

# THE e-RUBRIC

## From the Rector: Homecoming Sunday

Every September, typically the first Sunday after Labor Day, we begin a new church program year. We welcome the choir back in our Sunday morning worship, we re-engage ministries that have been put on hold during the summer, we welcome home members of our parish family who have used the summer months for travel and leisure.

Over the years, we've struggled with what to call this Sunday. We've called it Ministry or Mission Sunday and used it as an opportunity to celebrate the church's ministry and identify the many ways our parishioners can be involved in the life of the church. We've called it Start-Up or Kick-Off Sunday to promote the notion that ministries are re-engaging but that always made it sound like ministry had stopped. (Ministry in the church never stops.) More recently, we've come to refer to our first Sunday of the program year as Homecoming Sunday.

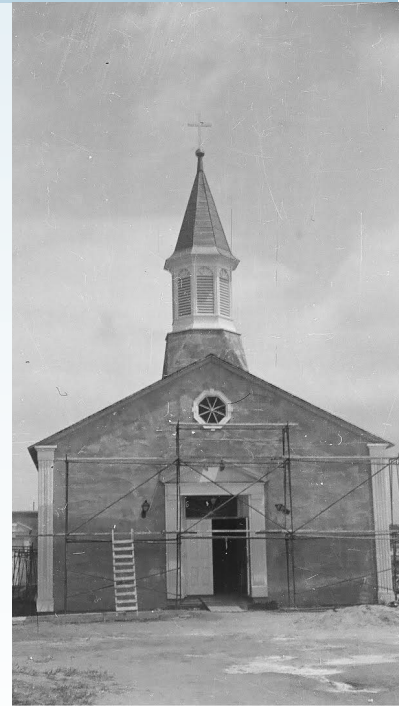


Homecoming Sunday is a name that works well as we recognize our return from time away and the stability of home to which to return. And, this year, more than ever, Homecoming Sunday has some very deep emotional and spiritual meaning.

Over the past 18 months we have been adrift in the seas of the coronavirus pandemic. We have worked together as a parish family to keep our parish connected. We have worshiped in new and unique ways, we have gathered online and visited with each other remotely. We have loved and learned together from a distance. By the grace of God, we have maintained a healthy parish family.

And yet, we all know there are some who are missing. Some who were not willing or able to participate through virtual means. Some who have been disconnected from the church and our parish life. Some for whom this pandemic and the social distancing it required drove a wedge between them, their faith, and their church family.

Homecoming Sunday is an opportunity to reach out to all our parishioners and welcome them home. It is a chance for us to remind one another that we are church family, we are brothers and sisters in Christ, that our



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common life together depends upon each and every one of our community.

This particular Homecoming Sunday has special significance. We are emerging from our isolation. We are remembering what it is like to be physically present with members of our parish family. We are celebrating the sharing of ministry and the presence of God we experience in and through each other. I encourage you to reach out to your fellow parishioners, especially those whom you haven't seen in a while. Give them a call, let them know they are loved, and remind them that they are a valued member of our church family. Invite them, if they feel safe, to join us for worship on Sunday, September 12, Homecoming Sunday. Invite them to come and share the love of God with other members of our church community.

After all, Homecoming Sunday is a time to give thanks for the blessings of God. It is a time to celebrate that we can, indeed, gather together in person, safely, and raise our voices in praise to our creator. It is a time to

celebrate the gifts we've been given and to discover how we, once again, can participate in the life of the church.

This edition of the e-Rubric is full of wonderful opportunities to engage as a parish family. There are so many ways to be involved: formation opportunities, youth opportunities, participating in worship as an acolyte or reader, music ministry, serving on committees to keep our campus safe, beautiful, and efficient.

Come! Join us on Homecoming Sunday, September 12, and rediscover what it means to be part of this fantastic parish family!



# Homecoming Sunday

Sunday, September 12  
8:00 and 10:15 a.m.

## Worship News

### The Future of LiveStreaming

Since the beginning of our pandemic quarantine in March 2020, we have been producing pre-recorded Sunday morning liturgies through which we could worship, as community, while we stayed safe in our homes and reduced the spread of the coronavirus. These liturgies were made possible by dedicated parishioners, staff, choir, and clergy who came together at various times (remotely and in-person) to record various parts of the liturgy.

We are dedicated to maintaining our online presence, even as we return to in-person worship. The online offerings allow us to reach people far from San Diego and also allow parishioners who may not be able to be with us on Sunday morning to worship along with our community.



We are in the process of procuring and installing a livestream video and audio system in the church which will allow us to stream, in real time, the services as they happen. As such, we will no longer need to pre-record liturgies or produce worship videos. Rather, what we post online will be exactly what's happening in the church!

We will need folks who are interested in being trained on the livestream system to help us produce our Sunday morning offerings. If this is something that interests you, please let Fr. Joe know. And help us to bring our beautiful worship and joyful praise to the far reaches of the world!

### What's up with the cushions?

In April 2020, as we were prepping the church in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, we removed the pew cushions as a safety measure. As we began to gather again in-person inside the church, we discovered that there were some issues with returning the cushions as is. Namely, the cushions are dirty and dusty (they are showing their age). In addition, the acoustics of the church are significantly better without the cushions. (In fact, in 1986 when Paul Fritts installed our beautiful organ, he recommended that the cushions be removed to enhance the musical quality of the room).

As we get estimates for cleaning, repair, and perhaps replacement, we are encouraging the use of individual cushions. All those who need cushions are invited to use the individual seat cushions available in the church. And, of course, all those who don't need a cushion can just sit on the pew.

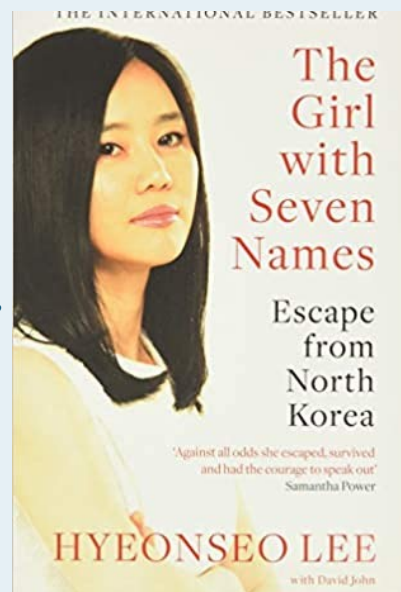
## The All Souls' Book Club

We had a some fun in the summer. In July and August we read and discussed *The Meaning of Jesus: Two Visions* by Marcus Borg and N.T. Wright and *The Four Vision Quests of Jesus* by Steven Charleston.

Our conversations have been stimulating and thought provoking.

We are inviting you to join us in reading our selection for September, 2021: *The Girl with Seven Names: Escape from North Korea*, by Hyeonseo Lee. "An extraordinary insight into life under one of the world's most ruthless and secretive dictatorships – and the story of one woman's terrifying struggle to avoid capture/repatriation and guide her family to freedom." (source: amazon.com)

Join us on Wednesday, September 29th for conversation and discussion



[Zoom Link](#)

## Opportunities to Serve



As we gather once again, in person, for worship and fellowship, there are multiple opportunities for all ages to serve in the life of the church. Here are a few and contact information for those who are interested:

**Acolytes and Lay Eucharistic Ministers**—A wonderful opportunity for young and old, alike, to serve at the altar and participate in leading our liturgy—Contact: Fr. Joe, [jdirbas@allsoulspointloma.org](mailto:jdirbas@allsoulspointloma.org)

**Readers and Chalice Bearers** (when possible) - Supporting our Sunday morning worship services—Contact: Neil Malmquist  
[nmalmq@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nmalmq@sbcglobal.net)

**Outreach Committee**—Join members of our parish in serving our community and those in need—Contact: Carol Sands, [sandscarolb@gmail.com](mailto:sandscarolb@gmail.com).

**Music Ministry and Choir**—Raise your voice in song and lead our congregation worship—Contact: Ruben Valenzuela, [rvalenzuela@allsoulspointloma.org](mailto:rvalenzuela@allsoulspointloma.org)

**Youth and Family Ministry**—Join us in teaching and having fun with the youngest members of our parish family—Contact: Mother Terry, [tdirbas@allsoulspointloma.org](mailto:tdirbas@allsoulspointloma.org)

**Properties**—Do you love to plan landscaping or work on projects, the property committee is waiting for you! - Contact: Bruce Guenin, [bguenin@usa.net](mailto:bguenin@usa.net)

## Peninsula Shepherd Center News

**WE'RE BACK!!!** Welcome back to the new and improved Peninsula Shepherd Center! The vans are running, volunteer drivers are active and we are now hosting in our new, beautiful Senior Lounge!

Please take note of our **new private entrance** at the back of All Souls' Administrative Building! This convenient entrance is ADA compliant and beautifully decorated with succulents planted by **BSA Troop 555** and our own **John Veskerna!** We appreciate everyone's patience as we have all navigated through a very challenging time. We are closely monitoring this new strain and will keep you advised if we need to make any changes to keep everyone safe. The Newsletter and Calendar are full this month! A few highlights:

- We have instituted a **Contact Tracing Process** for all transportation members and members, guests and staff. The CDC requires this important safety step along with regular sanitizing of our vehicles and facilities. If you do not feel well, we ask that you please do not participate in any of our activities.
- We take delivery of our **brand new wheelchair accessible** van in October! Until then, you can ride comfortably in our other three vans. We ask for a \$5 donation per ride.
- Look inside the newsletter for details as we happily resume our monthly **Lunch Bunch, Computer Classes, Chat and Fold and Needlers! Zingo** is now in the lounge, but available on Zoom for all that wish to play.
- We will not be having our weekly PSC Chats any longer, but we will continue with monthly **PSC Presentations**.

I would like to personally thank all of you that generously contributed to our special Van Campaign! I am honored and grateful for your unwavering support of PSC. It will be a joy to see another PSC vehicle on the streets of Point Loma, Ocean Beach and the Midway District! I also want to give a special thanks to **Father Joe, Brue Guerin and the Properties Commission of All Souls!** They have made our new entrance possible and have provided a beautiful, convenient and safe entrance.

So - there is much to be thankful for and the PSC staff and Board of Directors will do our best to continue to make **PSC THE BEST WE CAN BE!** See you soon!

Lisa



## Fall Worship at All Souls'

We continue to worship indoors at our normal worship times of 8:00 and 10:15 on Sunday mornings. In light of current coronavirus guidelines, the following safety protocols remain in place for in-person worship:

1. All in attendance must wear masks, regardless of vaccination status.
2. All servers, clergy, and choir members, and other participants in the liturgy must be vaccinated
3. Children 12 and under must wear masks. Children's ministry will take place outside.
4. Please keep at least 3' distance between family units.
5. All the doors (all 5 in the back and the 2 side doors) will be open to increase ventilation.
6. Communion will be offered in one kind, bread only.



Beginning September 12, the choir will return to lead us in worship. In addition, we will begin receiving communion at the altar rail. We ask that you please provide space between family units when kneeling.

Following is a summary of our current worship schedule

### In-Person Service Schedule

#### **Sunday:**

8:00 am - in the church—Spoken Holy Eucharist

10:15 am - in the church—Sung Holy Eucharist

#### **Thursday:**

9:30 am - in the church—Spoken Holy Eucharist

#### **First and Third Saturday of Each Month:**

5:00 pm - in the church—Spoken Holy Eucharist

### Online Service Schedule

#### **Sunday:**

8:00 and 10:15 am - Streaming via Facebook and YouTube

9:15 am - Children & Families Worship via Facebook and YouTube

#### **Saturday:** (all but first and third Saturdays, see above)

5:00 pm - Zoom Evening Prayer with scripture conversation

#### **Tuesday:**

9:30 am - Zoom Morning Prayer

And, one final note, childcare is still not a possibility. However, we will be offering Small Souls children's worship, outside, during our 10:15 service! And, we've added a **"PrayGround"** to the back of the church. A place where little ones can stretch their legs and get some wiggles out while they worship with their parents.

## Diocesan Transformation Academy



Due to the great success of this series we wanted to offer one additional chance to come together to learn about a ministry that is particularly important to us in San Diego. EDSO is pleased to present a Transformation Academy Extra:

### OUR MINISTRY ON THE BORDER

**THURSDAY SEPT 16, 2021 FROM 6PM-7PM**

### FEATURING EDSO BORDER MISSIONER, TROY ELDER

Troy, EDSO Border Missioner, is an attorney, community- and faith-based activist, and former law professor with nearly 25 years of experience representing refugees and immigrants. Speaking Spanish, French, and Haitian Creole, Troy has worked on various aspects of immigrant advocacy at numerous organizations throughout the United States and abroad. He spent a decade teaching immigration law, poverty law, international human rights, and ethics at U.S. and foreign law schools, most recently at Yale. He also studied liberation theology and colonization as a Henri Nouwen Scholar at Yale Divinity School, receiving a master's degree in Religious Ethics in 2013.



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[Register for Transformation Academy here!](#)

All Souls' is active on all sorts of social media. **Each of the images below will link you to appropriate social media page! Just click and go!**

We post regularly to Facebook (both as All Souls' Point Loma and Music at All Souls' Church).



We are on Instagram at AllSoulsPointLoma.



You can follow us on Twitter @AllSoulsptLoma.



And if you're on NextDoor, you can see posts we make about worship and community events.



Be sure to share our web address with your friends and neighbors, too. We have a lot of good information posted including an up-to-date calendar, community events, service opportunities, and information about church and staff. You can also sign up for our weekly e-blast on the website.

## This Month's Gracious Rohr By Lorraine Padden

*We sometimes credit “divine inspiration” for bringing about positive outcomes that seemingly arise not from our own efforts alone but with help from some other source. As if by momentarily loosening our grip on our capacity or know-how, a new option or direction emerges that results in a blessing of success. As if relinquishing force and accepting guidance made all the difference.*

*Father Rohr offers a view into this phenomenon through the lens of photography by offering the following comments by artist Christine Valters Paintner. In reading her words I wonder if the description of “receiving” rather than “taking” images isn’t also somehow related to an interpretation of Philippians 2:7 that describes kenosis, the process through which Jesus “emptied” his human self in order to embody divine grace and a union with God. By shifting from human certainty and drive to vulnerable release and unknowing, through no force of his own, Jesus created space for (and became one with) the most sacred of gifts.*

*Seen in this light, perhaps art-making is really room-making—a process that creates the space where moments of human intention **and** divine inspiration may intersect in their fullness and be received as Paintner suggests, “with our whole hearts.” ~LP*

### Receiving Images

*Artist and author Christine Valters Paintner explores how we might reconsider traditional approaches to photography. Instead of “taking” pictures, she asks us to “receive” images similar to how we might welcome the presence of God in contemplation.*

Contemplative practice is a receptive practice. We make ourselves available for grace to break in; we open ourselves to listen and ponder. . . .

We often use the word “take” to describe our relationship with photography. Our culture emphasizes taking time, taking what’s mine, and taking a break. What we are endeavoring to do in this process, however, is to *receive* (rather than *take*) the gifts around us, to be present enough so that, when the photographic moment arrives, we are able to receive it fully, with our whole hearts.

“Taking photos” is a common phrase, and changing



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that perception and process (especially if you use a smartphone, Lomo, or other disposable camera) may be hard to break, but I gently invite you to consider what reframing this process might be like for you and what it evokes in you. I invite you to bring a new awareness to how words and phrases can shape our experience and practices.

Rather than “taking” photos or “shooting” them or even “making” photos, we will practice “receiving” images as gift. The traditional words for photography are possessive and aggressive. Yet the actual mechanism of photography is that light is reflected off of a subject and *received* by the camera through the lens opening. We can create conditions for a “good” photo, but ultimately we must stand in a posture of receiving and see what actually shows up in the image.

The poet Rainer Maria Rilke [1875–1926] writes in one of his poems of “no forcing [and no] holding back.” [1] When we are receptive we let go of our agendas and expectations. We allow ourselves to see beneath preconceived ideas. Rather than going after what we want in life, or “forcing,” we cultivate a contentment with what actually is. Similarly, instead of “holding back” and merely observing life or falling asleep to it, we stay awake and alert, participating fully in its messiness and we keep our eyes open for the holy presence in its midst. Photographing in this way can become an act of revelation. One of the gifts of art in general, and photography in particular, is that the artist can offer others this vision of the graced ordinary moment.



### Reference:

[1] Rainer Maria Rilke, “I believe in all that has never yet been spoken,” in *Rilke’s Book of Hours: Love Poems to God*, trans. Anita Barrows and Joanna Macy, rev. ed. (Riverhead Books: 2005), 65.

Christine Valters Paintner, *Eyes of the Heart: Photography as a Christian Contemplative Practice* (Sorin Books: 2013), 29–31.

## Jazz on the Point: Update

**In light of the continuing spread of the Delta variant, our fundraising committee opted to postpone our Jazz Festival. The new date for “Jazz on the Point” is Saturday, April 23, 2022.**

## Vestry Update by Ann Evans

The August Vestry meeting was held on Tuesday, August 25th, at 6:30 p.m. Bill Cobb, Mary Brown, and Ann Evans were elected delegates to the Diocesan Convention on November 6th with David Ostrander and Bruce Guenin serving as alternates.

We are looking forward to the ability to livestream our 8 o'clock and 10:15 Sunday morning service. Unfortunately, some of the equipment is on back order. We are hoping the delay won't be too long. Perhaps we can enjoy this technology as soon as October.



Mother Terry is working on being able to provide programs for the youth of the parish. She is looking at a program called Journey to Adulthood as a possibility.

The Presiding Bishop will be visiting the Diocese of San Diego on December 3rd and 4th to talk about promoting REVIVAL through a workshop designed to inspire the church in its mission.

Our Art, Antiques & Collectibles event was held on August 14th. Matt Willis was the lynchpin in organizing the event and making it a success. An amazing variety of artwork, antique model cars and trains, tools, furniture, and other items were on display. The parish raised over \$3,000 on what was a concerted effort.

Dorothy Schmidt, Fellowship Chairman, spoke to the need to have volunteers help serve coffee following the 10:15 church service. She will send out a notice requesting signups when the time is right.

The Vestry recognized the fine work Bruce Guenin did in having a wheelchair ramp installed at the back entrance to the Peninsula Shepherd Center. This greatly eased the access for seniors who use wheelchairs.

Phil Simon, Finance Committee member, reported the church's finances are sound and that pledge income is steady. We are blessed with wonderful, spirit-led clergy and church leaders. Praise God!

## Outreach Opportunities

### Loaves and Fishes

All Souls' parishioner Leigh Fenley serves on the board of the Loaves and Fishes food pantry in Ocean Beach. The pantry continues to serve hundreds of families in our local area. Shelf stable food items are requested and delivery can be coordinate through Carol Sands.

### Blessings in a Bag

Our blessings in a bag ministry is going along strong, thanks to the leadership of Bill and Linda Cobb. The Cobbs take care of collecting the supplies and graciously offer their time to put together these amazing bags of food and supplies for our homeless brothers and sisters. And we expect the contin-

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## Outreach News and Updates by Carol Sands

### The ART of Inclusive Communication

The National Conflict Resolution Center offered an in-person training class at All Souls' on "The Art of Inclusive Communication" on Saturday, August 21, from 9 to noon.

At a time when we are surrounded by animosity, hate speech, and hardened viewpoints, it seems that this training is something we could all put to good use.

The training was an interactive workshop dealing with responding respectfully in conflict situations, and managing emotions in tough conversations with those who have different values, beliefs and perspectives.

NCRC is all about teaching people to communicate more effectively to reduce conflict and see that everyone feels valued, respected and understood.

The larger picture is that All Souls' and the diocese are working with Steve Slocum of the non-profit Salaam, on a new program called **"Real Friends, Real Community"**. We are working to put together intentionally diverse groups of 10 to 16 people to meet every two weeks for six months to find meaningful connection through telling our stories, and to work toward building a culture of inclusion, equity and diversity. Steve has been speaking at several churches in the diocese, and has been seeking to pull together San Diegans of color who come from various religions, ethnic backgrounds, gender and sexual identities, as well as immigrants to share their perspectives. It is hoped that these groups will start meeting in September.

The NCRC communication workshop serves as a kind of preamble - a chance to think what it might be like to have meaningful conversation with a truly diverse group of people. You can learn more about Salaam at [SalaamUSA.org](http://SalaamUSA.org).

Your Outreach Committee supports this effort and encourages participation.



## Outreach Opportunities (cont.)

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ued support of our Youth Group. Pick up your bag after church, make a small donation to sustain the ministry, and then go into the world to share the love of Christ with those on the street!

### Showers of Blessing

We're eager to get this ministry up and running again! We're looking for someone with a heart for outreach and organization skills to step into that role. If that's you, please let Fr. Joe know!



## Music at All Souls'

An exciting season is just around the corner...JOIN US!

### **A MUSICAL OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUR CHILD THE ALL SOULS' CHORISTERS**

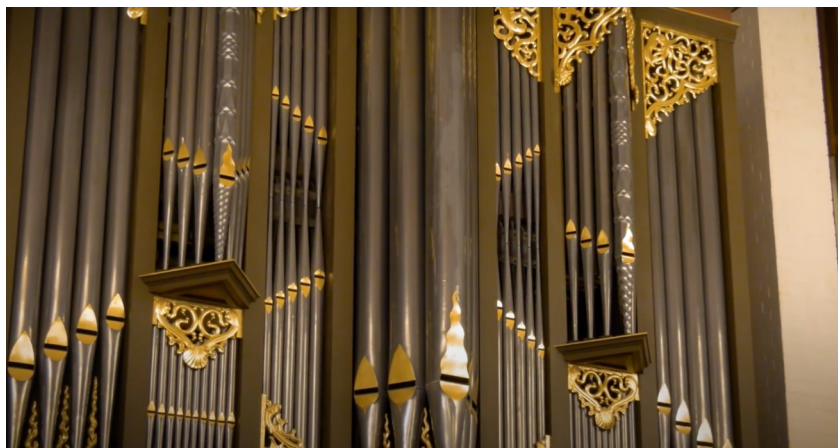
Do you know a child who loves to sing? All Souls' Church is looking for children who love to sing and who want to be part of a fun community. Currently, we have 8 choristers in our group and would love to add a few more young singers for the start of the new season.

The chorister program offered by All Souls' Episcopal Church is a unique opportunity for children to learn basic musicianship, refine their individual and ensemble voices, and receive instruction in music theory. This is not a typical children's choir, but rather a unique singing program that emphasizes teamwork, cultivates responsibility, and introduces children to the world of choral music.

This opportunity is offered FREE to the community, and you do not need to be a member of All Souls' to participate.

#### **SCHEDULE:**

Weekly Wednesday rehearsals: 4pm-5.30pm



Sunday morning: 3rd Sunday of each month

Quarterly Evensongs (5pm)

**The new season begins on Wednesday, September 8 (4pm)**

For more information, or to join, please contact the **Director of Music:**

Dr. Ruben Valenzuela  
([rvalenzuela@allsoulspointloma.org](mailto:rvalenzuela@allsoulspointloma.org)).

#### **COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOLS:**

Due to the current delta variant surge, the chorister season will begin with outdoor rehearsals (masks required), as per diocesan guidelines, due to the fact that our younger choristers are not vaccinated at this time. We will continue to monitor the ongoing situation with the intention of moving indoors once it is safe to do so.

## Music at All Souls' (cont.)



### THE CHOIR OF ALL SOULS' RETURNS

The Choir of All Souls' is looking forward to beginning a new season this coming September! Consider joining us.

You need not be a member of the parish to join the choir, and those of any faith are invited to join. This is a wonderful opportunity to join a group of fun and committed singers who are at the core of the week to week music ministry of the parish.

For additional information on how to join, please contact the Director of Music & Organist: Dr. Ruben Valenzuela: [rvalenzuela@allsoulspointloma.org](mailto:rvalenzuela@allsoulspointloma.org).

### SCHEDULE;

Weekly Thursday Rehearsals: 7-9pm

Sunday Choral Eucharist: 10.15am

Evensong (3rd Sunday of each Month): 5pm

### COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOLS:

All members of the Choir of All Souls' must be fully vaccinated, with masks required. Until further notice, all rehearsals will take place in the church to ensure proper ventilation.

### THE RETURN OF CHORAL EVENSONG

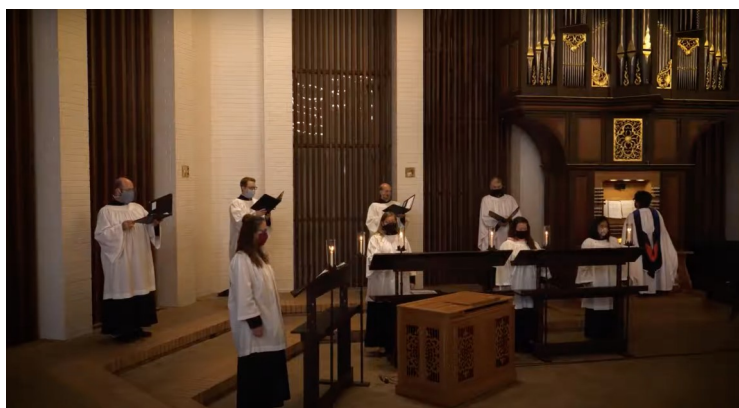
Sunday, September 19 at 5pm

Join us for the glorious return of Evensong!  
All are welcome

Repertoire to include:

Canticles: *Magnificat* & *Nunc Dimittis*  
(Fauxbourdon), Healey Willan

Anthem: *Lighten our darkness*, C.V. Stanford



## Thank You, Volunteers!

A special thank you to all the volunteers from All Souls' who helped with the staging for rooms at St. Paul's Senior Services, Trinity Place Senior Housing project. God bless you all for your willingness to serve and your dedication to the ministry of St. Paul's.



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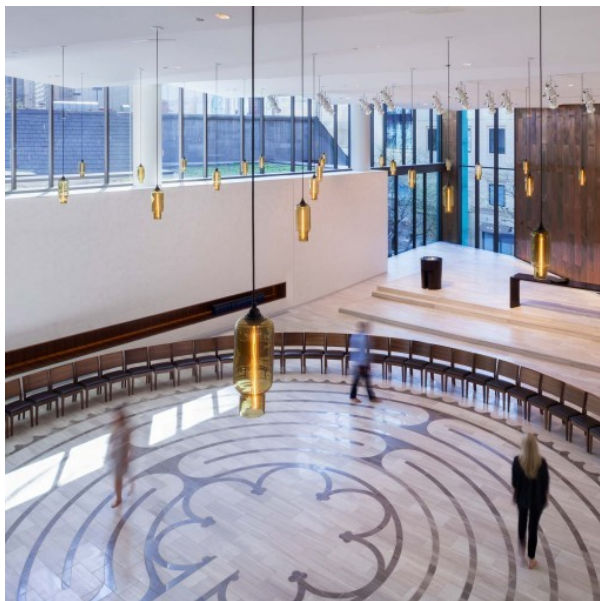
## Formation Committee Fall Offerings

### Collective spiritual practice in a Post-Pandemic Church

The Formation Committee is excited to invite the All Souls' community back into our spaces of learning and fellowship beginning on **September 12**, our Homecoming Sunday. For the month of September, the Formation spaces will focus on *Centering, Healing, and Growing Forward Together*, and will reflect on returning to embodied worship and spiritual practice after this extended period of “disembodied church.”

Our first meeting will be an intimate space for reflection and sharing, guided by clergy, on “What have we learned from the Pandemic about our Spiritual Selves and How do we envision coming together again as an embodied Church Community”?

Our next meeting, on **September 19**, will be hosted by Professor [Lori Stewart](#), from San Diego State University, on multi-faith engagements and spiritual practices with and through our natural world. How do we think about ourselves as part of nature, in relationship with nature and each other, and how do other faiths approach their environmental spiritualities? In the spirit of *Centering, Healing, and Growing Forward Together*, we will plant a tree on the campus as a symbol of our embodied return to church and collective spiritual practice.



Our final meeting in September, on **September 26**, will again focus on the connection between body and spirit as we are led through a lesson on the history and significance of labyrinth walking in the Christian tradition, and we will spend time on our new and beautiful labyrinth on our very own church campus.

Stay tuned for updates on our Spaces of Formation in October, which will focus on stewardship and the Spirit of generosity and hospitality.

For questions about Formation Spaces, please get in touch with Rebecca Bartel, vestry liaison for the Formation Committee: [rebbartel@gmail.com](mailto:rebbartel@gmail.com)

### A Prayer for Graduates

God of journeys, endings, and new beginnings, through the highs and lows, the twists and turns this class has faced along the way, we have faith that your love has guided them from the moment they began up to graduation day. We give you thanks and praise for the goodness that shines in the relationships formed, knowledge learned, and memories made through this school. Bless the body, mind, and soul of every graduate, that they may celebrate your glory in themselves and all creation, and use their education to build your kingdom of peace. Amen.

## Youth Group News

### Youth Group is Back!

We are thrilled to announce a return to in-person youth events, beginning on Homecoming Sunday. Join us at 5 p.m. on Sunday, September 12, for pizza and a service project. This month, we'll be packing the "Blessings in a Bag" that parishioners take in their cars to share with those in need. This is an important ministry of our parish and a really meaningful way of helping improve our community. All youth and their friends are welcome!



As we continue to watch the situation with the Delta variant, we are planning a slow and careful re-launch of our youth program. For the time being, we'll meet monthly on second Sundays at 5 p.m. Masks will be required, regardless of vaccination status. We will do our best to stay outdoors as much as possible. If you have concerns about health or safety, please don't hesitate to contact Mother Terry.

We hope, in the future, to increase the frequency of our gatherings and return to our Journey to Adulthood program, which provides a comprehensive approach to formation for youth from 6th through 12th grade. In the meantime, we relish the chance to simply enjoy one another's presence as we rediscover what it means to us to be together as a church community.

## Homecoming Sunday and Fresh Coffee

We've been wondering if it could ever happen again. Oh... it's happening!  
Coffee hour is coming back to All Souls'!

Join us after church on

**Sunday, September 12,**

as we gather on the patio for hot coffee and good conversation.

Please contact Dorothy Schmidt by email at [dorsatx@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dorsatx@sbcglobal.net) if you can help and specify if you prefer the 8 or 10 o'clock service. Thanks!



## An Update on our Finances

Our financial life remains strong and secure. Currently we are running ahead of budget and we have yet to realize our second PPP loan and we are expecting to receive employee retention credits from the IRS.

A special thanks this month to our acting Treasurer, Lisa Nokes, who has been deftly navigating us through a refinance process which will save us thousands of dollars in interest payments!



| INCOME & TRANSFERS | July 2021   | YTD        |
|--------------------|-------------|------------|
| Income Budget      | \$ 49,558   | \$ 384,335 |
| Income Actual      | \$ 38,599   | \$ 414,075 |
| Difference         | (\$ 10,959) | \$ 29,740  |

| EXPENSE        | July 2021 | YTD        |
|----------------|-----------|------------|
| Expense Budget | \$ 50,876 | \$ 355.073 |
| Expense Actual | \$ 50,017 | \$ 346,573 |
| Difference     | \$ 859    | \$ 8,500   |

## Contribution Statements

Due to a snafu, plate offerings received in July and the first Sunday in August will appear on your quarterly statement with a date of August 10. My apologies for any confusion this may have caused, and be assured that all is now accounted for.

**CONTRIBUTION  
STATEMENTS**

## All Souls' Stewardship—Consecration Sunday!



It's never too soon to think about stewardship, and our stewardship program, Consecration Sunday, will take place during October, culminating in a parishioner luncheon on Sunday, October 24. You'll hear from members of our own parish and we'll benefit from a guest speaker from within our own diocese. Stay tuned for more!

## Mission to Seafarers

### Mission to Seafarers seeks “deconstruction” workers

The Episcopal Church, Diocese of San Diego, is part of the mission to the commercial vessels that dock in San Diego, and we have a center in the Barrio Logan region just inside the gate to the Port. For several decades this center has greeted ships' company at pier 10 and 24.



Dole is the primary source of the ships at Pier 10 and automobiles arrive at pier 24. We have sent chaplains aboard the ships to greet them and the Seafarer Center hosted the ship's crews with games, a lounge, telephone service, and a chapel. We partner with the Roman Catholic church who named it the Stella Maris center.

Due to various security requirements and the restrictions for getting off the ships, the mission has decreased from its former glory. Just before the pandemic, we had volunteers who dropped off magazines coordinated by Neil Malmquist of All Souls parish. With two vans we could transport the crew members to shore for a few hours. Now this mission has stopped except for the magazines.

The center consists of two mobile-home trailers connected in an L-shape with offices, lounge and chapel surrounding a large deck with pool table, ping pong, and board games. We had concessions they could purchase. Due to the deteriorating condition of the materials that cover and connect these facilities, one of the trailers needs to be removed, along with the connecting structures, deck, ramp, etc.

Therefore we need workers to help with the De-Construction of the supporting structure around one of the trailers that will be re-purposed. The remaining trailer that was the chapel will become an office and greeting area. Some of the deck will be preserved and rebuilt.

**One or two Fridays in October, the 15th and/or the 29th** are the dates proposed for the repurposing. The port and the RC church will provide most of the labor but we hope to bring several Episcopalians along to assist. Please consider giving us your time and talents if you have them to offer. It should be a lively opportunity to meet some interesting people in a fascinating location and accomplish a deeply needed task. We may need volunteers to put together a lunch and coffee as well.

Let me know if you are interested. We must submit all possible names to the port authority in time to get the proper clearances. Bring tools, hard-toe shoes or boots, and a good attitude for changing the course of our mission at the Port of San Diego. In addition to the construction, we will be re-evaluating our mission, and pray that we may again have meaningful interaction with the crews and leaders.

God's blessing to those who provide us with all that arrives on ships from all over the world, and we welcome the opportunity to serve them for years to come.

Fr. Peter L. Sickels  
Chaplain, Mission to Seafarers  
[psickels@allsoulspointloma.org](mailto:psickels@allsoulspointloma.org)



## Committees of All Souls'

**Now is a great time to join a committee you're interested in!**

Our committees are hard at work at All Souls' and now is a perfect time to join. The best part is all committees (including the vestry) offer an on-line meeting option. So, it's easier than ever to attend and participate. The following is a list of our committees with a very brief description and contact information. Join us in ministry!



**Outreach Committee**—Service to others and support of ministries in the local area and internationally. Chair: Carol Sands, sandscarolb@gmail.com

**Worship Committee**—Participate in worship schedules and serve at the altar, serve as an usher, greeter, or work behind the scenes on the altar guild. Contact: Father Joe

**Properties Committee**—Help keep our campus clean, safe, and operating well. Chair: Bruce Guenin

**Finance Committee**—A group of dedicated individuals who watch our finances and recommend action to make sure we're staying on budget. Chair: Molly Bodeen

**Invite-Welcome-Connect**—This is the core of what we do. This committee is all about connecting with newcomers and finding ways to engage them in the community. Contact: Donn Griffitts

**Veteran and Military Friendly Congregation**—Support our local military and find ways to engage with the large military population in Point Loma. Contact: Dan Garcia

**Formation Committee**—Develop opportunities for education and spiritual enrichment. Contact: Rebecca Bartel

**Youth and Families Committee**—Ministry to the many families in our community: children's ministry, youth ministry, mission trips, service projects. Contact: Mother Terry

**Pastoral Care Committee**—Praying for the needs of our parish family and serving our homebound parishioners. Contact: Leslie Hudak

**Stewardship Committee**—Supporting our year-round stewardship efforts and our annual pledge drive. Contact: Mother Terry

**Home Tour Committee**—You can be part of putting on our wonderful annual event (scheduled for Saturday, December 11, 2021) and gift to our community. Contact: Mary Brown

**Fellowship Committee**—Planning and supporting the events of the parish. Contact: Dorothy Schmidt

## Facebook Live and Zoom Calendar

Worship, Prayer, Conversation: Here are the ways you can connect with your All Souls' family and friends:

Daily Morning Prayer, 8:00 a.m.—Visit [www.facebook.com/allsoulspointloma](https://www.facebook.com/allsoulspointloma)

Tuesday, Morning Prayer, 9:30 a.m.—[Join by Zoom](#): ID 854-4094-4921

Saturday, Evening Prayer, 5:00 p.m.—[Join by Zoom](#): ID 898-0219-8912

Sunday 8:00 a.m. Live Stream—Visit [www.facebook.com/allsoulspointloma](https://www.facebook.com/allsoulspointloma)

Sunday 9:15 a.m.—Small Souls Online Livestream—[www.facebook.com/allsoulspointloma](https://www.facebook.com/allsoulspointloma)

Sunday 10:15 a.m. Live Stream—Visit [www.facebook.com/allsoulspointloma](https://www.facebook.com/allsoulspointloma)

## Look Who's Coming To Town!

**On December 3 - 4, 2021**, the Episcopal Diocese of San Diego will welcome Presiding Bishop Michael Curry to Southern California for a celebration of good news. With interactive outreach projects, workshops, live discussion panels, youth offerings, and an evening of celebration at the beautiful Town and Country Resort, this is the perfect time to get away and enjoy some good news.



**Who's your "One?"** Inviting friends, family, and neighbors to the Good News Festival is an important part of making this event a true celebration of good news. Join us in committing to invite your "One," one person you know who needs to hear the good news of Jesus. You can find materials to help invite "your one" to the Good News Festival on the [website](#). The flyers are available for download, but printed materials will also be provided to churches for broad distribution.

## A Statement of Commitment

As part of the Jesus Movement and the Episcopal Diocese of San Diego, we pledge to love our neighbors and protect the most vulnerable among us, remembering our baptismal vows to

“strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being.” We live these pledges out by actively engaging in dismantling racism. For many of us, this will mean learning more about our racial identity, listening to those who have experienced racial prejudice, speaking out against racism, and showing up alongside those in our community working to change unjust systems in our society. We also live out this pledge at worship during this pandemic, by wearing face-coverings, respecting distancing guidelines, and foregoing the common cup.

“WE ARE THE **Episcopal** BRANCH OF THE **Jesus Movement**”

learn more: [forwardmovement.org](http://forwardmovement.org)

—Presiding Bishop Michael Curry

### On the Lighter Side



The Jesus Job Rumor (Cartoon by Mark Lynch)



**ALL SOULS'**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## All Souls' Episcopal Church

All Souls' is a vibrant Episcopal congregation in the heart of Point Loma. All ages are welcome; infants and children enliven our worship. To learn more about membership, please contact the church office or visit us online.

Visit our website at [allsoulspointloma.org](http://allsoulspointloma.org)

Listen to sermons online at [allsoulspointloma.org/sermons](http://allsoulspointloma.org/sermons)

Reach us by e-mail at [office@allsoulspointloma.org](mailto:office@allsoulspointloma.org)

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#### Staff

The Rev. Joseph J. Dirbas, Rector  
The Rev. Terry Shields Dirbas  
The Rev. Peter Sickels  
Ruben Valenzuela, Dir. of the Music  
Spencer Velky, Gouraud Asst. Organist  
Jennifer Smith, Parish Admin Asst.  
Jeff Dames, Sexton

### Weekend Services

Saturday: In-person and Zoom  
5 p.m.—Holy Eucharist (1st & 3rd)

5 p.m.—Zoom Evening Prayer  
(2nd, 4th, 5th)

Sunday: Livestreamed  
8:00 a.m.—Sunday Morning Worship

9:15 a.m.—Small Souls Online

10:15 a.m.—Sunday Morning Worship

Sunday: In-person

8:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist (spoken)

10:15 a.m.—Holy Eucharist (sung)

### Weekday Worship

Thursday 9:30 a.m.—Holy Eucharist

Tuesday 9:30 a.m.—Morning Prayer via  
Zoom