

# CANTERBURY TALES

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❧ EPIPHANY MESSAGE FROM OUR VICAR, THE REV. TIM TRUE ❧

## Refugees after Epiphany

What is the purpose of geo-political borders? Are they to protect the people within them? Are they mainly to define where one established set of laws stops and another starts? Do borders divide more than laws—customs, mores, or even nationalities? Cynically, do they simply define one leader's or administration's imagination, as if to say, "I have decided (arbitrarily) that *this* is my land; and *that* is your land—and I just happen to be more militarily powerful than you!"? Then, whose job is it to maintain these borders? More specifically, who should be allowed to cross these borders and how should that be enforced? Etc.

As a church we do not have to confront these questions directly, as politicians do. Nevertheless, they reach us indirectly; and thus should concern us. What should be our response, for instance, when refugees from Sudan knock on our doors seeking help and maybe even a place to call their spiritual home? This was the case for many years, in fact, for two Episcopal congregations in our diocese—and continues to be the case, though the refugees now are mainly from other parts of the world.

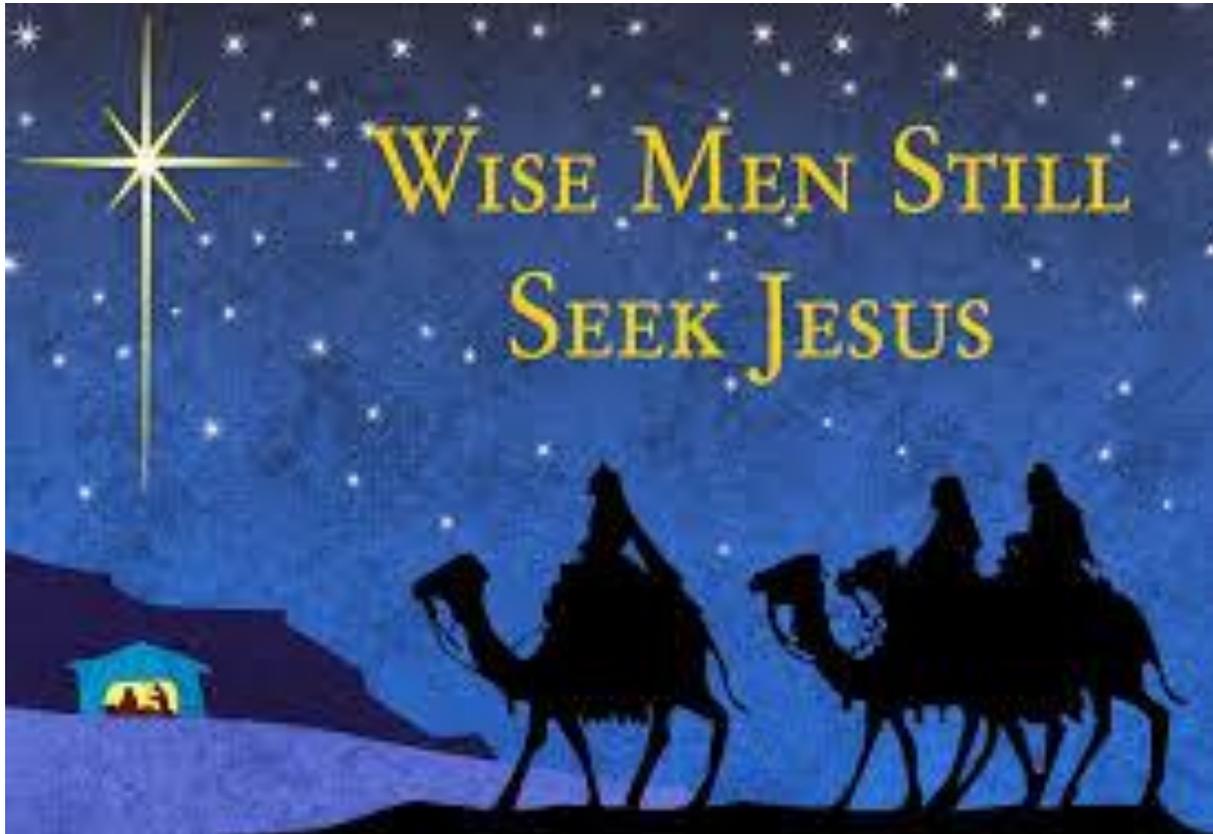


To respond to questions like this politically is to miss the mark. We, the church, are not a political institution. But, at the same time, to avoid "hot buttons" just because they are political in nature misses the mark too. We are called to demonstrate Christ's love to the world around us; and love neither favors nor rejects one political party over another.

During this season after Epiphany, then, I invite you to join me for a six-week Adult Forum series specifically dealing with the topic of refugees. The idea is to come together and discuss this important, present-day topic within a frame that is not political but historical and theological.

Curriculum has been provided to us by Episcopal Migration Ministries. In other words, I didn't write it; I will simply facilitate it. My feelings won't be hurt, then, if you have strong opinions against the message EMM conveys. Heck, I may have strong opinions against it too. The gist is: here we have an opportunity to come together and discuss a very important and relevant issue in a safe space, a sort of sound-proof room whose walls, floor, and ceiling are all lined with love. Won't you join me? Sundays through February 11 in Julian Hall at 9:15.

God bless each of us as we navigate our way through the murky waters of life!



*A mission of the Episcopal Diocese of San Diego, St. Thomas is a "pet-friendly" church that cares deeply for our beloved pets. We work with local senior citizens to provide food for their pets and support the Animal Friends of the Valleys. We also hold a blessing for the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, and welcome well-behaved pets to attend worship with us.*

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

**EPIPHANY PROGRAM—Sundays, January 7-February 11 at 9:15 AM in Julian Hall. Curriculum from EMM:**



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**SPIRITUAL JOURNEY FOR WOMEN—NEW GROUP—First Meeting January 6—See Page 9**

**BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP -- Monday, January 8, Noon-1 PM**

The Book Discussion Group meets in the St. Benedict Conference room from 12 noon to 1 PM. The group this month will discuss *Alone* by Michael Korda. This book examines the 27 months from the declaration of war in Europe in 1939 to the entry of the USA in 1941. It focuses on the role of Great Britain, seemingly alone against the might of the German war machine during this period and the leadership of Churchill. The author's family story is skillfully interwoven into the historic narrative. Even if you have not been reading the book, please come and share your views and interests and help choose the next book. This is an informal group that meets on the first Monday of the month and is open to anyone interested in lively discussions on diverse subjects. Please call or email Bill Liesman [asiabill@aol.com](mailto:asiabill@aol.com) for more info.

**MEN OF ST. THOMAS (MoST) – Saturday, January 13 at 8:00 am**

MoST is an informal fellowship that meets each second Saturday of the month at 8:00 am in Julian Hall for a potluck breakfast, brief Bible Study, and assisting afterwards with maintenance and property projects at the church. All are welcome including friends and neighbors. The emphasis is on fellowship. Come join the fun!

**WOMEN OF WORTH (WOW)—Saturday January 27 at 8:30 am in Julian Hall**

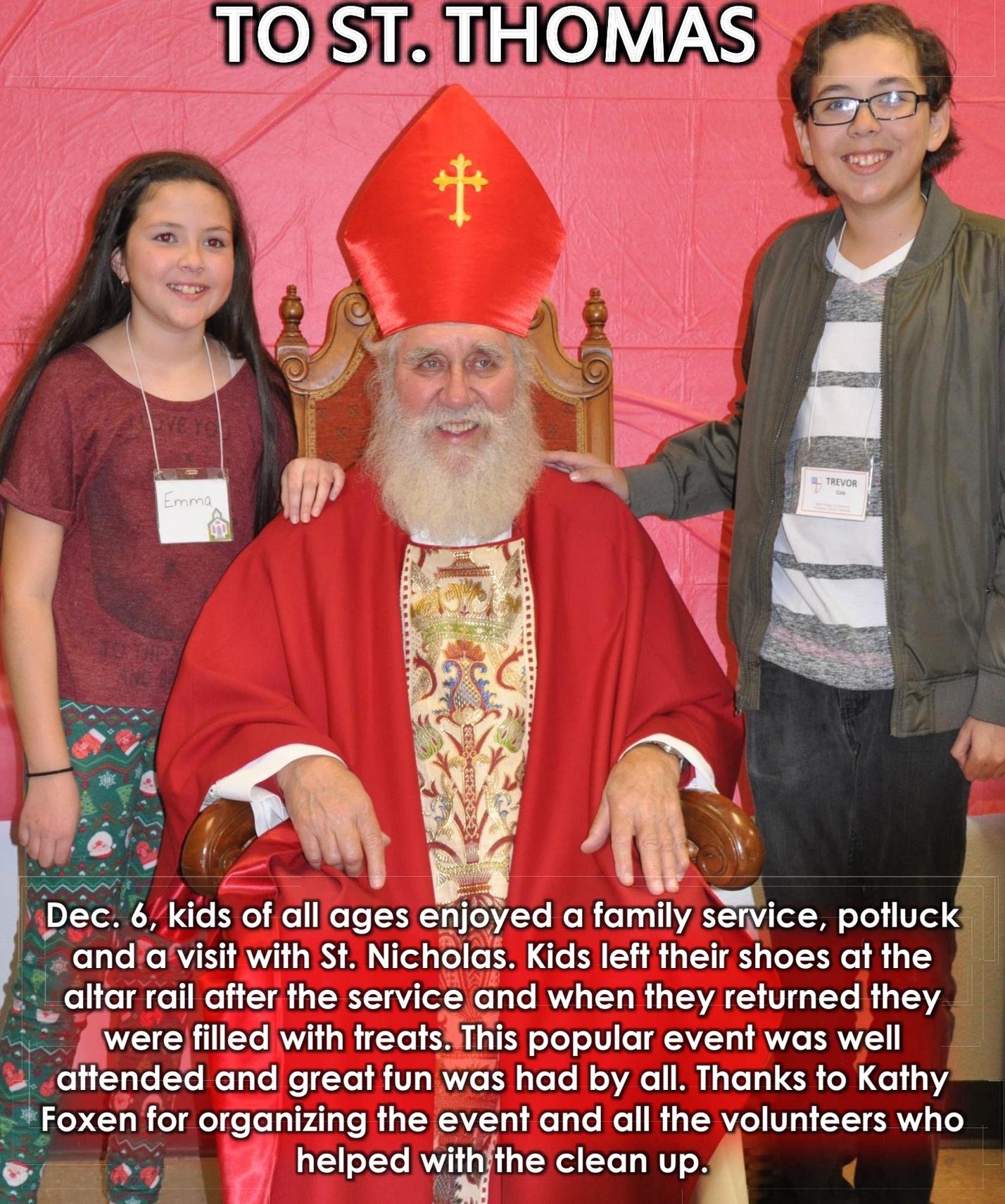
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of St. Thomas Church—Sunday January 28 after the 10:15 am service**

**HELP OUR DIOCESE AND THE BISHOP NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Many thanks to all who completed the survey posted by the Diocese for general diocesan input on the selection of our new bishop. There remains an opportunity to apply for the Transition Committee which will be responsible for the practical processes of welcoming the elected bishop to San Diego. Go to [edsd.org](http://edsd.org) and fill out the application by January 9.

*Kids of all ages enjoy fun and fellowship*

# SAINT NICHOLAS COMES TO ST. THOMAS



**Dec. 6, kids of all ages enjoyed a family service, potluck and a visit with St. Nicholas. Kids left their shoes at the altar rail after the service and when they returned they were filled with treats. This popular event was well attended and great fun was had by all. Thanks to Kathy Foxen for organizing the event and all the volunteers who helped with the clean up.**



*Celebrating the spirit of the season*

# CHRISTMAS PARTY AND SILENT AUCTION



**Dec. 9, the St. Thomas of Canterbury family joined together to celebrate the spirit of the season at our annual Christmas Party.**

**To add to the festivities a Silent Auction was held raising more than \$1,200 for the church.**

**The narthex was beautifully staged by Tess Crawford, Deb Mitchell and many volunteers for this spectacular event and our thanks go out to them and to Michelle Lee and Virginia Patton for their great organization.**





# Health Update

## *Dr. Ed Rather Addresses the Flu and Reviewing Our Medications*

Happy new year everyone! Hopefully, 2018 will be a fun and healthy year for us all.

I know that I sound like a broken record, but it is so important that we do not neglect our health in any way. The flu season is a classic example of this and I am emphasizing one more time that it is not too late to get your flu vaccine. This year's vaccine is not as good as was hoped last spring when it was developed due to a mutation of the H3N2 flu virus.

However, having the vaccine is better than not having it at all. Our flu season will last through April. At last count, I think they have been approximately 15 deaths from the flu in San Diego already this year. Symptoms of the flu are quite different from those of an upper respiratory cold. They

share runny nose, sore throat, and possible headache, but colds are more gradual and you do not have high fever, muscle aches, and deep chest involvement and coughs that accompany the flu. Fluids, bedrest, and staying away from other people—to protect them—are all important. Antibiotics are not helpful unless a side effect/infection such as a bacterial induced sinusitis develops. Bronchitis and deep coughs can go along for the ride and last for 2 to 3 weeks. The common cold is over in 5 to 7 days. Always try to avoid people that are coughing or sneezing, and wash your hands well when you are out in the public.



One other thing that I think we can do at the beginning of the year is to check the medications that we are on, and looking through the medicine cabinet to see if there are any that are out of date or unnecessary. These should be disposed of. Saving old medicines for a rainy day is not normally a good idea unless you are certain of the expiration date and what the drugs do. The use of many different medications at the same time can lead doctors and patients to make mistakes. Sometimes, a medicine can be prescribed twice accidentally by

using the trade name as well as the generic name. Also, there can be a reaction between one drug and another which makes it not work as well. One drug can either increase or decrease the effectiveness of another drug. With the new year, it is a perfect time to make an updated, accurate list of your prescribed medicines as well as any vitamins, herbal products, and other over-the-counter medications that you might take. Talk with your doctor, ask if you can discontinue any medicine. Always take the medicine or other OTC drug as prescribed AND be sure you know the side effects of all of them.

Once again, happy 2018!

As always, your friendly (but retired) dermatologist.

Ed



## St. Thomas Youth Participating in Diocesan Events

Six youth from St. Thomas attended the Lumos! Epiphany retreat January 5-7 at Camp Stevens. Lauren Walton, Felix and Elizabeth Sipra, and Vivian, Francine and Franky Rojas were all there.

Lauren Walton and Felix Sipra have applied for and been accepted to go on the EDSY Youth Mission trip to Guatemala June 20-27. This is a working mission and a unique opportunity for them. Watch this space for more details later this year

Are you craving company and support on your spiritual path? On the first and third Saturdays of each month, a new "Spiritual Journey for Women" group will meet in members' homes to explore our paths and find inspiration in selected readings.

Our first meeting was held on Saturday, January 6, from at the home of Anne DiPardo, 43075 Beamer Court, Temecula (319/331-1515). We'll be drawing on Brené Brown's *Braving the Wilderness* at our first meetings, but it's not required reading. All are welcome, including women not currently affiliated with St. Thomas, so feel free to bring a friend!





*Welcoming the incarnate Christ*

# CHILDREN'S PAGEANT

Christmas Eve at 5 p.m., the children of St. Thomas of Canterbury presented their traditional Christmas pageant.

The pageant was followed by Eucharist.

A big thank you to all who helped stage the event and bravo to all the kids for a great performance.



*A celebration by candlelight*  
**CHRISTMAS EVE**



Christmas Eve, St. Thomas of Canterbury celebrated a carol service by candlelight with the Chancel Choir followed by Eucharist at 11 p.m.

It was a busy Christmas Eve with more than 380 people attending the three services. So busy in fact, that Father Tim had to rush out to Stater Brothers to buy a loaf of bread to celebrate our late service!



# LET'S TALK ABOUT IT!

Sunday  
January 28, 2018

## Annual General Meeting

The Annual Church Meeting will take place in Julian Hall after the 10:15 service on Jan 28, 2018. **ALL ARE INVITED AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!**

There will be a pitch-in/pot luck luncheon coordinated by Women of Worth (WOW), and we will distribute the Annual Report, vote for new Bishop's Committee (vestry) members, as well as vote for our delegates to the convention. A signup sheet for the pot luck is in the Narthex.

# DON'T GO TO CHURCH,

## BE THE CHURCH.

## Stewardship Update

Jean Hicks and John Crawford, 2017 Stewardship chairs, report pledges received to date have reached 96% of the goals set for the Stewardship Campaign. Your Finance Committee has noticed a larger than budgeted plate (non-pledge contributions) contribution this year. If you contribute regularly, or have recently become members and have not yet pledged, it is not too late. It helps with budgeting and financial planning. Please submit your pledge today using the forms in the narthex or online.



# 2018 RIVERSIDE COUNTY HOMELESS POINT-IN-TIME COUNT



HELP CONDUCT THE 2018  
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## 500 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

**WHAT:** Volunteers are needed to count and survey homeless persons living on the streets within their communities. Volunteers must attend a training session where they will receive instructions on conducting the count and on important safety guidelines.

**WHEN:** The count and survey will take place on **Tuesday, January 23, 2018, between 5:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.**

**WHERE:** Volunteers are needed to count in the 28 cities throughout Riverside County.

**WHY:** Information collected from the count and survey is required to continue receiving federal funding for homeless programs, to develop strategies to end homelessness, and to help homeless children and families who are in need.



**COMPLETE VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION ONLINE**

[www.RiversideHomelessCounts.com](http://www.RiversideHomelessCounts.com)

For questions, contact Donyielle Holley, Riverside County Point-in-Time Coordinator at [RivCoPIT@RivCo.org](mailto:RivCoPIT@RivCo.org) or (951) 358-3844

*Our biggest fundraiser of the year*

# THE CAR SHOW IS COMING



Our biggest fundraiser of the year is coming Saturday, Feb. 10 — **The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Sweetheart Car Show**. Help spread the word for entrants and sponsors and sign up to volunteer to help at the event. Sponsor letters and flyers are available in the narthex.



For more information phone 724-766-1835 or 714-267-1235

Entrants can register online at:  
[episcopalchurchtemecula.org/carshow](http://episcopalchurchtemecula.org/carshow)



## *Community engagement* **BLOOD DRIVE**



Sunday, Dec. 10 St. Thomas hosted our second community Blood Drive of the year. Lifestream set up their bloodmobile bus in the parking lot and welcomed community members. This Blood Drive collected 20 units of blood. Year to date the St. Thomas Blood Drives have collected 38 units. Thank you to all who participated. Stay tuned for news of our next Blood Drive.



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### **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

#### **Saturday**

5:00pm Holy Eucharist

#### **Sunday**

8:00am Holy Eucharist

10:15am Holy Eucharist

10:15am Children's  
Chapel/Sunday School

#### **Wednesday**

7:00pm Evening Prayer