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From the Rector: Acquisitiveness

Every so often I come to the realization that I just have too much stuff. Whether I'm working in the office, relaxing at home, or parking the car in the garage, it seems I'm surrounded by a collection of odds and ends that I just can't seem to let go of. And, I bet you I'm not alone. I bet most of you reading this right now are looking around you and noticing the collection of items, knick-knacks, and books that surround you.

Our acquisitive nature seems to get the best of us. It may be hardwired within us. There is some source of comfort in amassing stuff. We might even feel that all these things provide us with a sense of security or add meaning to our lives. Maybe we just like the feeling of the acquisition itself, the thrill of the hunt and the pleasure of collecting. Whatever is driving us, we soon discover that stuff abounds. Items from years past litter our garages, attics, and other storage spaces. I recently heard that the number of storage facilities in the United States is greater than the number of Starbucks. It's bad enough that we collect the stuff, but then we



end up paying, month after month, to keep all these things we feel like we can't give away.

In the 19th Chapter of Matthew, Jesus has a con-

versation with a rich young man. The young man is trying to justify his righteousness by keeping the commandments and Jesus says to him, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." I can just imagine that man walking away and thinking, "Really, you want me to give all my stuff away? But it's my stuff. It's what defines me. I can't give that away." And Matthew tells us the young man "went away sad, because he had great wealth."

All this stuff that we surround ourselves with, all these things we think provide us safety, comfort, security, may actually be serving the exact opposite purpose as we begin to define ourselves and our worth by the clutter around us rather than the simply living into being the person God made us to be. That essential us, the unique God-given gift of life that we all have, that's all we need to define who we are. That was Jesus' point to the young man: you can make yourself perfect (or more accurately, com-



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plete) by simply being who you are. You are enough, just the way you are, just the way God made you. You don't need all that other stuff as a measure of success or status. In God's eyes, you are perfect just as God created you to be.

Maybe it's time to start considering letting go of some of that stuff that surrounds us. Now, I know this is harder than it sounds. I still have plastic crates and bunders full of thousands of baseball cards (and I'm really not sure why). While I still can't seem to bring myself to let that collection go, I have been successful at shedding some other items. Terry and I have made a practice of periodic purging of our stuff. And you know what? It feels pretty good to lighten the load, to let go of those things which are no longer useful or meaningful. It's freeing and helps to remind us that this stuff does not define us. And it also feels good when we give stuff away that benefits others. Whether it's donations to the RefugeeNet or offering some of our stuff on "BuyNothingPointLoma."

On August 14th, All Souls' will be hosting its first ever, "Art, Antiques, and Collectibles Sale" to benefit the mission and ministries of All Souls'.

We're inviting all of you to follow in the footsteps of a fellow parishioner and consider releasing some of those items you have been hanging on to that you might no longer need. Perhaps you have a storage unit full of old furniture, hundreds of matchbox cars, or pieces of art. This is an opportunity to lessen the burden, to loosen the ties we have to things that perish, and to put our trust in God alone. And, we can help our church in the process. I can think of at least a few things I'm going to offer up.

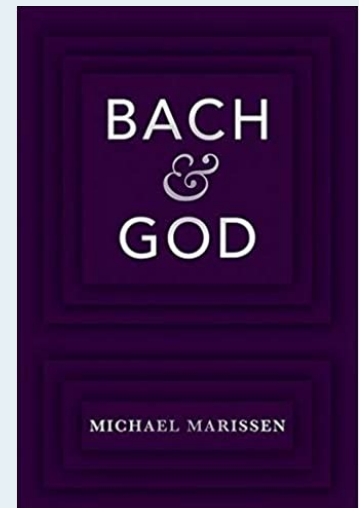


The All Souls' Book Club

The All Souls' Book Club provides ways for us to expand our horizons, learn together, and be in conversations with one another. We've read some pretty amazing books, most recently *Why Do They Hate Us: Making Peace with the Muslim World* by Steve Slocum.

Our current book is *Bach and God* by Michael Marissen. This book explores the religious character of Bach's vocal and instrumental music, delving into the use of pitch and rhythm for theological interpretation of the associated text. This book was recommended by our music director, Ruben Valenzuela.. Ruben will be with us to lead our conversation.

We'll gather on Wednesday, June 30 at 7:00 pm via zoom to discuss our reading and share our thoughts.



Zoom Link

On the following page, you can find more information from Ruben and links to various examples. Be sure to join us and find out what we're reading next!

More on Bach and God by Ruben Valenzuela

I'm looking forward to discussing our current book *BACH & GOD* by Michael Marissen. In addition to reading the book, I highly recommend you make some time to listen to several of the works that are highlighted in this book (even a few minutes or short excerpts), and don't skip the author's interesting Preface, where he explains to the reader how he came to be a scholar on this subject.

Sample excerpts from these works:

Cantata: Schauet doch und sehet BWV 46

(Behold, yet, and see if any sorrow be like my sorrow)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k_gyrnfrgEw

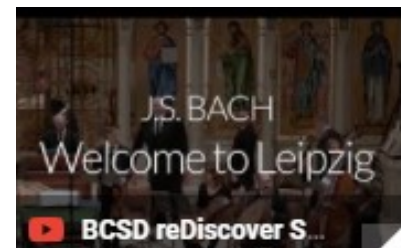


Cantata: Siehe zu, daß deine Gottesfurcht nicht Heuchelei sei BWV 179

(See to it, that your fear of God be not hypocrisy)

beginning at: 11:27 mark

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PyVbRddK2Lg>



Cantata: Sie werden euch in den Bann tun' BWV 44

(They will put you under banishment)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2MqkELwZhxc>



From St Matthew Passion BWV 244

Aria: Können Tränen meiner Wangen Nichts erlangen

(If the tears of my cheeks cannot achieve anything)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Vf8MWp5Xg8>



From Musical Offering BWV 1079:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GRqoP-NdkDg>



If you have any questions prior to our meeting, please send me an email: Ruben Valenzuela (rvalenzuela@allsoulspointloma.org)

Art, Antiques, and Collectibles at All Souls'

It's a first! All Souls' will be holding an Art, Antiques, and Collectibles fundraiser on **Saturday, August 14 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

We're inviting you to contribute your buried treasure to this wonderful event in support of our parish ministries and mission.

One of our parishioners recently lamented the fact that he had been paying for a storage facility for years, full of beautiful art and wonderful collectibles. After reflecting upon how much he was spending to store his stuff, he decided it would be worth his while and benefit the church if he offered some of his collection to All Souls'. Are there others out there like him? Have you been hanging on to stuff simply because you can't seem to let it go? Well, now's your chance! Let go of those things which weigh us down and offer them to benefit your beloved All Souls'.

Our sale is being curated by fellow parishioner Matt "Tikiman" Willis. Matt is in the antique business and will be happy to meet you to discuss your offerings. Matt will also research your offering so we know the items are appropriately priced. You can contact Matt at tikiman1@yahoo.com or Jennifer Smith in the parish office, jsmith@allsoulspointloma.org. Remember, the items we're looking for are Art, Antiques, and Collectibles.

And, if you like collecting or maybe you're looking for a new piece of art or some furniture, we'll be offering a pre-event party for parishioners of All Souls on Friday, August 13th from 7—9 p.m. We'll have a selection of drinks, some lively music, and great fellowship. There will even be an opportunity drawing for a piece of artwork!

Clean out your closets and mark your calendars. Help make our Art, Antiques, and Collectibles sale a success for All Souls'!



Peninsula Shepherd Center News



Hello Friends of the Peninsula Shepherd Center!

There is **A LOT** to tell you this month! Events are opening up throughout the Peninsula Communities and we look forward to resuming our Monthly Calendar soon.

- We are tentatively making plans to **resume the Out and About Senior Transportation program in July and re-opening our beautiful new Senior Lounge in August!** We are coordinating with All Souls' on a re-opening date and putting Health and Safety procedures in place for the safety of our members, guests and staff.
- We are actively finalizing our Policies and Procedures around Covid-19 and how it will impact our operations going forward. Navigating the Federal, State and CDC guidelines has been a challenge, but we have collaborated with other organizations serving seniors and are confident that we can make a smooth transition. **We ask all of you for your patience**, as we will have a phased re-opening and all activities and services may not be immediately available. I am personally asking for your feedback and to contact me or Larysa with any questions or concerns you have during this process. We want you to feel safe and comfortable and, most importantly, be happy to be back together again with all of your friends at PSC!
- We are hosting our second **Zoom Wellness Program just for PSC and All Souls' guests hosted by R.I.S.E. Physical Therapy on June 23rd**. My physical therapist, Tyler Hofstee, will be leading us again and everyone that attended really enjoyed the session. Please let me know if you have any special needs or questions. Join the group - all you need is a chair! The details are in the newsletter. Maybe this becomes your daily routine!
- We continue in May with our popular PSC Chat presentations! This month we will experience the last of John Pearson's adventures exploring the National Parks of the United States. This time we will explore **American Samoa – the 59th National Parks on June 17th at 11:00**, and hear about the newest parks to see. **On June 24th at 11:00 we will see a presentation on The Lighthouses of San Diego!** ***These are not to be missed and open to all!*** If you would like to attend, please send me or Larysa your email and we will add you to the invitation. My email address is lisa@sdpsc.org or call the office at (619)223-1640. Spread the Word!
- **PSC Connections Through Technology Program** continues to thrive! **Spread the word to friends and neighbors!** We know there are many people that could benefit from the program or just need help with their existing equipment. David and I are ready to connect you to PSC online activities and community events! If you have not yet looked into this amazing program, please contact Larysa at the office (619)223-1640 or Lisa (619)990-9758 for more information. Don't miss this opportunity – **GET CONNECTED!**

Until we can all be together in person again, we love our connection with you through our online games and chats, presentations and getting caught up on our monthly Porch Visits! Be Well – **WE MISS YOU!**

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Worship Update! We're Moving Inside!

Slowly but surely we're getting back to pre-pandemic worship life! It's been a long time coming and we are eager to put these coronavirus restrictions behind us. Everyone in this parish family has been extremely patient as we navigated through these changes and modified our worship style to provide for the safety of all. We recently received updated diocesan guidelines and once we're prepared to implement changes to our worship, we'll be communicating those changes with our parish family.

While our in-person worship activity is picking up, our online activity continues as we've discovered that meeting virtually allows for people to gather from all over the world as well as making it convenient for those who may not be able to attend in-person.

Following is a summary of current worship schedule with in-person worship guidelines:



In-Person Service Schedule

Sunday:

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

10:15 am - in the church—Holy Eucharist with Hymns

Thursday:

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

First 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 Saturdays, see above)

5:00 pm - Zoom Prayers for Spiritual Communion

Tuesday:

9:30 am - Zoom Morning Prayer

Please note, at present, the following safety protocols remain in place:

1. All servers, clergy, and singers, and other participants in the liturgy must be vaccinated
1. Children 12 and under must wear masks - It's required!
2. Unvaccinated people must wear masks
3. We will no longer require distancing between family units.
4. We'll open all the doors (all 5 in the back and the 2 side doors) to increase ventilation.
5. Communion will be offered in one kind, bread only.

And, one final note, childcare will not be available during the summer months. However, we are working toward offering a SmallSouls service 1/month, outside, during our 10:15 service!

Youth and Family Updates by Mother Terry

Diocesan Youth Activities

The Diocese of San Diego will have a youth gathering at the Pride Parade on July 11, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. If your **7th-12th grader** would like to participate, please register at the link below. The \$10 registration fee covers the cost of lunch.

[Youth at San Diego Pride March \(edsd.org\)](http://edsd.org)

Father Peter will be there and would be delighted to march alongside our youth!

Cheers,

Mother Terry+.

Summer Youth Offerings

We're working on a few ideas for bringing our young people together for fellowship and service projects over the summer. Stay tuned for more information and be sure to join in the fun!

Camp Stevens—June 20 is Campership Sunday

Hey Episcopal Church Family!

30% of our summer campers receive support to come to camp each year. This summer we need our church family more than ever.

You can support those attending camp by visiting campstevens.org/give to make a donation and be sure to write your church's name in the online donation form.

It's been a long year for all of us! A week at Camp Stevens is a chance for campers to connect with new friends and old, experience God's creation, and build back confidence, belonging, and the spirit of adventure while supported by a safe and loving community.



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

Buddhism and Christianity are not unrelated which is perhaps an obvious truth to those open to interfaith considerations of spirituality. In my own experience I draw comfort and inspiration from the Bible as well as ancient Eastern wisdom traditions, Buddhism chief among them. Here is Father Richard Rohr's offering of a contemplative model that cites the Gospels and Julian of Norwich as well as what is often considered the heart of Buddhist practice, Metta or Loving Kindness Meditation. Having these ideas aligned in close juxtaposition is the very essence of both/ and that for Father Rohr, forms the essence of his spiritual teaching and practice: the unifying force of "the oneness of love" emanating from a source beyond ourselves, however that is defined. ~LP

Mystical Holism and the Loving-Kindness Meditation

I am convinced that the Gospel offers us a holistic understanding of salvation. If we understand *the resurrection as a universal phenomenon*, we can see this idea everywhere in Pauline passages, expressed in different ways. Here are some examples: "in that one body he condemned sin" (Romans 8:3); "he experienced death for all humankind" (Hebrews 2:9); he has done suffering and sacrifice "once and for all" (Hebrews 7:27); the embodiment language of Philippians, where Jesus is said to lead us through the "pattern of death" so we can "take our place in the pattern of resurrection" (3:9–12). And of course, this all emerges from Jesus's major metaphor of the "Reign of God," a fully collective notion, which many scholars say is just about all that he talks about. Until we start reading the Jesus story through the collective notion that the Christ offers us, I honestly think we miss much of the core message, and read it all in terms of individual salvation, and individual reward and punishment. Society will remain untouched, leaving Christianity little chance of changing the world.

Julian of Norwich was given the gift of seeing in this holistic way. In chapter 9 of the Long Text she writes:

We are all one in love.... When I look at myself as an individual, I see that I am nothing. It is only in unity with my fellow spiritual seekers that I am anything at all. It is this foundation of unity that will save humanity.

God is all that is good. God has created all that is made. God loves all that he has created. And so anyone who, in loving God, loves all his fellow creatures [and] loves all that is. All those who are on the spiritual path contain the whole of creation, and the Creator. That is because God is inside us, and inside God is everything. And so whoever loves God loves all that is. [1]

Scholar Mary C. Earle comments on this passage:

Julian sees that each life is part of a glorious whole. Each life, so minuscule in and of itself, is connected



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to the vast web of life held in being by God.

The oneness of love has clear implications for the ways in which we think about salvation. Julian would be surprised by some of our notions about individual salvation today, such as the question, “Have you been saved?” Following early Christian writers, she understands that it is not a question of individual salvation; we are all saved *together*. All creatures, and the cosmos itself, originate from one divine source; at our death we all return to that source. In our lives here, moreover, that love indwells all and weaves us together in ways we cannot fathom.

God is within us, at home, patiently and kindly awaiting our recognition. As Maker of all, God is in everything, present in all places and at all times. [2]

References:

[1] *The Showings of Julian of Norwich: A New Translation*, Mirabai Starr (Hampton Roads: 2013), 23–24. [Italics mine.]

[2] *Julian of Norwich: Selections from Revelations of Divine Love—Annotated & Explained*, annotation by Mary C. Earle (SkyLight Paths Publishing: 2013), 116.

Adapted from Richard Rohr, *The Universal Christ: How a Forgotten Reality Can Change Everything We See, Hope for, and Believe* (Convergent: 2021, 2019), 163–164.

Loving Kindness Meditation

Buddhist loving-kindness (or metta) practice counteracts the sense of powerlessness that contributes to the anxiety of not experiencing that “all will be well.” Metta practice also awakens compassion and reminds us of our interdependence. It can be an antidote to the usual selfish sense of happiness which prioritizes our wellbeing and ignores or denies responsibility for the wellbeing of others. I offer this version of loving kindness practice adapted from meditation teacher Steven Smith.



We begin with loving ourselves, for unless we have a measure of this unconditional love and acceptance for ourselves, it is difficult to extend it to others. Then we include others who are special to us, and ultimately, all living things. Gradually, both the visualization and the meditation phrases blend into the actual experience, the feeling of loving kindness....

Take a very comfortable posture.... Begin to focus around... your “heart center,” breathing in and out from that area. Next, evoke a kind feeling toward yourself. Drop beneath [any areas of self-judgment or self-hatred] to the place where we care for ourselves, where we want strength and health and safety for ourselves.

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Continuing to breathe in and out, use either these traditional phrases or ones you choose yourself. Say or think them several times.

May I be free from inner and outer harm and danger. May I be safe and protected.

May I be free of mental suffering or distress.

May I be happy.

May I be free of physical pain and suffering.

May I be healthy and strong.

May I be able to live in this world happily, peacefully, joyfully, with ease.

Next, move to a person who most invites a feeling of loving kindness in you, and repeat the phrases for this person:

“May she/he be free from inner and outer harm and danger.... “

Now move to a neutral person, someone for whom you feel neither strong like nor dislike. As you repeat the phrases, allow yourself to feel tenderness, loving care for their welfare.

Now, repeat the phrases for someone you have difficulty with—hostile feelings, resentments.... If you have difficulty doing this, you can say before the phrases, “To the best of my ability I wish that you be.... “ If you begin to feel ill will toward this person, return to the benefactor and let loving kindness arise again. Then return to this person....

Finally, extend loving kindness out to all beings, using phrases such as these:

May all beings be safe, happy, healthy, live joyously.

May all living beings be healed and whole, content and fulfilled.

May all individuals have whatever they need.

May all beings in existence have safety, happiness, health, joy, and peace.

Abide in silence for a few more breaths, then journal about your experience, if you like.

Adapted from Steven Smith, *Loving Kindness Meditation*, The Center for Contemplative Mind in Society.

Outreach Updates and Opportunities

Back 2 School Bash

Once again this year, St. Mark's church in City Heights is holding its annual Back 2 School Bash providing needy children with age appropriate backpacks and school supplies. In previous years, we have filled backpacks with supplies for a specific child. This year, the "pandemic version" will be to sponsor a child for \$50 each.

St. Mark's team will buy specific school supplies in bulk, making it easier to keep everything uniform and allow them to be better stewards of their resources. Donations are needed before August 1. Checks can be made out to St. Mark's City Heights with "Back 2 School Bash" in the memo line, and can be put in the plate or sent to All Souls'.

We have been supporting this project for nine years, and it is a real joy to see the smiling faces of these kids when they receive all the supplies they need for school in the fall.



Loaves and Fishes

All Souls' parishioner Leigh Fenley serves on the board of the Loaves and Fishes food pantry in Ocean Beach. She reported recently that Loaves and Fishes has been named a "Gold Certified Nutrition Pantry" by Leah's Pantry. This is a major accomplishment and speaks to the continued success and management of this organization. There will be a celebration luncheon on Monday, June 28th. (See page 14)

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 just this last month, our Youth Group participated in a service project and assembled about 100 bags! So come to church, pick up your bag, 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! As previously reported, Maria Pina is stepping down as coordinator and 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'

The glorious return of the All Souls' Choirs

Te Deum Laudamus!

In early March 2020 the All Souls' choirs sang their last service/rehearsal just before the entire world shut down due to the global pandemic. In hindsight, there was no way of knowing that this sudden stop would last 14 months! In fact, I recall thinking that we'd likely return by May. Simply put, there was so much that we didn't know at the time.

A few weeks ago, our extended hiatus came to an end with permission granted for the choirs to meet in person following safety protocols. This proved to be quite an emotional experience for us all. Our first meeting was with our beloved choristers who walked in the door with muted excitement, and ready to sing! The following day the parish choir also arrived ready to sing! What a blessing it was to hear more than 8 voices in the church, and for me personally, an opportunity to hear hymn-singing with a larger group of singers.

As we wind down our current choir season, we take comfort in the fact that the future is positive as we look to resuming full throttle next September. Sometime around August you'll see my annual choir recruitment announcement, and I hope you consider it strongly...now, more than ever JOIN A CHOIR!

Thank you to all who form part of the choir community of All Souls'.



Hark! the choirs of angel voices joyful alleluias sing,

Thank you Altar Guild

A great big thank you to our Altar Guild and Flower Guild for the work they did preparing our church for worship. The doors had been shut a long time and there was much work to be done to "spruce it up" in preparation for in-person worship.

If you feel called to join this ministry, please contact Fr. Joe or Sally Parker. It's a wonderful way to serve the church "behind the scenes" and a prayerful time of preparation.



Vestry Update by David Ostrander

Brief summary of All Souls' vestry meeting, May 25th 2021

Fr Joe and all vestry members were present via zoom. We were joined by attorney Ken Stipanov for a report of the endowment committee.



Highlights:

- IWC: Fr Peter reported on his continued work with the homeless community in Ocean Beach. Separately, the outreach committee is providing “care packages” for the crew aboard the USS Tulsa.
- Finance: thanks to receipt of paycheck protection loans, continued generous support from the congregation and Fr Joe's diligent management of expenses, our parish finances are in excellent shape. Fr Joe noted that he is very comfortable with the direction our finances have taken. Ken Stipanov reported that we received a generous gift of stock to our operating fund.
- Due to constraints imposed by the pandemic, the Home Tour will occur in limited fashion this December. In addition, Bill Cobb is organizing a music festival for October and additional events will be planned in December to help with fundraising.
- Properties committee: a new handicap accessible entrance is being planned for the administration building. This will be especially helpful for the Peninsula Shepherds Center. Solar panels have been installed at the rectory. Landscaping was also completed at the rectory (thanks to a generous gifts from members of the church community).
- Formation: Sunday forums will be taking a summer vacation and resume in September. The book club continues to meet monthly with excellent attendance. The next book will be *Bach and God* by Michael Marissen. Dr. Rubin Valenzuela will lead the conversation.
- Worship: as we continue to move toward in person engagement in worship and committees, changes will be announced separately in the E-Blast.

Respectfully submitted,
David Ostrander, Member of the Vestry

Mark Your Calendars For these Upcoming Art, Antiques, and Collectibles Sale—August 13 & 14

Don't forget, Pre-sale and viewing on August 13 is for parishioners and friends only!

Jazz Festival —October 2

Four terrific bands, yummy food, and great fun!

Home Tour 2021—December

Oooh... and in-person marketplace, tea, food-trucks, vendors, and an opportunity to peak inside beautiful and historic homes!





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Congratulations Graduates!

Bella Alioto, daughter of Tina Mendez and granddaughter of Leslie Hudak, will graduate from Point Loma High on June 12. She will attend Mesa College in the fall.

Sam Carta, son of Dave & Christine Carta, graduated from 8th grade at St. Vincent's Catholic School. He received the Pastor's Award for outstanding grades, giving service, being a self-motivated learner, involvement in extracurricular activities, and being a positive Christian example. He will attend Mater Dei Catholic High School in the fall.



Dr. Abbey Hinds, daughter of JuliBeth Hinds, graduated from University of Wisconsin-Madison with a degree in veterinary medicine. She will work as a general practice veterinarian with Banfield Clinic in Madison.

Jane Lubsen, daughter of Adam & Kate Lubsen and granddaughter of Dave & Mary Brown, will graduate from Point Loma High School on June 12. She plans to attend Michigan State University where she will pursue a degree in Elementary Education.

Rose Meltzer, granddaughter of Ann Evans, graduated from USC and plans to study for the MCAT with the goal of becoming a pediatrician.

Sarah Northam, granddaughter of Jack & Betsy Northam, graduated from the University of Arizona with a degree in psychology. She recently moved to College Station, TX, where she will work as a consumer advocate with a student housing company, with a side gig as a DJ.

Taylor Raasch, great granddaughter of Gerry & Nan Hardison, will graduate from High Tech High, and plans to attend Cal State San Marcos in the fall.

Madison Schmitt, daughter of Devon Schmitt, will graduate from 8th grade at Warren-Walker Middle School. Madison will attend Point Loma High School in the fall.

Zoe Steers, daughter of Mindi Steers and Goddaughter of Rhonda Muir and Drusilla Grubb, graduates from 8th grade at High Tech Middle School. She will attend High Tech High School in the fall.

Phoebe Valenzuela, child of Ruben Valenzuela and Anne-Marie Dicce Valenzuela, graduated from La Jolla Country Day School, and hopes to attend Loyola Marymount University to study recording engineering and psychology.

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.

Jazz Festival Coming to All Souls'

SAVE THE DATE: October 2nd, from 1 pm to 10 pm

Jazz music will be filling the All Souls' campus as we host our first jazz festival.

Four bands, each of which features a different style of jazz, will play for two hours each.

The festival begins at 1:00 p.m. with High Society Jazz Band puts a fresh twist on traditional jazz, with New Orleans style, Chicago style, and Dixieland. At 3:00, the Firefly Jazz Quartet will play per-

form songs out of the Great American Songbook, from the 1920s to the 1960s. After a dinner break, catered by Single Fin Surf Grill, the music continues with Sahara Grim, a Point Loma singer who mixes soul, folk, and world music into her original jazz compositions. The evening ends up with the Ira Liss Big Band Jazz Machine playing all of our favorite sounds from the big band Swing Era.



However, we have a problem with this

event—IT NEEDS A CATCHY NAME!

So, we are having a contest to NAME THE FESTIVAL. The winner gets two passes with dinner! Submit your entries for the NAME THE FESTIVAL CONTEST to Bill Cobb at we4cobbs@gmail.com.

Remember, it will have to fit on a poster and a ticket, and it needs to have the word JAZZ somewhere in the name.

Deadline for contest entries is **July 15, 2021**.



An Update on our Finances

2021 financials of the parish remain strong. Our income is ahead of projections and our expenses are just a bit higher than expected. The deficit in income for the month of May is due primarily to a timing matter as we were expecting income from a fundraiser budgeted in May which will now occur in October. Pledge and plate income remain strong and we want to offer our deepest thanks and gratitude for the generosity of our parishioners.



INCOME & TRANSFERS	May 2021	YTD
Income Budget	\$ 41,658	\$ 291,603
Income Actual	\$ 33,344	\$ 329,296
Difference	(\$ 8,314)	\$ 35,193

EXPENSE	May 2021	YTD
Expense Budget	\$ 50,876	\$ 256,371
Expense Actual	\$ 55,591	\$ 251,055
Difference	(\$ 4,715)	\$ 5,316

Payroll Tax Credits

As part of government instituted coronavirus relief efforts, our accountant applied for payroll tax credits for 2020 in May, 2021. We expect those credits to be received sometime between now and August 2021. This will be unbudgeted income and the finance committee will discuss the use of these funds at our next meeting and make a recommendation to the vestry.



All Souls' Stewardship—It's Year Round!



Stewardship is not just a time when the church asks you to consider giving a percentage of your income to the church or, as some have called it, the annual “beg-a-thon.” Stewardship is much broader and much deeper. Stewardship is about living into our commitment to be good stewards of the gifts and resources God has given us: our money, our families, our churches, our world. As a church, we must keep stewardship in front of us all year so that we can best live into the society and creation God dreams for us to be.

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

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

Saturday, Prayers for Spiritual Communion, 5:00 p.m.—[Join by Zoom](#): ID 898-0219-8912

Sunday 8:00 a.m. Live Stream—Visit www.facebook.com/allsoulspointloma

Sunday 9:15 a.m.—Small Souls Online Livestream—www.facebook.com/allsoulspointloma

Sunday 10:15 a.m. Live Stream—Visit 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

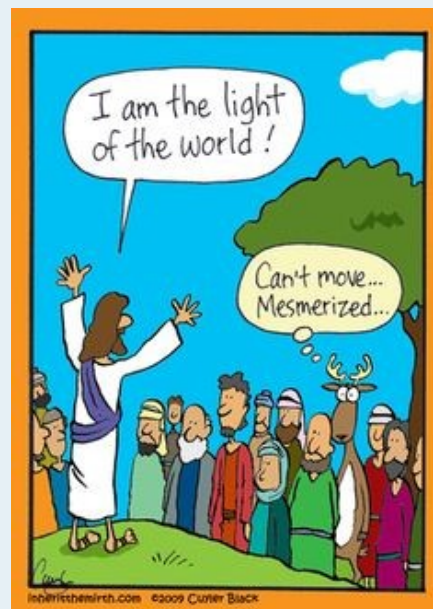
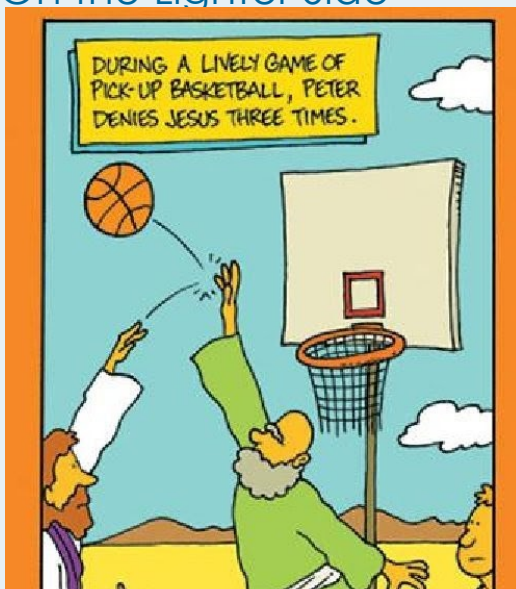
“strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being.” We live these pledges out by actively engaging in dismantling racism. For many of us, this will mean learning more about our racial identity, listening to those who have experienced racial prejudice, speaking 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, foregoing the common cup and refraining from congregational singing.

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

learn more: forwardmovement.org

—Presiding Bishop Michael Curry

On the Lighter Side





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

Listen to sermons online at allsoulspointloma.org/sermons

Reach us by e-mail at office@allsoulspointloma.org

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Ruben Valenzuela, Dir. of the Music
Spencer Velky, Gouraud Asst. Organist
Jennifer Smith, Parish Admin Asst.
Jeff Dames, Sexton

Weekend Services

Saturday: Worship via Zoom
5 p.m.—Liturgy of the Word with
prayers for Spiritual Communion

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
10:15 a.m.—Holy Eucharist with hymns

Weekday Worship

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