

Interim Inspirations

A blessed Eastertide to you!
Alleluia, Christ is risen!

“Practices invite weary roads to join the journey, to find home, to create a different kind of village, to enter the memory of Jesus. Practices serve as signposts along the way, pointing toward the tracings of others who have marked the Christian path. Without them, we would be lost.”

In 2,000 years of being Christ’s, “practices” have risen that mark the character of being communities of Christ, of being a church. In our day, Diana Butler Bass, congregation researcher, sees these as ten “signposts” of renewal. She identified these signposts in research across the country and across denominational lines. These are not meant to be a formula. These signposts are of varying emphases characteristic of congregations in vitality. Again, this is from her book “Christianity for the Rest of Us.”

Hospitality	.	Discernment
Healing	.	Contemplation
Testimony	.	Diversity
Justice	.	Worship
Reflection	.	Beauty

I offer the information, hopefully helpful, as you continue in ongoing discernment and deliberation for ministry, as background articulation of ministry’s offerings as a church and mindful of continuing to re-energize ministry having come through the last three years of Covid. Know that you are not alone. Every congregation is conscious of the same sacred endeavor.

Society and circumstances shift, yet human longing remains the same. So, we ask, how with Christ, can and does the church respond?

Gracious God, we give thanks for the gift of Easter. In our mortal givenness, make us ever more to be of its Light, to deepen love, inspire imagination and direct our wills for the sake of your resurrecting Life and joy in the dark of the world.

May your church’s ministry shine ever brighter until the great day of Easter to come. We pray this for the universal church of your Christ and for St. Michael the Archangel in El Segundo, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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It is indeed a pleasure to be with you in these days between rectors. My work is to assist through worship, pastoral care and preschool chapels until your search process bears fruit by God’s good graces. I am in the office on Friday mornings until Preschool Chapel at 11 a.m. If you would like to meet, let’s do. If anytime there is a pastoral urgency, I will be there. My cell is (503) 351-3360. – *The Rev’d Andrea R. Maier*



Family Promise

Summer Camp 2023

For the past two years, we've held a Summer Camp for current and past families and local low-income families. This has become a part of the summer 50 kids look forward to. It's a place where friendships have been established and a place where parents can take their children during the day knowing they will receive care, education, and fun. This allows parents to work during the day without worrying about daycare for the summer months. The past two Summer Camps were funded with Covid education relief funds. This year, without that funding, we need your help to ensure we can continue offering this free camp to the families. Please donate online at familypromiseosb.org. Thank you!

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

Monthly Picnic



Every month, we partner with one congregation to come to our San Pedro shelter to host a meal and provide activities for the children. Picnics usually take place on the weekends and run 1-3 hours depending on the type of activities for that day. This is something St. Michaels could do! Would you like to meet the families in our care and help provide a picnic for them? If we want to interact directly with the families in our care, completion of Coassemble Virtual Online Training is required.

<https://family-promise.coassemble.com>

Please remember PV Resale Thrift Shop as you clean out your cabinets and closets!

PV Resale Thrift Shop is a huge blessing to Family Promise. The thrift shop provides funding quarterly from their proceeds to 13 local charities, including Family Promise. Please support this non-profit committed to community service and the support of charities by donating items in clean, working, and very good condition. They sell almost everything: clothes, bedding, towels, dishes, furniture, small appliances, books and toys. I am happy to take donations for you if they fit in my car – let me know if you want a receipt. Palos Verdes Resale Thrift Shop is located at 2321 PCH in Lomita.

Wrigley Coffee is one year old!!! Go, visit and have some fun!

If you haven't been yet, you're really missing out.

Monday - Sunday 7am - 4pm

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C.A.S.E. Ingathering May 21st

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



Supporting Veterans

It's been a few months since I last reached out to the community requesting support for the Veterans at the Silver Star apartment complex. I have been in touch with the case manager and he let me know that there are a few items that would be greatly appreciated.

Please take a look at the Sign-up Genius and help if you can. Donations needed by Thursday, May 18.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A044DA5A729A0FD0-pantry>



Elizabeth Tobias

Story/History Day

On Sunday, April 16th we had our official Story/History day led by Rev. Tom Quidada–Discavage. We had one service so members from the 8 and 10 services would both attend. A time line was set up around Yeaton Hall to refer to. Members were asked to send in or bring a short history of their time at St. Michael’s. The event was well attended and lots of great ideas were discussed. Thank you to Chris and Jeanie for taking care of the food and drinks. And a big thank you to everyone who attended and sent in their history. This is one last step before we can start our Rector search.



MOTHER'S DAY

In just a couple of weeks, we will be observing Mother's Day. Following are some thoughts/observations on this holiday.

More phone calls are made on this day than any other day of the year.

I recently read Jewish cemeteries will not schedule burials on Mother's Day because the cemeteries are so crowded with people leaving flowers at their Mother's graves.

The first official Mother's Day came about in 1908, when a woman named Ann Jarvis, who remained unmarried and childless all her life, wished to honor her own mother. She attained financial backing from John Wanamaker to hold an event attended by thousands of people at a Wanamaker's Department Store. In 1914 President Woodrow Wilson signed a measure officially establishing the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day. Eventually Ann Jarvis came to renounce the commercialization of a day she had hoped would be set apart for honor, not commercialization.

The mother, especially for the women in the early decades of the twentieth century, was the most influential person in a child's life. In the 1950's—80% of mom's were stay at home. By the late 60's it was 49% and in 2022 it was almost 20 percent.

We inherit more than genes from our mothers. Much of the value system children learn comes from their parents, especially the mother. Children today have more freedom and independence than children of previous decades, but they still learn basic values from their parents. One of the most important things a mother can impart to her child is the feeling that the child is worthy, lovable and valued. I used to tell patients "no one gets to adulthood without some complaint about their mothers." Hopefully the good far outweighs the bad and when the adult child thinks about the mom, the predominant feeling is "thanks, Mom."

Gerri Pisciotta



Thursday, May 4
Sunday, May 7
Sunday, May 14
Thursday, May 18
Sunday, May 21
Sunday, May 28
Monday, May 29
Sunday, June 4

National Day of Prayer
8 & 10am Holy Eucharist Dan Ince preaching
Mother's Day 8 & 10am Holy Eucharist
Ascension Day
CASE ingathering 8 & 10am Holy Eucharist
Pentecost 8 & 10am Holy Eucharist **Wear RED**
Memorial Day
Trinity Sunday 8 & 10am Holy Eucharist



May Birthdays

Ava Markarian 19
Florine Guy 24

Voices from the Vestry

In February my husband, Randy and I left LA for a fifteen day Hawaiian cruise. We've done this cruise before and enjoy it because there are lots of "at sea" days. This trip did not turn out as expected. Randy started feeling crummy on the 6th day of the cruise. He stayed in bed most of the seventh day and I suggested he take a shower and he might feel better. Unfortunately Randy fell in the shower and was unable to pull himself back up. We called for help and several men came and helped him up. They took him directly to the ship's hospital. He was in distress. Randy tested positive for Covid and so did I.

Randy got sicker and more distressed while in the hospital. The next morning when we landed in Kauai Randy was taken by ambulance to a small hospital. Because I also had Covid I could not see him. He was put in isolation and they started monitoring his heart and lungs. He was much sicker than I knew. That late evening Randy was airlifted to Oahu. I flew over later that day. He ended up with congestive heart failure and spent seven days in ICU.

While all of this was going on, I was stuck in a hotel room by myself, not able to see Randy but he was also unable to speak to me for several days. I prayed a lot!

One day, I got a call from a Rotary friend, who wanted to talk about another Rotary friend who had just died. We cried together as he was a very dear friend. I then told my friend where I was and what was happening. She was shocked and asked if there was anything she could do. I told her to pray for Randy's recovery. About an hour later, I got a call from the front desk that they had a delivery for me. They brought it up and much to my surprise my friend had sent a "care package" to me. It had a fuzzy blanket, Tylenol and soothing tea. She told me that since she couldn't be there she sent the blanket to feel like a hug from her.

My family and several friends, called everyday for updates. Half of my family offered to fly out to help. After many discussions, my daughter, Nicole flew out a few days later and another friend used her airplane miles to pay for Nicole's ticket.

Even though I was alone most of the time, I was surrounded by family and friends. So many people texted, called, and emailed me during this time. Each and everyone said they were praying for us.

On Good Friday, I was asked to read an inspirational message for the community breakfast. Here is an excerpt from that message.

When we're looking for answers, sometimes God sends us wise friends. When He doesn't tell us which way to go, He'll bring people to go with us instead. It's important to know what to look for when we feel like we're falling apart, because God doesn't often send what we think we need. He sends us what He knows we need.

*Who's hurting around you? Is it possible God could send you to love them without you having say a word or make a suggestion? Who has been there for you during an uncertain time? Drop them a note. Let them know it mattered. Next time your world is turned upside down, look for friends instead of answers. God's lifeboats usually come in the form of people. **Live in Grace* Walk in Love by Bob Goff***

Randy has recovered very nicely. His heart is back to 100% and he is feeling good. We are so blessed to have our church family, our own family and so many wonderful friends. God is good— all the time!

Melissa Albers





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Worship Schedule

Sunday 8:00am Rite I Said Service
Sunday 10:00am Rite II
with Music

Mission Statement for St. Michael's Church

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

May 2023

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