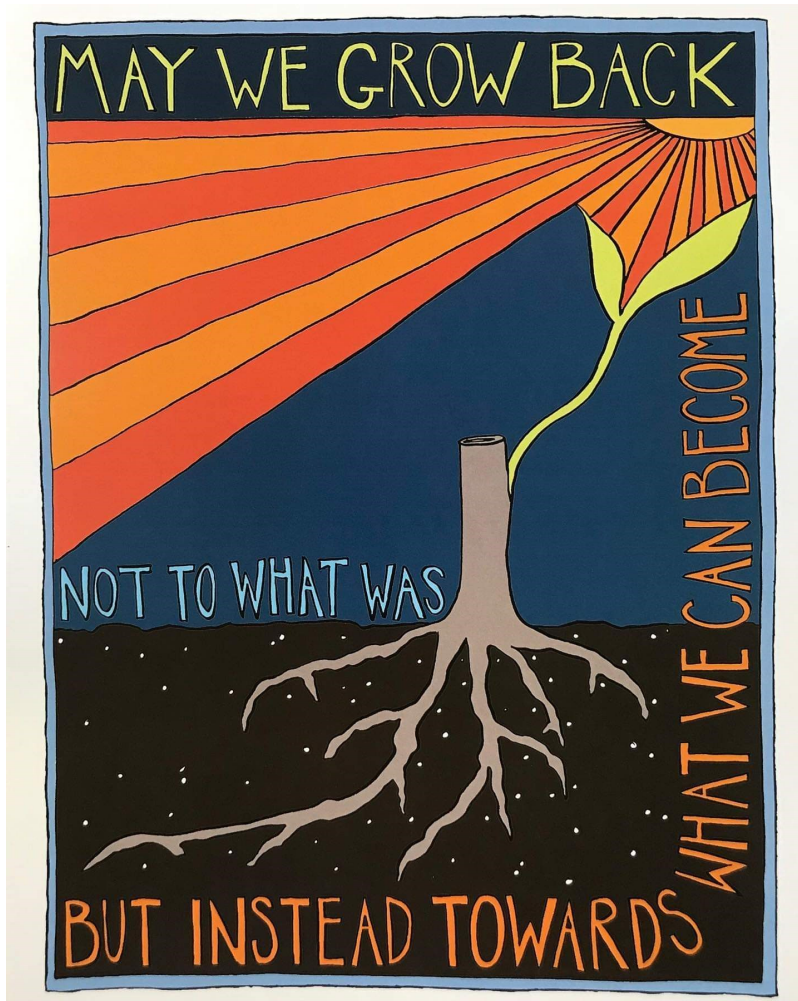


## Clergy Corner: God Is Already Present

It doesn't seem like I've been at St. Michael's for 8 ½ years... but I came in January of 2014, so it must be true! I have been honored over these years to be your priest, pastor and (I hope) friend. Our ministry together has enriched my life and helped me to grow as a person, a Christian, and a child of God. I hope you can say the same!

But, as with all things, this too must end. I am reaching the age when the Episcopal Church says I need to retire. And so, here we are. The last couple of years of pandemic and virtual church have been such a challenging time, but I think we have weathered them well. There is no doubt that we have learned a lot! And going forward, St. Michael's has a wonderful vestry to choose your new rector. In so many ways this is an opportunity for this community. I hope my time with you has been a good foundation for this future. And so here is my wish for you all...



To quote Nadia Bolz-Weber, "God unbound by time, help us to know that you are already present in the future we are fearing." Blessings as you go forward into God's future for St. Michael's!

*Mother Dina+*

## Family Promise

### **Please donate for our host week June 19th-25th!**

Currently we have 4 families. Our host partners are El Segundo Methodist Church and Manhattan Beach Community Church and together we are looking for \$600 for the week (\$100 groceries, \$50 gas per family). Please, let's do our part!

You can donate online for groceries and gas gift cards using this link: [FP Donations](#). After you donate online please send an email to [Jocelyn@familypromiseosb.org](mailto:Jocelyn@familypromiseosb.org) with the following information so she can keep track of our donations:

1. Your First and Last Name
2. Amount Donated
3. St. Michael's Congregation



### **We're excited to have Summer Camp back again this year at First Christian Church. You can volunteer and donate supplies!**

Summer Camp will provide 40-60 children between Kindergarten - 8th grade with a memorable 6-week experience Monday through Friday from June 27<sup>th</sup> to August 5<sup>th</sup>. Camp is open to current and graduate families, and local neighboring school children from low-income households. The summer camp provides a space for the children to participate in a variety of STEM, sports, and educational activities to encourage and develop relationships with peers. We are looking for volunteers to help lead activities, prep food, or help our hired teachers.

### **Summer Camp Volunteer Time Commitment**

Activity Teacher (9 AM - 3 PM; Once A Week for 6 Weeks)

Outdoor Movement Volunteer (9 AM - 3 PM; Once A Week for 6 Weeks)

Teacher's Helper (9 AM - 3 PM; One Full Week Commitment)

Food Prep Volunteer (10:30 AM - 1 PM; Once A Week for 6 Weeks)

If one of these roles sounds like a fit for you the application can be found [here](#)!

If you are interested in donating supplies that help us run Summer Camp, our wish list is here: [Family Promise Summer Camp Wish List](#)

### **Friendly reminder to go visit and have some fun at Wrigley Coffee!**

Monday - Sunday 7am-4pm

437 W Willow St., Long Beach, CA 90806

### **Our 2022 Host Weeks**

Second quarter: June 19 - 25

Third quarter: Oct 9 - 15

Fourth quarter: Dec 11 - 17

With Love, Jeanie Powell  
[cheeriochewer@gmail.com](mailto:cheeriochewer@gmail.com)  
310-462-9904

## June Calendar

*Beginning in June, many of our regular activities will go on hiatus for the summer:*

*Bible Study*

*Choir*

*Candlelight & Meditation service*

*Online Tuesday & Thursday Compline services*

*Look for news about how and when these activities will resume in the fall.*



### **Dates to Remember in June**

Sunday, June 5	Pentecost Sunday Mo. Dina's last Sunday at St. Michael's Coffee hour fellowship after the 10am service and spices to share from Judith Wilson
Sunday, June 12	Welcome Fr. Bob! Fr. Bob starts as supply for summer (through Sept. 6)
Tuesday, June 14	Flag Day
Sunday, June 19	Father's Day C.A.S.E. ingathering Juneteenth
Monday, June 20	Vestry, 10am at the church

### **Voices From The Vestry: *Happy June Everyone***

As we are about to enter summer, I find myself in a state of simultaneous sadness and metamorphosis. Of course, change is generally a good thing, but it is also hard. This month brings end of Mother Dina's tenure and our 11-year-old twins are "graduating" 5<sup>th</sup> grade from a school we have spent the last decade of our lives attending. It's just another reminder that time marches on. As we enter this month, it's also a very unsettling time in our country. I am sad at the state of the world, the world our children are growing up in. As June is also "Pride Month," I am reflecting on our civil rights in this country—which also seem to be in a tenuous state of turmoil. But I am hopeful, too. As I'm writing this, I am sitting on my beautiful front porch, dog in my lap, coffee in hand, listening the sounds of birds chirping and watching butterflies glide by. I am reminded of the beauty in the simple things. It truly is a time we need to stop and smell the roses and remind ourselves that the little things really are the big things. But yet, we cannot stand idly by. It is up to us to stand up for what is right, to be the allies to our brothers and sisters who are still fighting for equality. I leave you with a quote by Bayard Rustin, a lesser-known figure in the Civil Rights Movement and friend of Martin Luther King Jr., who fought not only for the rights of African Americans but for the LGBTQ community as well. Rustin urged the disenfranchised to engage in civil disobedience to get their points across to the majority, encouraging those who wanted to fight for their rights to be unafraid to speak up and act out to demand them. "We need, in every community, a group of angelic troublemakers." May we at St. Michael's be those angelic troublemakers so desperately needed in today's world.



With love,  
Melissa McCaverty

## Sacristy Update Update



“Sacristy” is another one of those words we inherited from the Church of England. Like many words, it’s a way of saying in one word what would otherwise take a lot more. So, to define:

*A “sacristy” is a room in a church where a priest prepares for a service, and where vestments and other things used in worship are kept.*

For us it’s the room next door to the side entrance of the church. You may see clergy and acolytes go in and out of that room and be marginally aware that the robes for clergy and acolytes are kept there. You may have peeked in once or twice, but not enough to know what it really includes and what goes on there. Let me tell you about just a bit of it!

The sacristy does store clergy and acolyte robes and vestments in a closet and chest of drawers. It also has all the different colored vestments—the stoles and chasubles—that the priest wears during the various seasons of the church year, along with the hangings for the pulpit and the altar. This is the place where all those things are kept and cared for—by our faithful altar guild members. But it’s a lot more...

Need a candle? Check the sacristy. Want the wine and wafers for the communion? They’re in the sacristy. Oil for anointing the sick? In the sacristy. The book that keeps the record of all the services? On the counter in the sacristy. A place to clean up after services? The sacristy. The “other” cross\*—for the altar wall? Yep. It’s in the sacristy. It’s a room that has many functions and honestly it would be very difficult to get along without it. And ours is showing its age!

Our sacristy was built as part of the original church building when the church was moved here\*\* in 1948, and it has served us well. But it’s small and crowded. The closet and chest of drawers are what were available at the time. And the sink and fixtures are definitely showing their age. We’ve been looking at making this space more functional for a long time—since before Mo. Dina came. But we knew it was a major task, and the time and opportunity never seemed to be right.

Well, now it is! Mo. Dina has asked in lieu of any gifts to honor her retirement that you designate a special donation to the “Sacristy Fund” at St. Michael’s. As you might guess, refurbishing the sacristy will be costly. In addition to the room and fixtures, there are plumbing, electrical and heating systems to consider—all of which need updates to our current standards. As soon as there is sufficient funding to begin, the vestry and altar guild will begin conversations with an architect about plans. And then, as soon as practical given funding and budget, we will begin work with a contractor.

This is the first major project we have had at St. Michael’s since the building of Yeaton Hall in the early 2000s. Just as the church was moved here, then the school was built, and then Yeaton Hall, remodeling the sacristy will indeed be a gift from us to future generations at St. Michael’s. Thank you for helping to make this happen!

*\* Most of the year we have the Christ the King cross in the church on the altar wall, but in Lent we use the Crucifix. The faithful Altar Guild members make sure the appropriate cross is on the wall and that the other cross is safely placed on the wall in the sacristy.*

*\*\* Yes! As an interesting side note, our church building started out as a Lutheran chapel in Westchester. When that congregation wanted to build a new church, St. Michael’s bought the building and had it moved to El Segundo. We added the side wing where the sacristy is located. And the windows are all ours—gifts from church members who have gone before us. They were trustees for us, just as we are trustees for those who will come after us.*

### June Birthday Blessings

2 Melissa Albers  
17 Momi Ince  
24 Jeffrey Okon

9 Alex Nilsson  
18 Chloe Samia  
27 Jeanie Powell





## Spice It Up!

Our dear friend Judith Wilson, wife of Roger Wilson, passed away earlier this year. You probably remember her as a woman with many stories from a life full of adventure and travel. But you may not know that she was a food stylist, a chef, and a cooking teacher. Her kitchen was a wonder and her pantry even more. In the spice cabinet, Judith left more than 100 jars of unopened spices.



Roger would like to share these with us and so we are declaring Sunday, June 5 as **Spice It Up Sunday**. At our coffee and fellowship after the 10am service on June 5<sup>th</sup>, we'll have a table of Judith's spices for you to claim as your own. Take a few that you need, or some special spice that you've always wondered about. Judith had them all! It will be a gift to Roger to know that these spices have gone out into the world and that Judith's friends will be using them and remembering her.

## So What Happens Next?

You may be wondering how a new priest will come to St. Michael's. So here's the low down. The way things are done in the Episcopal churches is that the responsibility lies with the vestry—they serve as a kind of “board of directors” for each church. Our vestry members are our elected representatives—we elect members at our annual meeting each year. The officers of the vestry are the senior warden, junior warden, clerk and treasurer—titles that, along with the name “vestry,” have been handed down to us from our Church of England heritage. At St. Michael's, the vestry members who have the responsibility for making the decision about who to call as the new rector are:

Melissa Albers, Sr. Warden  
Jeanie Powell, Jr. Warden  
Jorge Cortes, Clerk  
Chris Powell, Treasurer  
Melissa McCaverty  
Kathy Van Orden

As Sr. Warden, Melissa Albers will lead the vestry and keep you informed of the process and the progress. Please keep these members and the community of St. Michael's in your daily prayers. It's an exciting time!



## Oh, the Books We've Read!

At our book discussion on Sunday, we reminisced about the books we have read over the years. Some were especially memorable. Some we enjoyed more than others. But we had something to say about each one. And the time of sharing and fellowship was always worthwhile. We thought you might like to know what we've read and shared...and maybe even read one or two for yourself. We have a copy of most of them and you are welcome to take one (or more!) before we add them to our Little Library at the side of the church.

Here we go...

*Why Did Jesus, Moses, Mohammed and the Buddha Cross the Road*, Brian McLaren—Lent 2014

*Poisoned Honey*, Beatrice Gormley—August 2014

*Traveling Mercies*, Anne Lamott—February 2015

*The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society*, Mary Ann Shaffer & Anne Barrows—June 2015

*Letters from Ruby*, Adam Thomas—November 2015

*Tattoos on the Heart*, Gregory Boyle—May 2016

*The Faith Club*, Ranya Idliby—September 2016

*Jackson Place*, John H. Taylor—February 2017

*Chasing Francis*, Ian Morgan Cron—May 2017

*When Bad Things Happen to Good People*, Harold Kushner—October 2017

*Woman of God*, James Patterson & Maxine Paetro—January 2018

*The Invention of Wings*, Sue Monk Kidd—May 2018

*Can't Wait to Get to Heaven*, Fannie Flagg—July 2018

*I'm Proud of You*, Tim Madigan—September 2018

*When the Men Were Gone*, Marjorie Lewis—January 2019

*Accidental Saints*, Nadia Bolz-Weber—February 2019

*The Book of Joy*, The Dalai Lama & Desmond Tutu—July 2019

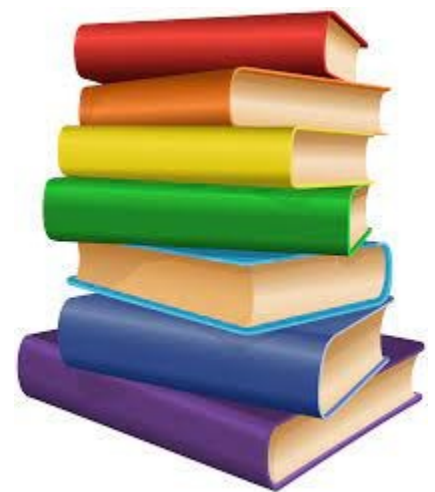
*Born a Crime*, Trevor Noah—October 2019

*The Salt Path*, Raynor Winn—January 2020

~ Pandemic Hiatus ~

*Lessons from Lucy*, Dave Barry—March 2022

*The Five Wishes of Mr. Murray McBride*, Joe Siple—May 2022



## C.A.S.E. Ingathering June 19

Coffee—regular & decaf	Dry beans—pinto, black, lentils
Canned tuna—albacore & chunk light	Canned pinto beans
Canned chili—turkey chili, no beans chili	Jell-O boxes
Bottles of juice—apple, orange, cranberry	Cereal—kid friendly, sugary
Oatmeal—in canisters, not individual packets	Honey
Salad dressings—1000 Island, Honey Mustard	Mayo
Oil—vegetable, canola, olive	Sugar—granulated, powdered, brown
Laundry soap / Body wash / Shampoo & conditioner / Toothpaste / Toilet paper	



## Welcome Fr. Bob!



The Rev. Robert W. Cornner (Fr. Bob to all his many friends!) has been with us at St. Michael's on many occasions over the years. He the retired rector of Christ Church in Redondo Beach and he also spent a career as a teacher and principal at R. K. Lloyd Continuation High School in the Centinela Valley Union High School District. We are so happy that Fr. Bob has agreed to be our mainstay clergy over the summer as the Vestry continues its search for our next rector. Fr. Bob will be with us on Pentecost, June 5, as we say goodbye to Mo. Dina and then will take over for services and pastoral care on Trinity Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup>. Please be sure to welcome Fr. Bob. We are so happy he'll be with us!

## More Bare Necessities!



THANK A VETERAN.

Thanks for the toilet paper donations for the Vets in May. The donations by St. Michael's and the El Segundo community filled the empty shelves in the pantry.

Now for June, we are asking for more basic items—**dishwashing liquid and laundry detergent**. Because the Veterans live on tight budgets, these items often get left off the grocery list.

To donate, please click [HERE](#) to sign up, then bring your donation to church or drop it off at my house (612 W. Oak Ave., ES) by Sunday, June 12.

Thanks as always for your contributions.

*Elizabeth*



## Mother Dina's Farewell

We gathered on Sunday, May 22 in Gillian Madden's lovely garden for Mother Dina's farewell party. Family, friends and parishioners all gathered to show our appreciation for Mother Dina's time with us. We ate, drank, talked, laughed and even shed a few tears. Everyone, especially Mother Dina, had a great time. We all wish her well on the next chapter of her life. Enjoy your retirement Mother Dina. You deserve it!







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**Worship Schedule**

Sunday 8:00am Rite I Said Service  
Sunday 10:00am Rite II  
with Music and Childcare  
Sunday School: 1st, 2nd & 3rd Sundays

**Mission Statement for St. Michael's Church**

*Growing in God's Love.  
Working in God's Spirit.*

**The Reverend Dina Ferguson, D. Min.**

# June 2022

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