His ultimate act of self-giving love that can also be interpreted as His exaltation and glorification. Crucifixion was a cruel form of execution used to deter people from committing crimes that would subvert the "status quo" of society. Thousands of people were crucified before and after Jesus, especially during the Roman Empire, but what makes this particular crucifixion different from all others is that the one crucified was not only totally innocent of the charges against Him, but He was executed for showing in His life, through His words and deeds, God's Way of Love like no other human being had before. He was God's perfect image in human form. He was and is God incarnate indeed.

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The great paradox about Jesus' crucifixion, which Paul refers to when he mentions that we Christians not only follow Christ, but Christ crucified, and that the cross is scandal for the Jews but glory for us, is that, according to the Jewish orthodox belief, God's Messiah could never be executed in such a "shameful" manner. In fact, he would not be executed at all, but would reign forever. By making Pontius Pilate crucify Jesus, they wanted to prove that He was a false Messiah, and hoped to put an end to His movement. What they could never foresee was that God would raise Jesus from the dead, and that this would give rise to the powerful movement that today, more than 20 centuries later, still brings hope of new and resurrected life in Him for so many in the world.

So what was scandal and shame for the Jews, became a moment of real glorification for Jesus' followers. His unjust and cruel crucifixion would then become the symbol of atonement, the symbol of God's all-encompassing love for all humankind, the ultimate proof of His infinite love.

The cross has become the subject of veneration for all Christians. We venerate the cross on Good Friday as the symbol of our redemption through Jesus' death. The emphasis on September 14, however, is on what the second part of the Collect for this day tells us: "that we, who glory in the mystery of our redemption, may have grace to take up our cross and follow him".

The phrase "to take up our cross" has been given different interpretations, some of them very popular, but not so fortunate. For some people, it means simply to go through the ordeals of life because there is no other alternative. So when people have an accident, get sick or lose a loved one, they see it as part of "their cross". But when Jesus used this phrase He was actually referring to the cost of discipleship. He knows that following Him will bring about opposition from the evil forces of this world and beyond this world. The Way of Love is countercultural by its very nature. It opposes those who want to keep their unjust privileges, who would like to keep a "status quo" based on individualism and selfish domination, based on indifference and cruelty, and lack of true love. Those who enjoy these privileges, who wrongly believe that their "happiness" depends on them, will do anything to prevent this from changing. And they have the support of the dark forces and dominions that are not of this world.

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Jesus knows this well, but He also knows that only the ones who dare to defy these forces can be His real followers. He does not deceive anyone by offering an “easy” way to God’s Kingdom. He clearly states what the high cost is, but He also assures us of His constant support and presence in this world, of the presence of the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth, in and among us, and He also assures us that, in the end, He will make our burden light, and we will be blessed with the inheritance of God’s Kingdom of everlasting joy.

Honestly, can anyone ask for a greater reward?

Fr. Carlo D'Amico

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Message from the Treasurer – August 2020

At its monthly meeting on July 21, the Vestry accepted the resignation of John Gray III as treasurer of All Saints' Parish. While expressing their sadness that John felt compelled to resign, Vestry members recognized that it was important for John to do what he needed to do to look out for his health and the well-being of his family at this time. The Vestry then elected Ed Heck to complete John's term as treasurer.

John did amazing work during several terms as assistant treasurer and treasurer. He not only minded the store and reported to the Vestry month by month, but also did an amazing job of building relationships with Area One Missioner Steve Turnbull and others from the Diocese of San Diego. Under John's leadership, the Vestry reversed a course that threatened to "burn through" our reserves and adopted a policy designed to operate our Ready Fund investment account on a sustainable basis. Finance Committee meetings simply will not be the same without John as our leader.

Our parish financial picture at the end of June is essentially the same as John reported in the June/July issue of *For All the Saints*. Pledge payments to date actually exceed the budgeted amount, and our shortfall in other offerings is relatively small, given that we have been able to gather for worship only twice since mid-March. We have continued to receive restricted disbursements from the McColley Trust (for music) and the All Saints' Endowment Fund (capital needs, including maintenance and repairs) on schedule and have not yet taken a budgeted distribution from the Ready Fund. Best of all, our nonprofit tenants have been able to maintain their rent payments in full.

In coming months we will be paying particular attention to the financial situation facing All Saints' Preschool as a result of uncertainties attributable to the novel coronavirus pandemic. In the early months of the statewide stay-at-home order, the preschool was able to serve only a handful of children of "essential workers." Fortunately, we received a loan (which we hope will become a grant) through the federal Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) that allowed us to cover most of the payroll costs for both preschool and parish staff through the end of June. But the PPP program has now expired, and the preschool is implementing a reopening plan focused on the health and safety of children and

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preschool staff. While enrollment is increasing, changing state and county guidelines make it difficult to predict the future, and tuition payments are not yet adequate to cover expenses. For the next several months, a vital task of the Vestry will be to work with the business administrator and preschool staff to build a sustainable future for All Saints' Preschool.

Dr. Edward Heck, Treasurer

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Ed Heck's Introduction to the Life Stories of Members of All Saints'

Several months ago (back when we had coffee hours), John Gray III and I were chatting over our after-church snacks and coffee. Soon Joe Burgess joined us. After some general conversation, Joe said something to the effect of, "You know, I really don't know much about you fellows. How long have you lived in San Diego? What kind of work did you do? When did you come to All Saints'?"

I quickly realized that Joe was right. It's true that we publish biographies of Vestry candidates in the Annual Meeting program. But those are condensed. And who remembers what those who were elected two or three years ago had to say about themselves?

So I said to Joe and John, "Maybe we should publish a series of stories about members of the parish in our Newsletter. And why don't we begin with an autobiography of our new senior warden?"

So, with thanks to John and Joe, we introduce in this issue of *For All the Saints* what we hope will be an ongoing series of the life stories of members of our parish, beginning with Senior Warden Cree Craig.



When I was younger I always described myself as a "Navy Brat", now looking back I have a new perspective. Essentially, for the first quarter of my life I was raised by my mother Josephine, my father Earl, and the U.S. Navy. In 1961, I was born on a Navy Base in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. A year later my sister was born on a Navy Base when we were living in Iceland. Two years later, after a short time in Brussels, Belgium the Navy brought us back to the U.S. and San Diego. Next up a 2-

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year stay in Newport, R.I., then back to San Diego for 2 more years. Our last overseas deployment as a family took us to N.A.S. Atsugi, Japan. Three years later we moved back to San Diego, where my dad completed his 24-year career as a Naval Aviator. At this point, I considered myself a salty 15-year old world traveler.

After attending Clairemont High School, SDSU, and The University of Texas (Austin), I returned to San Diego just in time to get a job with the Padres for the World Series season of 1984. Go Pads!! Journalism school at the E.W. Scripps School of Journalism at Ohio University gave me a taste of Midwest living before my almost 20-year career in TV/Radio news. The road less traveled included stops in Cincinnati, Wilmington N.C., Corpus Christi, TX., Huntsville AL., Salinas, CA., College Station, TX., Salisbury MD., St. Louis, and Greenville S.C. Some career highlights or lowlights depending on perspective: a 42-hour long shift covering L.A.'s Rodney King riots, a 38-day long stay in a sketchy motel room in Waco, TX. covering the Branch Davidian disaster, and numerous wildfires, tornados, and hurricanes.

In 2004 I moved back San Diego and started a second career in Real Estate. A year later I met the love of my life, Joanie. We married in 2006 after getting engaged at the 2005 Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in NYC. A few years later Joanie discovered All Saints', and Fr. Tony asked us if we were interested in joining the church. We were, we did, and we have never regreted our decision. All Saints' has truly become a foundational part of our lives. In 2013, I faced the toughest challenge of my life when my father had a major stroke and required full-time care to remain in his home during the next 4 years. The constant emotional and spiritual support from members of the All Saints' community helped Joanie and I get through this rough time, and I will always remember the kindness and care shown to us.

Blessings,

Cree

PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August

Since mid-March all Masses, Noon Prayer, Bible Study and gatherings have been held as Zoom Meetings because of the restrictions in place by the State of California in regard to the covid-19 virus. Bishop Snook on July 22 advised our parish that beginning on Sunday August 2 mass can be held in the church's courtyard. All other meeting/gatherings will be Zoom meetings. Below are the Zoom Meeting links:

Tuesday Noon Prayer

Click: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81274109081?pwd=SUYyclp0Y3F0MlNad29BSnA4WnZCdz09>

Friday Noon "In Dialogue with Scripture"

Click: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/680613536?pwd=dDgzOSs3aHVrUXlxNG9FL0g5RDZFMZz09>

Saturday Societies of Mary Day of Devotion—August 1 and September 5

Click: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81869682532?pwd=cTh6YkpGOUFSQXlwU2dCYUYwQzRFZz09>

The 9:00am Sunday Mass service will be recorded and uploaded to our Facebook page before noon. To view the video click: www.facebook.com/allsaintssandiego

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| 1 | <b>Societies of Mary via Zoom</b><br><i>All are welcome to join the Societies of Mary for their monthly day of devotion.</i> | 11:00am |
| 2 | <b>The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost</b><br>Solemn Mass in the Courtyard                                                      | 9:00am  |
| 4 | Noon Prayer via Zoom                                                                                                         | Noon    |

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## August

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| 7  | In Dialogue with Scripture via Zoom                                        | Noon           |
| 9  | <b>The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost</b><br>Solemn Mass in the Courtyard    | 9:00am         |
| 11 | Noon Prayer via Zoom<br>Finance Committee Meeting via Zoom                 | Noon<br>6:30pm |
| 14 | In Dialogue with Scripture via Zoom                                        | Noon           |
| 16 | <b>The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost</b><br>Solemn Mass in the Courtyard | 9:00am         |
| 18 | Noon Prayer via Zoom<br>Vestry Meeting via Zoom                            | Noon<br>7:00pm |
| 21 | In Dialogue with Scripture via Zoom                                        | Noon           |
| 23 | <b>The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost</b><br>Solemn Mass in the Courtyard  | 9:00am         |
| 25 | Noon Prayer via Zoom                                                       | Noon           |
| 28 | In Dialogue with Scripture via Zoom                                        | Noon           |
| 30 | <b>The Thirteen Sunday after Pentecost</b><br>Solemn Mass in the Courtyard | 9:00am         |

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## September

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| 5  | <b>Societies of Mary via Zoom</b><br><i>All are welcome to join the Societies of Mary for their monthly day of devotion.</i> | 11:00am        |
| 6  | <b>The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b><br>Solemn Mass in the Courtyard                                                 | 9:00am         |
| 8  | Noon Prayer via Zoom<br>Finance Committee Meeting via Zoom                                                                   | Noon<br>6:30pm |
| 11 | In Dialogue with Scripture via Zoom                                                                                          | Noon           |
| 13 | <b>The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b><br>Solemn Mass in the Courtyard                                                  | 9:00am         |
| 15 | Noon Prayer via Zoom<br>Vestry Meeting via Zoom                                                                              | Noon<br>7:00pm |
| 18 | In Dialogue with Scripture via Zoom                                                                                          | Noon           |
| 20 | <b>The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b><br>Solemn Mass in the Courtyard                                                  | 9:00am         |
| 22 | Noon Prayer via Zoom                                                                                                         | Noon           |
| 25 | In Dialogue with Scripture via Zoom                                                                                          | Noon           |
| 27 | <b>The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost</b><br>Solemn Mass in the Courtyard                                                | 9:00am         |
| 29 | Noon Prayer via Zoom                                                                                                         | Noon           |

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## Social Action Committee

### All Saints' Canned Food Drive Summer 2020



Greetings from your Social Action Committee! We hope this missive finds you healthy, safe and discovering how to be helpers at home and in your community during this pandemic. We will gladly accept your donation at Mass in the courtyard on Sunday or at the Parish Office. Please call ahead to ensure that the office is open. The Salvation Army will collect our donations on a monthly basis and SAC members will purchase canned goods/food items with your generous monetary donations.

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. Whether you are donating a case of soup, or a can of soup, your participation in this ministry is valued and appreciated by our Salvation Army partners and the numerous people they serve in the neighboring community.

In Service,  
All Saints' Social Action Committee  
Tamela Dreyer, Barbara Wilder, Kay Phillips, Lynette Blakney, Todd Muffatti

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## Memorial Garden — August/September



Our garden is flourishing and continues to amaze me! Our olive tree was getting so big, I have had it laced and I helped to cut back the branches to allow the trunk to straighten and the branches to fill out more evenly. Bob, who is my original planner and landscaper, did the work with me and he also added a tree support which he designed in a class that he took. So the tree is now ready to grow at will for several more years before another trim is needed.

Several months ago, in response to so many requests from our parishioners, I had asked Leo Rocca, our Facilities Chairman, to make inquiries to fence companies about the feasibility of adding a sliding gate to the fence in the Preschool parking lot. When Leo returned from Arizona, he spent many hours trying to find a fence company to do the job. But, success! We met with Balboa Fence a month ago and at the end of July or early August, look for a new sliding gate! It will have a lock that will be easy to access and the gate will not be too heavy and will be on a track for ease of opening. It will be wide enough to allow wheelchair access as well as wheelbarrow access! I want to thank Leo and the Vestry for finally making this a reality! Our donations for the Memorial Garden were enough to cover all of the expenses.

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Once the gate is completed, I am going to be planting that side of the garden in the narrow bed. I will probably do this in the Fall, once the weather cools a bit. Although, our summer so far has certainly proven to be a mild one and the garden has been thriving. I want to thank Don and Todd for keeping an eye on the water, etc. in the garden, as I have been visiting my daughter up north to help with her family. And, Homero, as always, has been there whenever needed.

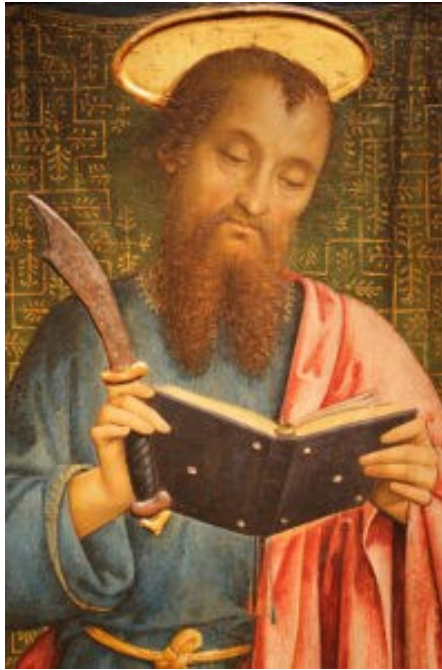
Looking forward to seeing more visitors to YOUR garden, once the gate is completed!

Sue Johnston

# COMMEMORATION

St. Bartholomew, the Apostle

August 24



The name "Bartholomew" appears in the New Testament only on lists of the names of the twelve apostles. This list normally is given as six pairs, and the third pair in each of the Synoptics is "Philip and Bartholomew" (M 10:3; P 3:18; L 6:14; but A 1:15).

John gives no list of the Twelve, but refers to more of them individually than the Synoptists. He does not name Bartholomew, but early in his account (John 1:43-50) he tells of the call to discipleship of a Nathaniel who is often supposed to be the same person. The reasoning is as follows: John's Nathanael is introduced as one of the earliest followers of Jesus, and in terms which suggest that he became one of the Twelve. He is clearly not the same as Peter, Andrew, James, John, Philip, Thomas, Judas Iscariot, Judas (not Iscariot, also called Lebbaeus or Thaddeus), all of whom John names separately. He is not Matthew, whose call is described differently (M 9:9). This leaves Bartholomew, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon Zelotes. Of these, Bartholomew is the leading candidate for two reasons:

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- (1) "Bar-tholomew" is a patronymic, meaning "son of Tolmai (or Talmi)." It is therefore likely that he had another name. (A historical novel which may not be well researched informs me that a first-century Jew would be likely to use the patronymic instead of the forename as a mark of respect in speaking to a significantly older Jew.) "Nathanael son of Tolmai" seems more likely than "Nathanael also called James (or Simon)"
- (2) Nathanael is introduced in John's narrative as a friend of Philip. Since Bartholomew is paired with Philip on three of our four lists of Apostles, it seems likely that they were associated.

We have no certain information about Bartholomew's later life. Some writers, including the historian Eusebius of Caesarea (now Har Qesari, 32:30 N 34:54 E, near Sedot Yam), say that he preached in India. The majority tradition, with varying details, is that Bartholomew preached in Armenia, and was finally skinned alive and beheaded to Albanus or Albanopolis (now Derbent, 42:03 N 48:18 E) on the Caspian Sea. His emblem in art is a flaying knife. The flayed Bartholomew can be seen in Michelangelo's Sistine painting of the Last Judgement. He is holding his skin. The face on the skin is generally considered to be a self-portrait of Michelangelo.

From [James Kiefer BIO's](#)

# COMMEMORATION

## Our Lady of Walsingham and the Society of Mary

Fr. Carlos asked me to find out how the Society of Mary began at All Saints'. My immediate thought was to email Fr. Tony Noble, rector emeritus of All Saints', who lives in St. Kilda Australia. Fr. Tony responded with the answer to my question plus an article from the December 2003 and February 2004 *For All the Saints'* newsletter.

Here are excerpts from the December 2003 and February 2004 "For All the Saints'" and Fr. Tony's answer to my question.

### Anglo-Catholic Devotional Societies

Anglocatholic parishes don't just spring up! They are part of a world-wide Anglican movement starting 170 years ago in Oxford, which sought to remind the Anglican Church of its catholic inheritance. Beginning with teaching at Oxford University, it soon spread to parishes – particularly in the depressed areas of big cities. So it is all over the world, every big city has an Anglo catholic parish that is part of the local diocese, but set apart as something different. In the Church of England it was denoted by colorful worship and ministry to the poor. This is where the term "bells and smells" came from!

As parishes absorbed this tradition, and expressed it in worship, they realized that it had to be followed up with teaching. So devotional services were formed to emphasize and teach particular doctrines and traditions. Two of them were quite strong in ECUSA – the confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament (CBS) and the Society of Mary (SOM). CBS is the oldest devotional society in the Anglican Church, being over 140 years old. SOM is 70 years old.

Interest has been expressed in having wards of these two societies operating at All Saints' Our new rector, Fr. Tony Noble, is a member of both and would be pleased to initiate a chapter at All Saints'.

### Society of Mary

A very successful launch of the Society of Mary in the parish was held on Saturday, January 10.

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## Our Lady of Walsingham and the Society of Mary

Twelve parishioners were joined at Mass by 5 existing members of the Society from other parishes. After Mass a very enjoyable pot-luck lunch was shared. Fr. Tony addressed the meeting outlining the history and spiritual disciplines of the Society.

The Society of Mary has 100 Wards in North America mainly on the East Coast. There were two Wards of the Society in San Diego, but both are now inactive. The meeting decided to revive the Ward of the Annunciation, previously based in the cathedral. The new All Saints' Ward will meet every 2 months on Saturday. Mass at 11:30am followed by a pot-luck lunch and meeting.

### **Fr. Tony's reply**

However, the monthly Mass and meeting is entitled Societies of Mary and I will explain why. After starting in January 2004 the Ward of SOM grew. Subsequently we decided to meet every month with the pattern that still exists. I would always report on my annual visit to Walsingham and people started to ask if they could also go with me. So in 2006 I announced that I would take a parish group on a pilgrimage to the shrine in August 2007, including time in London & Norwich. I enjoyed planning and organizing this for the 10 people and it was a wonderful experience for everyone. As a thanksgiving the group commissioned the green High Mass set for All Saints. Whilst at the shrine everyone was admitted into the Society of Our Lady of Walsingham - some of whom were already members of the Society of Mary. A cell of the society was subsequently inaugurated for All Saints'. So the monthly Mass and meeting became a meeting of both societies. Clare Jacob was the secretary and I think Karl Jorgensen took over after Clare moved back east. One of the things the members did was pay for a lamp to burn for All Saints' in the shrine. There are several hundred of such lamps and they are lit every night for the daily intercessions after Evening Prayer - so the parish is prayed for daily in Walsingham.

Our Lady of Walsingham is commemorated this year on September 24. To learn more about the Lady Walsingham Shrine in text and pictures click [https://  
www.walsinghamanglican.org.uk/](https://www.walsinghamanglican.org.uk/)

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The Shrine Church at Walsingham, England



From right to left: Lady Walsingham at Shrine in England and at All Saints' Episcopal Church in San Diego, CA

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## The Missing Brigadier General



George Washington Gatchell was born February 22, 1865 (on the anniversary date of George Washington's birth) in the closing days of the Civil War. He served in the U.S. Army and Coast Artillery for slightly more than 36 years. (Photo and Obituary Courtesy of Susan Lintelmann, Archives and Special Collection Team, USMA Library.)

What do an old Post Exchange, a World War II coastal gun battery, and San Diego's Anglo-Catholic parish of All Saints' Episcopal have in common? Oddly, the missing Brigadier General!

His name was George Washington Gatchell. He was an 1887 graduate of West Point, who later served in the Spanish-American War, and in France to command the 31<sup>st</sup> Heavy Artillery Brigade. The Coast Artillery assigned him to duty in San Diego in 1907-1910 as Commanding Officer at the Army Post of Fort Rosecrans and the Artillery District.

It was during this time that Gatchell oversaw the construction of the Post Exchange. Today, the former Exchange (and later Post Headquarters, Building 158) is undergoing renovation, after many years left standing empty and unused. This current building reuse has been our incentive to research its history and the Army presence during its establishment.

The two-story red brick building with stone trim stands visually apart from the Colonial Revival style of architecture evident in other structures on the former Army post. In the basement were storerooms and a bowling alley. The main floor offered soldiers a gymnasium with a hardwood floor ideal for dancing. At the north end was the post exchange sales room and billiard and pool tables. All of these are long gone, destroyed in an earlier renovation of the building.

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## The Missing Brigadier General

Colonel Gatchell rose to Brigadier General and retired from the Army in 1919, after which he and his wife were active in the congregation of All Saints' Episcopal Church. He died at San Diego Naval Hospital on February 4, 1939.

We note Gatchell's distinction from excerpts of the 1939 Annual Report of the Association of Graduates of the United States Military Academy:

*"Always of a deeply religious nature, he had throughout his service assisted in promoting the Christian welfare of the posts at which he had served. Now, with more time available, Church Work became his vocation. He soon was appointed Treasurer of All Saints' Episcopal Church in San Diego and for years represented the San Diego Convocation at the Department of Missions."*

Further, from Missions, *"We knew him as a very wise counsellor, devoted to the cause of the Church and most willing to give of his skill, his time and energy to the work of the Department. The place of such a man cannot be filled..."*

*"At the time of his death, he had become one of the most prominent laymen in the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of Southern California... He will be greatly missed. How we all love him! May light perpetual shine upon him."*

But we couldn't find him!

As historians, our job is to find every detail of our subject. Where was Brigadier General Gatchell laid to his final rest? Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery was the first and obvious choice to pursue. Not there! Was he at Arlington National Cemetery? But no records of our missing general on these hallowed grounds, either. What about West Point Cemetery? Alas, only his son, Oscar James, was located there. Still, no General!

Enter, All Saints' Vestry volunteer Teri Tremper and Church Administrator, Louise Lawson. A call was made to the church office in early July 2020 in hopes we might find the missing General in a cemetery there. Teri took the call. All Saints' has no cemetery! But Teri went a step beyond and located the old hand-written church ledger and found

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Gatchell's Requiem Mass and Funeral listed on February 6, 1939. Yet, this did not reveal his burial site.

With Louise's support, Teri did not give up her search. (Great detective work, ladies!) Days later, she found more hand-written records that revealed Gatchell's cremation and internment at Greenwood Memorial Park here in San Diego. Mystery solved! Our elusive Brigadier General is found!

Now, about that coastal gun battery mentioned above—little is known today of Fort Emory that was located at the south end of the Silver Strand. It was a World War II-era build-up of coastal defenses too late. Within its reinforced concrete walls was Battery 134, or, Battery Gatchell, named in honor of our missing, now found, Brigadier General. By the time the battery was finished in 1944, it was deemed obsolete and the 16-inch guns were never installed. Fort Emory was razed in 2016 to become the new home to the Navy's Special Warfare Command.

President Thomas Jefferson once said, "It is the duty of every citizen to preserve the history of our country..." We could have finished the study of Brigadier General Gatchell without ever finding his final resting place, but it is our intent to honor our military past with the most detailed commemoration.

Thank you, All Saints' Episcopal Church, for greeting strangers as you have. *Hebrews 13:2* Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.

With love,  
Mary Ellen Cortellini and Karen Scanlon  
Fort Rosecrans historians and authors

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## The Missing Brigadier General



### **Battery Gatchell**

This World War II-era, coastal defense battery was located at the south end of the Silver Strand in Imperial Beach, San Diego County. It was unofficially named in honor of G. W. Gatchell, Commanding Officer at Fort Rosecrans 1907-1910.  
(Photos Courtesy Marty Graham.)

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### Post Exchange

Building 158, the former Fort Rosecrans Post Exchange, is currently undergoing renovation for administrative offices for Naval Base Point Loma Security. The red brick structure was built in 1908-09 under the watchful eye of Post Commander, Major G.W. Gatchell. It is eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places as part of the Fort Rosecrans Historic District. (Photo courtesy of Barnhart-Reese Construction Co.)

# ALL SAINTS' HISTORY

## The Missing Brigadier General



### **Gatchell's Columbarium Niche**

All Saints' church volunteer Teri Tremper found our missing Brigadier General! Gatchell's final resting place is within the columbarium located in the Chapel of the Chimes at Greenwood Memorial Park, San Diego. (Photo Courtesy Ryan D. Phillips, Funeral Director, Greenwood Memorial Park.)



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