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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Dear People of Saint Thomas,

With the Christmas holidays behind us for another year, it is time for us to begin to focus upon the immediate work at hand. We have begun the second phase of our transition period. With supply clergy in place for January and February, we will now work with Office of the Bishop to recruit and hire an interim priest to assist us as we discern who we are and where we are going. Along with this task, we will need to make sure our church directory is updated and correct to assure that all of us are accounted for and that contact information is accurate for application with the Congregational Assessment Tool (CAT). This survey tool will help to identify the traits that are important to us as a congregation, and most important to provide us with the tools necessary to develop our congregational profile to better determine the characteristic essential to recruiting the proper type of clergy that may be best suited to come to St. Thomas.

In this process, the Bishop's Committee will be working closely with Nancy Holland and Allisyn Thomas from the Office of the Bishop. The preliminary discussions have generated a time table that had actually started in November 2015 and project completion of this plan by February 2017. January 2016 will allot us the time to conduct the Congregational Assessment Tool, with results being reported back to the congregation for informational purposes. By April 2016 we plan to have an interim priest in place to serve as our Vicar to assist and guide us during this time of transition. We will plan upon having a Calling Committee organized by February 2016, provided prospective congregation members are identified and committed to serve in this crucial role. After our profile is accessed,

Caring for All Seasons

(Year 'Round Stewardship)

Stewardship of our Health

(December, January & February)

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we will work with the Office of the Bishop to advertise our position opening to the find candidates to be presented to the Calling Committee.

I hope that this explanation of the process that we are beginning to move into deeper is helpful to gain a better understanding and appreciation of your role. We truly are entering into a very exciting time here in our church family life at St Thomas. With your help and support we will get through this stronger and more committed to our faith and love for one another.

In your service,

Peter

FYI: The following resources can be helpful to understand this process and the various steps required for its completion.

<http://www.edow.org/equipping-leaders/supporting-parishes-in-transition/>

[http://archive.episcopalchurch.org/documents/CDO_Search-Updated_Version\(1\).pdf](http://archive.episcopalchurch.org/documents/CDO_Search-Updated_Version(1).pdf)

http://www.standrewsepiscopal.org/uploads/1/2/9/1/12912054/search_committee_charge.pdf

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MISSION

The Annual Meeting of the Mission will take place on Sunday, January 31. The schedule will be similar to previous years; a luncheon and meeting will follow the 10:15 am Service on Sunday morning. Also, this is an extremely important meeting as we continue in our time of transition.

Please begin praying about/thinking about the possibility that God is calling you to serve on the Bishop’s Committee or as a Delegate to the 2017 Diocesan Convention to be held November 5.

- **The Bishop’s Committee:** The nine Bishop’s Committee Members are responsible for working with the Vicar to provide the leadership for Saint Thomas of Canterbury Episcopal Church. Each Bishop’s Committee Member is responsible for coordinating/supporting a specific area of ministry. This includes helping to set goals, identifying programs and projects, being accountable to budgets, recruiting participants, and much, much more. Three Bishop’s Committee Members—each full-term (three years)—will be added during the Annual Meeting of the Mission to continue a complement of nine total members.
- **The ministry of ‘Delegate to Diocesan Convention’:** A Delegate is expected to be familiar with most of the ministries of the church. Also, there are pre-convention meetings that are important to attend, as well. We will be electing four Delegates and four Alternate Delegates.

If either of these ministries sounds like something that you might be interested in finding out more about, please contact Peter Mandery.



Just last month we were pleased to welcome both the Rev. George Keith and the Rev. Dr. Kate Baird into our church family. With sadness, this month we bid farewell to “Father George.” But we are grateful for his service and his promise to return when asked.

Thankfully, the Rev. Dr. Kate Baird (Mother Kate) will continue to be with us not only for our Wednesday Healing Services but also for all three of our weekend masses.

We give thanks to God for supplying us with such wonderful temporary leaders and look forward to our Interim Priest who will lead us until we call a permanent Vicar.



The MUSIC BOX

NEWS about MUSIC at Saint Thomas of Canterbury



Join the Choir..
You'll Be Glad
You Did!

Our music ministry is **OPEN TO ALL**, and we invite you to sing with us. If you are interested in joining us, please contact

Music Director Stephen Sturk by phone or email: 760-443-9667, sturkdma@gmail.com. Or, better yet, speak with Stephen, or with our pianist Wendi Turk, after a service.

Our choir sings at the 10:15 a.m. service every Sunday throughout the year.

We generally meet for practice on Sunday mornings at 9:15.

Just come join us in the Sanctuary at 9:15 on Sundays!

(Occasional Thursday evening rehearsals may be scheduled to help prepare music for major holidays.)



*****St. Mary's Bell Ringers Join Our Worship on January 31*****



On January 31 we will welcome special musical guests to our 10:15 service. The handbell choir from St. Mary's-in-the-Valley, Ramona, under the direction of Pamela Wade, will join our choir in an anthem arranged by Stephen Sturk, our St. Thomas music director. The handbell choir will also accompany hymns of the day. We are grateful for this wonderful musical offering to celebrate the day we hold our Annual Meeting of the Mission!

Gavin Furuken & Wendi Turk Piccolo & Piano Recital



*Saturday, January 23, 2016
at 6 pm*

*Azusa Pacific University
901 E. Alostia Ave, Azusa
Munson Chapel*

(Corner of Citrus & Alostia)



*****Free Admission and Parking*****

"Dreams of Birds" Program

*Featuring Contemporary Music for Piccolo, Flute, Piano, Clarinet
and Vocals*

*****Reception to Follow*****

Joyce Elizabeth McLister Carney

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Senior Center Food Donation Reminder

Dear friends,

Please don't forget to donate food as you are able for those in need. We bless and collect the food donations on the 4th Sunday of each month and deliver them to the Senior Citizens Center. Our recent donations have been a little sparse, but we have had many additional donation requests during this holiday season. Non-perishables of any kind are welcome.

May God bless you!

Eva Smith

FOOD INGATHERING

Every Sunday we are encouraged to bring special food offerings for both humans and animals.

Once per month, we bring the food to the altar to be blessed before it is sent out to be used. The schedule for the blessings is as follows:

Second Sunday of the Month: Pet-Food Ingathering

Fourth Sunday of the Month: Human-Food Ingathering



Please make every effort to share your bounty with those who have less.



Sunday School Invites You to Help!



Joy comes in many sizes. Sunday School is a way of experiencing the joy of sharing with young people the joy Jesus gives us with His teachings and his love. Rebecca Haynes needs more teachers to experience that joy. The curriculum is there for you (and your teammate) to follow and the young faces are willing to hear The Word. Please contact Rebecca Haynes [1 949-370-5769](tel:1949-370-5769), rebecca@ekhotech.com

CHRISTMAS EVE CHOIR

It was wonderful to have extra singers for Christmas Eve--thanks to Deb Mitchell and the Widelski family for joining us! Sorry that Laurel and Vince were not able to be there. We certainly missed them!

Here's a photo of the Christmas Eve gang with our wishes for a very Happy new Year.

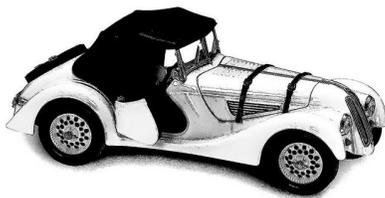


SWEETHEART CAR SHOW

Saint Thomas of Canterbury is excited to host its 4th Annual Sweetheart Car Show on February 13, 2016.

A great time is guaranteed!

We hope to see you there!



Register online at:

episcopalchurchtemecula.org

Music and Awards provided by *SOUNDS DIVINE DJ*

Pre-registration: \$20 (by February 10th)

Day of Show registration: \$25 (no shirt)



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY MORNING [YEAR 'ROUND]

CHILDREN AND YOUTH: The Christian Education offerings on Sunday morning provide something for everyone from birth through high school. And, while there are different activities for children/youth at various stages of their spiritual development, there are no set ages for each activity. That is, parents are encouraged to help determine which Sunday morning activity would be best for their children. Also, adults who are interested in helping with this important ministry are encouraged to contact the vicar.

Nursery Care (10:00am – 11:30 am): Staffed nursery care is available for our youngest children in the Saint Matthew Classroom. Children are cared for within a nurturing environment that helps even our youngest members to feel God's love.

Children's Chapel (10:00 am): This worshipful experience is offered to children and youth who enjoy learning about worship through prayer, singing, and listening to bible stories. It takes place in the Saint Scholastica "Chapel".

Sunday School (10:00 am): This session includes age-appropriate discussion with adult facilitators using a helpful curriculum to guide the conversation.

SYNTHESIS CE BIBLE STUDY (9:15 am): This lectionary-based study is facilitated using the Synthesis CE material that everyone receives after the Saturday and Sunday services.

ANGLICAN STUDIES (2nd Sunday of the month, October – June, 9:15 am in the Saint Benedict Conference Room): This program consists of discussions with Father Robert about Anglicanism. Topics include the Book of Common Prayer, the Hymnal, worship style, and what it means to be an Anglican. This is preparation for adult baptism/confirmation. Also, it makes a great refresher program. Anglican Studies is a great opportunity for some great discussions. Please come by as your schedule permits. The next session is scheduled for Sunday, January 10.

FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH [YEAR 'ROUND]

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP: This group meets at noon on the first Monday of the month to discuss books the group chooses. More information is available by contacting Bill Liesman 951-333-3544 or email: asiabill@aol.com. Attend as you are interested in the book being read by the group.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON [YEAR 'ROUND] (IN TRANSITION)

BIBLE STUDY : This is a lectionary-based bible study that uses the Synthesis CE material. This session is held at Atria Vintage Hills, 41780 Butterfield Stage Road, Temecula, (951) 506-5555. All are welcome. **FRIDAY MORNING [YEAR 'ROUND]**

FRIDAY MORNING [YEAR 'ROUND] (IN TRANSITION)

BIBLE STUDY : This is a lectionary-based bible study that uses the Synthesis CE material. This session is held at the Chateau at Harveston, 40024 Harveston Drive 3rd Floor Chapel, Temecula, (951) 296-5250. All are welcome.

SATURDAY MORNING [SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY]

EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY (EFM—10:00 AM – 12:30 PM): "Every baptized person is called to ministry. The EfM program provides people with the education to carry out that ministry. During the Service of Confirmation we ask God to "Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; ..." EfM offers an opportunity to discover how to respond to the call to Christian service." For more information about EfM, contact Linda Nelson lrnelsonfawn@yahoo.com.

SOME OTHER DAY & TIME -- ?

A TOPIC/SUBJECT OF YOUR CHOOSING: This is an opportunity for you to suggest a Christian Education offering at a time and day of your choosing. Maybe it's another Bible Study...maybe it's another book discussion group...or maybe it's something entirely different. Just call or email your idea to Peter Mandery.

SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

WEDNESDAY EVENING [SEPTEMBER THROUGH JUNE]

BENEDICTINE WAY (7:45 PM): Benedictine Way will continue to meet on Wednesday evenings, 7:45 – 9:00 pm. Starting in January, the group will be using the book, *The Rule of Benedict: A Spirituality for the 21st Century* by Joan Chittister. This book takes the reader through the Rule of St. Benedict in the manner of a daily devotion. In small, but meaningful pieces, we will learn the Rule and ways to adapt and apply it to our lives today. Topics such as prayer, balance, stability, community, hospitality, humility, work - and more - will be addressed. If your New Year's resolution includes strengthening your spiritual life, come and join Benedictine Way on Wednesday evenings, following the celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 7:00. The first meeting of the year will be Wednesday, January 6th. All are welcome to attend as your schedule allows.

For more information, contact Barbara Bundy (bjbundy@verizon.net or 571-332-8713).

SECOND & FOURTH THURSDAY OF THE MONTH [YEAR 'ROUND]

CENTERING PRAYER (3:45 PM): This group gathers at the home of Deedee Warden. Centering Prayer is a method of preparing for the gift of contemplation. It gives us a way to begin to respond to God's initiative. For more information, contact Deedee at dwarden55@verizon.net. All are welcome!

SAINT THOMAS



Have you ever started to read the Bible but didn't finish as much as you had hoped? Beginning in January, a small group at Saint Thomas will embark on a program called **"The Bible Challenge"**

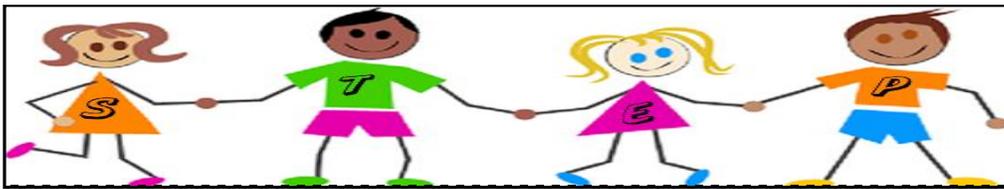
which provides an easy-to-follow way to read the Bible in one year.

Bible Challenge reading is to begin on Monday, January 4 and the group will have its first meeting Sunday, January 17 at 9:30 a.m. in Julian Hall.

It's a great habit to develop for life, and all ages are welcome!

For more information, contact:

John or Tess Crawford



Darlene Versteegh
Director
951.302.8498

St. Thomas Episcopal Preschool January 2016 News and Notes

Dear Parents and Friends,

Happy Epiphany! This month the children will hear the story of the wise men that followed the star to Jesus, the baptism of the Lord, the wedding at Cana and the conversion of St. Paul.

Our theme this month is "WINTER". The teachers have activities and art projects planned for the children that will relate to our theme or the bible story of the week. There will be snow in the classrooms and other wintery curriculum items that the children will explore. Hot chocolate is a must have addition to help us stay warm and toasty.

This month at Chapel the bible stories will come to life as we learn about the gifts that the 3 wise men brought to Jesus and how Jesus was baptized. We will also see how Jesus turned water into wine. The children will be learning some new Jesus songs as we worship and praise God.

God has sent us some new friends who will join us this month. We welcome Brook, Austin, May, Joselyn, Madison, Alexis and Kayla. Welcome to S.T.E.P.

We will observe New Year's Day on January 1st and the Martin Luther King Jr. Day holiday on the 18th of the month.

Parent Surveys will go out this month. Please take a few minutes to fill it out and return to your child's teacher. We will use the information to continue to improve our school. Thanks!

Please keep our wonderful school in your prayers that we may continue to increase the number of children in our care and that they grow in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Blessing to all,

Darlene Versteegh
School Director

DECEMBER DAYS



St. Thomas Thrift Shop



39825 Alta Murrieta Drive, B3, Murrieta CA 92562

Hours: Monday, Wed, Thurs, Fri, Sat 10 am - 5 pm

Tuesday 10 am - 7pm

Sunday Noon - 5 pm

Marna Ybarra - Manager

951.600.0043

After more than thirty years as an almost daily outreach ministry to the Temecula-Murrieta communities, the St. Thomas Thrift Shop will close its doors on January 20 for the last time under that banner.

The Thrift Shop's contributions to the St. Thomas community over the years cannot be overstated. It sustained the church itself financially through some very difficult years from the mid 90's to the early 2000's. It has been the source of much good work and good will by and for St. Thomas in the area, starting first in Old Town Temecula from 1984-2000 and then in the Murrieta Town Center from 2000 to the present.

An onerous lease and the financial crisis of 2007-8 coupled with increased competition and declining quality of donations combined to make closing the shop the best decision for the financial health of St. Thomas as a whole.

The shop and its employees will continue to need the congregation's help during the closing process. Firstly there will be substantial discounting of all merchandise through the actual closing date of January 20. The shop stopped accepting donations on December 31.

Secondly the shop's furnishings, shelving, work tables and other fixtures are for sale or donation to any worthy buyer or cause that can be determined by members of the congregation or the community at large.

Finally, the return of the space to its original condition will require many hands and hours. From store closing January 20 we have exactly 10 days to restore the space to its original appearance.

Look at our Facebook page for day posting of super bargains and please come and support this wind down process.

If you can help with any of this or just want to shop please visit the store and speak with our retiring manager, Marna Ybarra, or call 951-600-0043 and ask how you can help.

All involved with the ministry take this opportunity to thank the many who have volunteered over the years to make this a great success story for St. Thomas for more than three decades.



HEALTH



Happy 2016 to everyone!

I was planning on writing about allergy problems later in the spring, but we have had a little/or A LOT of discussion lately concerning our parishioners who could be allergic to animal dander. This actually is a serious problem to be dealt with, but in our animal friendly church/Mission I think we need to come up with a reasonable solution. Allergies are generally a nuisance and not horribly serious. However, if your nose starts running and your eyes start itching and watering when you are exposed to something which you are sensitive to, it is miserable. I, personally, am allergic to dust and a number of plants and trees. I did have allergy shots for many years while living in Arizona. Nothing was life-threatening, but it certainly did produce a problem until treated.

Allergies actually are the classic antigen-antibody reaction. The antigen in this case is dog hair or dander as opposed to a pollen, a leaf, or another particulate which is invisibly present in the air. The offending agent binds with antibodies in the allergic individual and this produces a histamine-release response which causes all the problems. The cascade mechanism of this happening is very interesting but too much to discuss at this time. The actual question is, in our sanctuary, what should we do?

I believe the first order of business will be a good generalized cleaning of the furniture and floor, and then we should establish an area that is animal/pet free. I would like to talk with the people involved and come up with a reasonable plan. It is interesting that nothing has been said about this until after Fr. Robert left, and I hope it has not been going on for a long time. I know that the Bishop's Committee will get together and discuss options to make everyone happy. Animal dander is heavy and falls down instead of floating in the air like dust. I think that we can contain this without much difficulty.

This problem is very important to us. **For goodness' sake, let us not get angry about this, but let us come up with a resolution which will be good for everyone in our church family.** Your junior and senior wardens are taking this very seriously. I expect by the annual meeting at the end of January, we will be able to develop a plan which is both reasonable and satisfactory to all.

As always, your friendly but retired dermatologist, who, as I have already said, also has allergies!

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DECEMBER AT SAINT THOMAS OF CANTERBURY



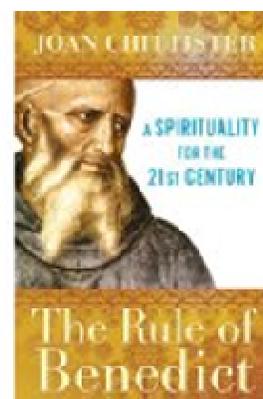
Rancho Damacitas News

Two young people at Rancho Damacitas are celebrating birthdays this month. St Thomas of Canterbury sends a birthday card and a \$10 Target gift card to each child. This gift is a special surprise and can lift two spirits – the recipient AND the giver. Are YOU celebrating a birthday, anniversary, or other special occasion this month? Consider donating a \$10 Target gift card to a child at Rancho Damacitas - think of it as a present you give yourself! It's as easy as picking up a gift card at Target and putting it in the collection plate. Your support is needed and appreciated.



Benedictine Way

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For more information, contact Barbara Bundy (bjbundy@verizon.net or 571-332-8713).

DEDICATING ALTAR FLOWERS & SANCTUARY CANDLES

Altar Flowers and Sanctuary Candles may be given by members of the congregation in honor or in memory of special people or events in our lives, such as: family members and friends who have died (this is often done on or about the date of the loved one's death as a commemoration of her or his entrance into the gates of heaven; of course, the anniversary of the person's birth date is another possible commemoration date) and in honor of anniversaries of weddings and birthdays, the birth of a child, a graduation, etc., The sign-up sheets are displayed in Julian Hall to request a dedication; one for Altar Flowers and one for Sanctuary Candles. If you would like to make a dedication, simply write your name and telephone number on the line next to the date that you wish to choose. We will call you to acquire the necessary information that will appear in the Sunday Bulletin for that date.

Suggested donations:

Altar Flowers—\$25.00; Sanctuary Candles—\$5.00.

If you have any questions about this new arrangement, please call the Church Office.



Flower and Sanctuary Candle Dedications



	Flowers	Sanctuary Candle
January 2 & 3	<i>Available</i>	<i>Available</i>
January 9 & 10	<i>Available</i>	<i>In loving memory of Rebecca Richie mother of Chris Richie</i>
January 16 & 17	<i>In loving memory of Dorothy Weiss mother of Barry Weiss</i>	<i>In loving memory of Dorothy Weiss mother of Barry Weiss</i>
January 23 & 24	<i>Available</i>	<i>Available</i>
January 30 & 31	<i>Available</i>	<i>Available</i>

WEEKDAY CELEBRATIONS OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Holy Eucharist is celebrated on Wednesdays, at 7:00 pm.

The Laying on of Hands and Anointing with Oil for Healing is generally available at each service.

The special commemorations for the Wednesday services for this month are identified below.

First Wednesday, January 6	Epiphany
Second Wednesday, January 13	Ferial Day
Third Wednesday, January 20	The Confession of Saint Peter the Apostle
Fourth Wednesday, January 27	The Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle

WE ARE A PET-FRIENDLY CHURCH

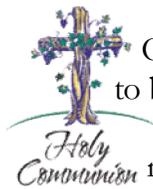
Saint Thomas of Canterbury is a 'Pet-Friendly' church. That means we care deeply for our beloved pets. Not only do we love them, care for them, and pray for them, but we also help senior citizens to feed their pets, we support the Animal Friends of the Valleys, we bless them for the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, and we invite our well-behaved pets to attend worship with us.



CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY?

Why not share the joy of birthdays and other special occasions by donating a \$10 Target gift card to Rancho Damacitas for a birthday there? Your gift will be a special surprise for a child and can lift up a spirit. Think about it—spread a little happiness to those who need some joy in their lives!

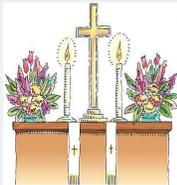
REQUESTING HOLY COMMUNION BROUGHT TO YOUR HOME



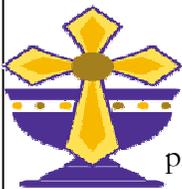
One of our Eucharistic Visitors, trained to bring Communion to parishioners who are unable to get to church due to illness or injury, would be happy to bring Holy Communion to you. If you would like to receive Holy Communion from one of our Eucharistic Visitors, please call the church.

FLOWER & SANCTUARY CANDLE CHARTS

The sign-up sheets for dedicating Altar Flowers and Sanctuary Candles are in Julian Hall for you to sign-up for those special Sundays. Our tradition is to have Altar flowers given by members of the congregation in honor or in memory of special people or events in our lives, such as: family members and friends who have died and in honor of anniversaries of weddings, baptisms, confirmations, and birthdays, the birth of a child, a graduation, etc. You may do the same for the weekly Sanctuary Candle that burns in the church indicating that the Blessed Sacrament is reserved in the Aumbry. A \$25.00 or more contribution for flowers and a \$5.00 or more contribution for a candle are suggested.



HOLY COMMUNION INSTRUCTION



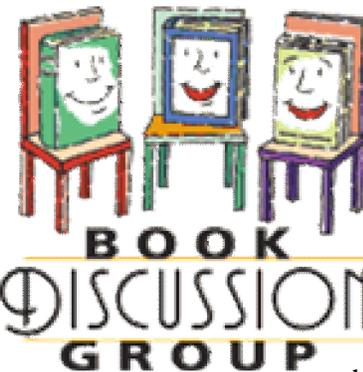
Whether your children are already receiving Holy Communion or not, if you'd like them to have instruction about receiving Holy Communion, please contact our Priest..

ORDER OF DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

... are a group of women who meet **once a month on the second Tuesday at 6pm in the Saint Benedict Conference Room** to share an hour of prayer, Bible study and most inspiring discussion. We are seeking new members. Our order is devoted to prayer, study, and action "for His sake." God has blessed us with new spirit and excitement; we expect to increase membership from six to ten or eleven by January. **WE'RE EXCITED!!!**

SPECIAL OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR

JANUARY—Initial Offering; New Year's Day—January 1; Epiphany—January 6; Christian Education—January 17. The envelopes are located with the other Offering Envelopes arranged in date order. Many thanks for your spirit of generosity.



This group meets the first Monday of the month in the St. Benedict conference room from noon to 1 PM. The date this month is Monday January 4th. Members have an informal and often lively discussion on books read by them. The two books for discussion this month are *The Rule of Four* by Ian Caldwell and *The Grammar of God* by Aviya Kushner. Even if you have not read or completed the books being discussed, come and join the fun and help make some suggestions for future selections. For more info please call Bill Liesman at 951-333-3544 or email him at asiabill@aol.com

PRAYERS AND SQUARES. Prayers & Squares is an interfaith outreach ministry that combines the gift of a hand-tied quilt with the gift of prayer for someone in need. The essence of this ministry is in the prayers offered for the recipient; it is not about the quilts. **No experience with quilting needed. We'll be happy to teach you. Other tasks include ironing and cutting fabric, placing ties in quilts, organizing fabric, etc.** Contact Deb Mitchell - [951-440-1919](tel:951-440-1919). Please join us on Friday mornings, 9:30 to noon for a spiritually fulfilling gift of your time. If you would like to support this ministry but cannot physically help, donations (fabric, batting, thread, your unused sewing machine, or monetary) are always welcome.

CANTERBURY TRAILS HIKERS

The Canterbury Trails Hikers meet up at church at 8 am on a scheduled Saturday of each month.



Please see article on page 3 & contact Deb Mitchell (text/call) [951-440-1919](tel:951-440-1919) for further information.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

One of the most fulfilling and joyful things to do is to follow God's call that leads to us exploring the possibility that a ministry of ours might be to participate in worship as a Liturgical Minister. You may feel a call to the ministries of usher, altar guild, acolyte, greeter, chalice bearer, intercessor, and/or lector. You can find out more about these ministries by going to our website (episcopalchurchtemecula.org) and clicking on 'Connect' and then on 'Customaries.' Please give prayerful and thoughtful consideration to your becoming involved with one or more of these ministries. If you think that God may be calling you to one of these ministries, please contact the Ministry Coordinator (listed below) or Peter Mandery. **You'll be glad that you did!**

MINISTRY COORDINATORS



Greeters	John Crawford (951)378-3900
Ushers	Chris Junger (951)609.6948
Chalice Bearers	TBA
Lectors/Intercessors	5:00 pm Saturday: Gina Diamante (951)378.7268 8:00 am Sunday: TBA 10:15 am Sunday: TBA
Acolytes	TBA
Altar Guild	Elena Gimpel (951)693.5602)
Music (choir & instruments)	Stephen Sturk (760)443-9667)



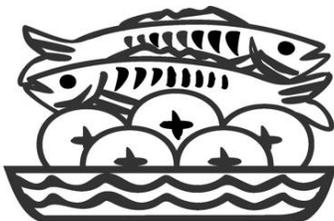
THE NEXT TIMES FOR BAPTISM

Here are the dates for regularly-scheduled baptisms for 2015 and 2016. If there is someone in your family who is to be baptized, please contact the Priest to arrange for instruction. Also, these will be times for all of us to reaffirm our own baptismal vows.

FEAST DAY	2016	2017
Baptism of Jesus	Saturday & Sunday, January 9 & 10	TBA
Easter Vigil *	Saturday, March 26, 7:00 pm	TBA
Day of Pentecost	Saturday & Sunday, May 14 & 15	TBA
Bishop's Visitation	To be determined	TBA
All Saints Day	Saturday & Sunday, November 5 & 6	TBA

*Not recommended for infants and young children

*We are grateful for the opportunities we have at
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THANKS BE TO GOD!*



Our Temecula Food Pantry Ministry is seeking more volunteers to help us provide breakfasts on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month. It is easy to participate. We put your email address on our list and, as we coordinate the next breakfast, you receive an email asking what you might be able to bring; maybe a breakfast dish, or just some fruit, a bottle of juice, some bagels, whatever you can. Please contact Barbara Pugh (951.264.9980 barbpugh45@att.net) if you are willing to help in this ministry, and she will add your name to our volunteer email list.



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SATURDAY

5:00 pm Holy Eucharist

SUNDAY

8:00 am Holy Eucharist

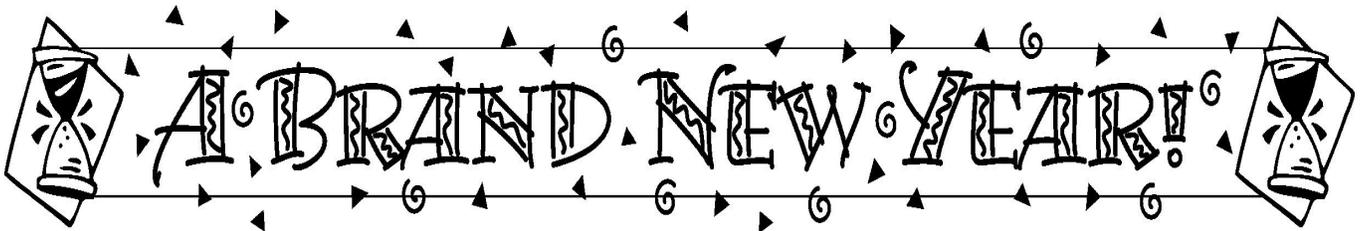
9:15 am "In-Between Time"

10:15 am Holy Eucharist

10:15 am Children's Chapel / Sunday School



*ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE MISSION
SUNDAY, JANUARY 31*



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