

# CANTERBURY TALES

---

✻ APRIL 2018 ✻

## **Our Vicar, Rev. Tim True, Previews Eastertide's Adult Forum**

### **Exploring Prayer and Spirituality Together**

#### ***Alleluia, Jesus is risen!***

The Christian story, at its core, is about death and resurrection: death to self and new life in Christ. But, unlike the death and resurrection of Jesus, which took place over three days, dying to self and living our new identities as Christ's own takes a lifetime—and then some!

One (among many) of the areas in which we grow throughout our lives is prayer and spirituality. My own resurrected-life journey, for instance, began in earnest in high school. Youth group leaders set me off in the right direction, encouraging me to read the Bible daily, to ask not what I should do in any given situation but what God would want me to do, and to pray. Reading the Bible was easy enough: I'd grown up with the discipline of practicing the piano 45 minutes a day; I soon established a similar daily discipline of 30 daily minutes with the Bible. And that question about what God would want soon lodged itself into my subconscious brain. "But just how do I pray?" I asked.

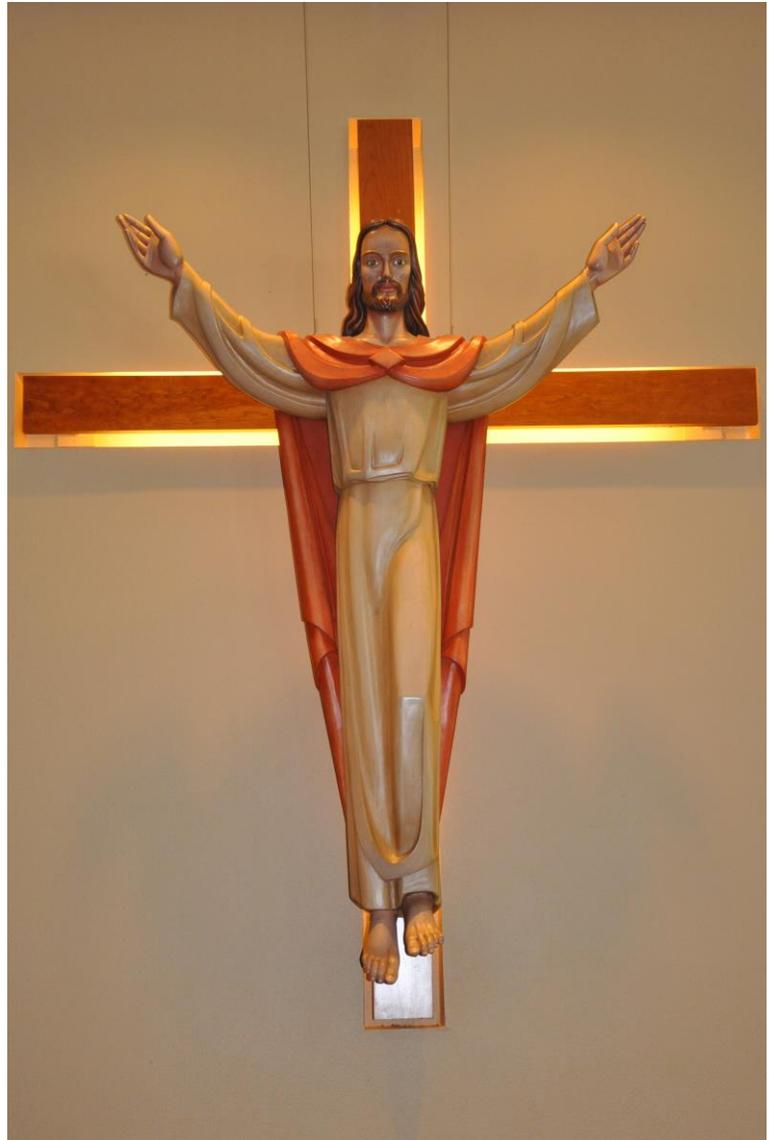
A few helpful answers surfaced over time. "There's the acronym, A. C. T. S.," one of the youth leaders pointed out; "Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, and Supplication. Follow that in your prayers and you'll do okay." So, I did.

But soon enough this single method struck me as inadequate. For one thing, in order to confess daily in prayer, I began to keep a mental list of every infraction I'd committed against God, however minor.

"Forgive me for not thanking you for that parking place you opened up for me at the mall yesterday,"

I'd pray. Or I'd fret that I'd forgotten something—and God wouldn't hear my prayers if I had unconfessed sins.

For another thing, I wanted to get beyond my own little world, meaning that I started to keep detailed lists of others I could pray for in the supplication part. Maybe not a bad practice, it was nevertheless intrusive, asking people about parts of their lives they might not be the most comfortable sharing; and at times, admittedly, it was downright gossipy.  
*(Continued Next Page)*



So, I turned to the Lord's Prayer as a method of approaching the divine, to its form, which begins with focusing on God ("hallowed be your name, your kingdom come," etc.) before turning to humanity, both supplicating ("give us this day our daily bread") and confessing ("forgive us our trespasses"). Again, not a bad method; but here again I soon found myself thinking there must be more.

I continued my resurrected-life journey of prayer and spirituality largely on my own, until I came to the Episcopal Church. Here, wonderfully, I learned that there are indeed other methods of approaching the divine, many actually, some reaching back to the earliest days of the church. Perhaps you've heard terms like *lectio divina*, centering prayer, contemplative prayer, Christian meditation, labyrinth, and rosary. These are various ancient methods of prayer and spirituality.

But did you know that art and nature provide us doorways to the divine as well? "Ahhh!" I breathed after so many years of uncertainty, affirmed and grateful.

Perhaps your experience has been like mine: you are not aware or have not had the opportunity of experiencing the richness of our own tradition in prayer and spirituality. Or perhaps you'd simply like to hear more about others' experiences. To aid us along our resurrected-life journey, then, our next adult forum series will explore prayer and spirituality, learning from each other, even practicing some, as we journey together along the road of resurrected life.

Join us as you are able, Sundays at 9:15am in Julian Hall, beginning April 8 and concluding on Pentecost, May 20.



***Jesus is risen indeed, alleluia!***



*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.*

**April 2018**  
**VOLUME 38, ISSUE 4**

Upcoming Events .....	3
Lenten 101 .....	4
Palm Cross Making .....	5
Palm Sunday.....	6-7
Member Spotlight.....	8-9
Easter Egg Hunt.....	10
Health Update.....	11
Navajo Trip.....	12-13
Book Review.....	14-15
Canterbury Youth Group.	16-17
Italian Night.....	18
Sponsors.....	19

# UPCOMING EVENTS

**EASTER EVE Saturday March 31--** 8:00 pm: The Great Vigil of Easter (No 5 PM service this Saturday only)

**EASTER DAY Sunday April 1:** 8:00 am: Holy Eucharist  
10:15 am: Holy Eucharist

**EASTER EGG HUNT—Sunday April 1—after the 10:15 service—**See Page 10

**EXPLORING PRAYER AND SPIRITUALITY TOGETHER—Sundays April 8-May 20 9:15 – 10 AM Julian Hall**  
Adult Forum during the Easter Season. See Fr. Tim's message on pages 1-2

**BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP—Monday, April 9, 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 *Master and Commander*, by Patrick O'Brian for April. This is the classic sea-faring novel based on true events and the beginning of a series. The 2003 film by the same name, directed by famed Australian Peter Weir, is not faithful to the books but uses some of the characters and events and would be a useful visual supplement. Even if you have not been reading the book, please come and share your views and interests and help choose the next book. This informal group 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.

**BEANIES FOR KIDS—Monday April 9, from 7-9 PM**

At Barbara Bundy's home. Learn how to knit for a great cause! For more info contact Barbara at [bjbundy@verizon.net](mailto:bjbundy@verizon.net)

**MEN OF ST. THOMAS (MoST) – Saturday, April 14 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 sometimes 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 April 28 at 8:30 am in Julian Hall**

Breakfast, fellowship, and more! All are invited. Contact Andrea Liesman for more information at [andtlie@verizon.net](mailto:andtlie@verizon.net)

**ITALIAN NIGHT AT ST. THOMAS—Saturday April 28, 6-8 PM**

Fund Raiser open to all in support of Canterbury Youth Group activities. See page 18 for details

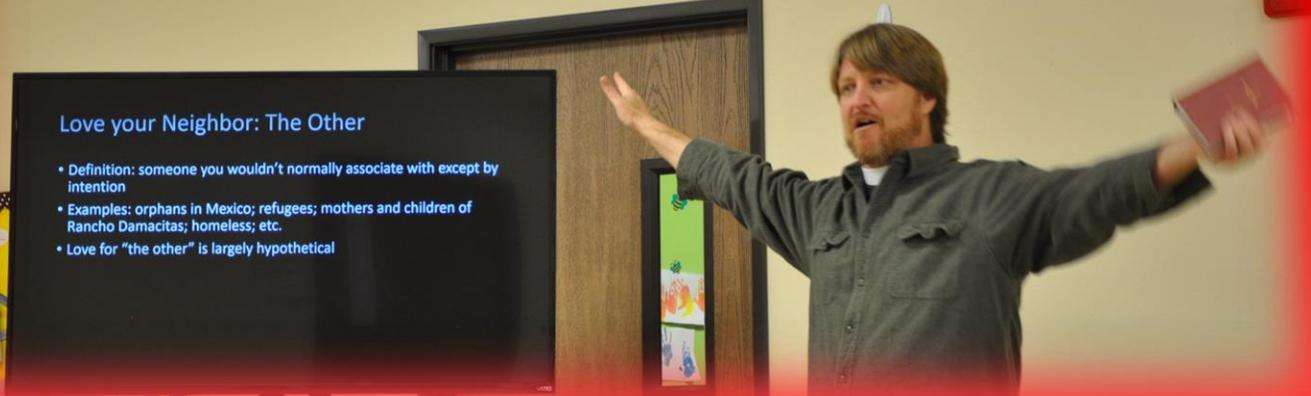
## PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION



**S.T.E.P. registration for summer and the 2018-2019 school year starts April 1st and on-going. For information please call Darlene Karnes-Versteegh at 951-302-8498. [www.steptemecula.org](http://www.steptemecula.org)**

# Lenten Discussions

## 'LOVE 101'



For six weeks, Feb. 16 through March 23, Father Tim led our Lenten Discussion covering the topic of *Love 101*. As part of St. Thomas' Lenten program, *Love 101* was held in Julian Hall at 7:30 p.m. just after the popular Soup Suppers.

Throughout the program, *Love 101* covered various calls to action.

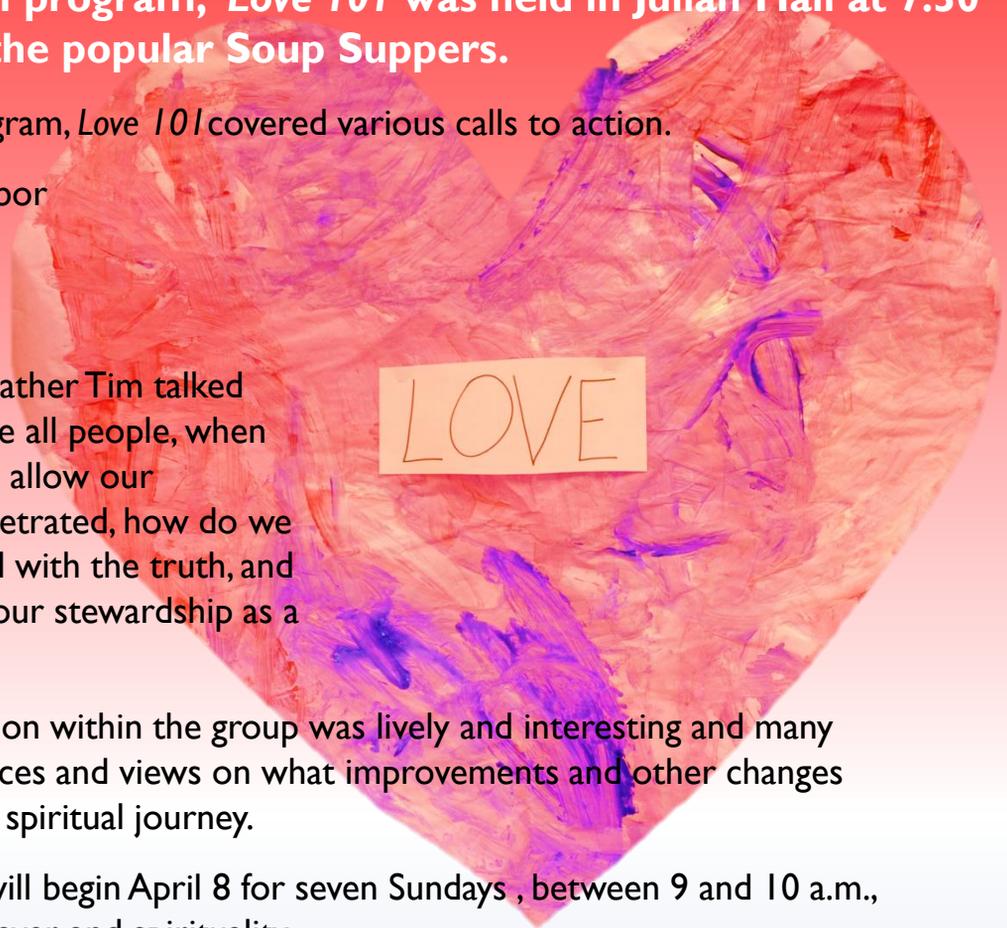
- Love Your Neighbor
- Love Your Self
- Love Your God
- Love Your Earth

Around these areas Father Tim talked about how do we love all people, when and where should we allow our boundaries to be penetrated, how do we align our view of God with the truth, and how do we improve our stewardship as a church body.

Feedback and discussion within the group was lively and interesting and many shared their experiences and views on what improvements and other changes could be made in our spiritual journey.

A new Adult Forum will begin April 8 for seven Sundays, between 9 and 10 a.m., exploring personal prayer and spirituality.

A big thank you to Father Tim for leading the discussion and making the whole program of such value.



*Celebrating Holy Week*

# MAKING PALM CROSSES



*Fellowship at St. Thomas*

# LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS



Lenten Fridays were a great success with Stations of the Cross at 6:30 p.m. and our Lenten Soup Suppers at 7 p.m. After supper Fr. Tim led our Lenten Discussion, the topic being Love 101.

*Welcome to St. Thomas' Easter worship*

# **PALM SUNDAY**



**F**ather Tim welcomed all to St. Thomas' Palm Sunday service at 10:15 a.m. Our congregation packed the church to celebrate Holy Eucharist with The Liturgy of the Palms. "Welcome to this good season for reflection—as well as introspection, contemplation, and resolution."



# Member Spotlight

## New Senior Warden John Crawford with a Timely Message for All



When my wife Tess and I returned to St. Thomas approximately five years ago, we immediately noticed it was a special place. We were impressed by the unique community of wonderful people who shared a deep spiritual connection. I had been searching to involve myself in some type of volunteer work but wasn't certain what it would be. Well, flash forward and today I know that it was the Holy Spirit leading me to immerse myself in some very fulfilling work here at St. Thomas. I didn't have a clue as to what that volunteer work would look like -- be it as a Greeter or just helping out wherever needed. Today I feel so honored to serve on your Bishop's Committee and now this year to serve as your Senior Warden.

Fr. Tim is already making his imprint on our Church and is leading us forward through the implementation of fresh approaches to church leadership. One example of such organizational change is the realignment of the Bishop's Committee (BC) into what he terms "commissions". There are now three distinct commissions under which fall the entire scope of responsibility of the BC portfolios and ministries. These commissions and persons responsible are: 1) **Administration** (under the Senior Warden), 2) **Property** (under the Junior Warden)

and 3) **Ministry** (under Father Tim).

As Senior Warden I am the chair of the Administration Commission, and my specific portfolio includes the areas of Finance and Stewardship. Also included under Administration is the portfolio for Human Resources, which is headed by BC member Pat Grannan, and the portfolio for St. Thomas Episcopal School (STEP), which is headed by BC member Frank Rojas.

Thanks to your efforts and that of our prior leadership, we are poised to begin a new period of transformation. It is a truly exciting time at St. Thomas and I hope you are as eager as I am for a bright future, working together as God directs.

It is a great privilege to serve alongside everyone who makes St. Thomas the church it is today. If you're not currently volunteering and find yourself, like I was, looking for a way to contribute, St. Thomas needs your kind! For anyone who has an interest in learning what the BC is about, I encourage you to attend one of the monthly meetings, as they are open to congregation members. Each year, three members of the BC roll off due to term expirations and three new members come aboard, so there is a continuous need for new leadership and help. If running for the BC is not for you or is too big a commitment, there are many other ways to serve. I would be happy to discuss opportunities that might be a good fit for you.

Thank you and may God continue to bless Fr Tim, the BC, and all the people of St. Thomas.

# Member Spotlight

## A Message from our new Junior Warden, Jon Floth:

Greetings to all members and visitors! You might well wonder what a “Junior Warden” does in the context of the Episcopal Church in general, and at St. Thomas in particular. Church tradition refers to this position as the “People’s Warden” because he/she is the congregation’s representative to the Bishop’s Committee or Vestry.

Issues or concerns, not related to liturgy or theology, usually lie within the scope of the Junior Warden. As such, this often involves the upkeep, maintenance, and usage of church property. I am part of and will help lead a good team here at St. Thomas to serve these needs.

Pete Hicks is the church Sexton, and does a great job of keeping our facilities (Church and Preschool) in excellent working order. Steve Lee is the Bishop’s Committee member directly in charge of the use of the property by the congregation and outside groups. I look forward to working together with them as a team in keeping St. Thomas in top physical condition and appearance.



Another important function of the Junior Warden is that he/she is the third in line of leadership at the Mission. Should something prevent Fr. Tim True or our Senior Warden, John Crawford, from performing their leadership duties, as Junior Warden I would be responsible for leading the Mission. You might imagine I fervently pray for their continued good health and inspired work as our primary leaders!

I look forward to serving this year with them and all on the Bishop’s Committee. I welcome your feedback and constructive comments at any time.

See you at Church!

**Easter Egg Hunt**

**Easter Day  
April 1**

**at St. Thomas of Canterbury  
Episcopal Church, Temecula.**

All are welcome to join us for the 10:15 a.m. Easter service.  
Easter Egg Hunt will be at 11:30 a.m. following the service.

For more information call the church office between 9 a.m. and  
noon at 951-302-4566  
[episcopalchurchtemecula.org](http://episcopalchurchtemecula.org)

## Bishop's Committee Retreat Report

On March 10th, the Bishop's Committee held an exciting retreat at St. Francis Episcopal Church in Parma Valley. If you haven't visited this quaint church in its lovely setting on SR79 south you should. Fr. Tim lead us in exciting and engaging discussions as we addressed important goals and visions for our church. New members Frank Rojas and Tom Reid brought well-received new perspectives and ideas to the meeting. Currently, we are organizing our many ministries into three areas and excited about future plans for more community outreach, strengthening the bond between the preschool and the church, providing more youth education and incorporating families in all aspects of church life. I am personally very excited and eager to work with our BC committee and Fr. Tim to reach our goals. Stay tuned. More to come.

Deb Mitchell

# Health Update

## *Dr. Ed Rather Addresses Vision Changes and What to Do About Them*

This month, let's talk about something that is very important to all of us: our vision. Sudden vision loss is always an eye emergency.



The eye is one of the most fascinating organs in our body. When you think about what is going on as we look at something, it is remarkable. First, light enters the eye through the outer layer called the cornea, through the pupil, the lens, and at that point is changed to an electrical signal by cells that are in the back of the eye, the retina. The lens helps us focus, as does the iris, the colored part which is controlling the size of the pupil. The electrical signals travel from the retina by the optic nerves to the occipital lobes, which are in the back of our brain. Dim light, but not color, is seen by the eye's

approximately 120 million rods and bright light and color are seen by 6 to 7,000,000 cones which are located more centrally in the eye.

Signs or symptoms of sudden vision loss can occur in a few seconds to minutes, or even a few days, and this should always be considered a medical emergency. Blurry or cloudy vision, complete loss of vision, flashing lights or specks, which are called floaters, and loss of vision in part or all the visual fields---all are important. There can be pain or no pain, headache, dizziness, redness, or inflammation, but the sudden change in vision is the most important factor. Placing your hand over one eye at a time can be of assistance in documenting which is involved, if it is only one.

The most common eye emergencies include: trauma, acute glaucoma, retinal detachment (when the retina pulls away from its usual position at the back of the eye), inflammation of the blood vessels that supply the eye and optic nerve, blockage of these same vessels, or loss of blood supply to the occipital part of our brain. A cut, scratch, or puncture wound to the eye or any other unexplained eye pain, nausea, headache, or foreign body or chemical exposure are all important. A visit to the emergency room and examination by an ophthalmologist is most important. This is not a situation where you wait and see what is going on the next day, and none of this has to do with cataracts, routine vision checks, or need for glasses. Depending on the cause, vision loss can be minimized or even reversed if treatment occurs quickly.

As always, Ed  
Your friendly, but retired, dermatologist

---

## Update: Stephen Ministry training begins



On Wednesday, March 28th, an exciting adventure in learning and ministry began for the first four trainees in our Stephen Ministry. Led by Stephen Leader, Deb Mitchell, our trainees have begun their 50 hours of study through discussing, experiencing, and trying out the skills involved in sharing God's love and compassion with those in need of these special gifts. In the first session, we discussed "the person of the caregiver" focusing on five specific characteristics. Let us thank God for these future ministers and ask His continued help and blessing in our adventure.

# St. Thomas Represented at Navajo Nation

## *Deb Mitchell Concludes an Inspiring Report on Her and Melissa Christiansen's Recent Trip*

*(Editor's Note: Last month, Deb Mitchell discussed the experience of visiting the Navajo reservation in Cameron, AZ and their participation in teaching elementary school students. This month she discusses the spiritual differences between Navajo and typical Western religious beliefs)*

The traditional Navajo way contains no concept for religion as an activity separate from daily life as is found in Christianity. All of existence is divided between the Holy People (supernaturals) and the Earth Surface People. The Holy People passed through a succession of four underworlds, each of which was destroyed by a flood, until they arrived in the present world, the Fifth World. Here they created First Man and First Woman, the ancestors of all the Earth Surface People. The Holy People gave to the Earth Surface People all the practical and ritual knowledge necessary for their survival in this world and then moved away to dwell in other realms above the earth.

Navajo ancestral lands are bounded by what are referred as the four sacred mountains – to the east, Blanca Peak near Alamosa, Colorado; to the south, Mount Taylor near Grants, New Mexico; to the west, the San Francisco Peaks near Flagstaff; and to the north, Mount Hesperus in the La Plata Mountains near Durango, Colorado. They also have an affinity to four rivers that loosely encircle their land – the Rio Grande, Little Colorado (which runs past our hotel), Colorado, and the San Juan. The number 4 is prevalent in Navajo culture through the 4 directions, four seasons, four colors (blue, yellow, white, and black) and the first four clans all associated with the four sacred mountains.

Navajo “religion” has been described as 'life itself, the land, and well-being.' All living things - people, plants, animals, mountains, and the Earth itself - are relatives. Each being is infused with its own spirit, or 'inner form', which gives it life and purpose within an orderly and interconnected universe. The inter-relatedness of all creation is recognized through daily prayer offerings and an elaborate system of ceremonies. The purpose of Navajo life is to maintain balance between the individual and the universe and to live in harmony with nature and the Creator. In order to achieve this goal, Navajos must perform their religious practices on the specific, time honored areas which they inhabit.

Unlike Christians, Native Americans show less interest in an afterlife. They assume the souls of the dead go to another part of the universe where they have a new existence carrying on everyday activities like they were still alive. They are just in a different world. The Navaho dead are buried by others than immediate relatives in unmarked graves. No ceremonies are held, for the dead are considered evil and are feared. The hogán in which death occurs is forever abandoned, often burned. Sometimes a hogán is demolished over the dead and then left to decay. Songs, chants, prayers, and sand paintings also form part of their complicated rituals.

Our “Take-aways.” Educationally, our time and talents were greatly appreciated by everyone. The children were loving and eager for hugs (hugs are not common in Navajo culture). Educational materials are desperately needed, some as simple as flash cards, Kleenex and paper towels. Other needs include maps, books, a globe, colored pencils, construction paper, etc. Children need socks and underwear. Melissa and I are gathering items to send specifically to our class.

Most of these children are bright, curious, and eager to learn. Forcing them to compete on a “standardized” test developed for middle class, white children is outrageous. In a math practice session for the AZ state test, a test question required students to solve how much money a child would have after saving his allowance for several weeks...the Navajo students asked what an allowance was. Their teacher was getting laryngitis and asked me to help them read a language arts article about clouds after which they were to fill in a Venn diagram. This was a science article with language well above their understanding and not cognizant of the Navajo cultural understanding of clouds. So many questions were asked demonstrating a huge lack of understanding on their part and completing the diagram was difficult. Many Native teachers have a difficult time reconciling “white” knowledge with Native knowledge because they live in the





traditional native world. When a Native describes herself/himself as “traditional” that means they live by traditional Native ways.

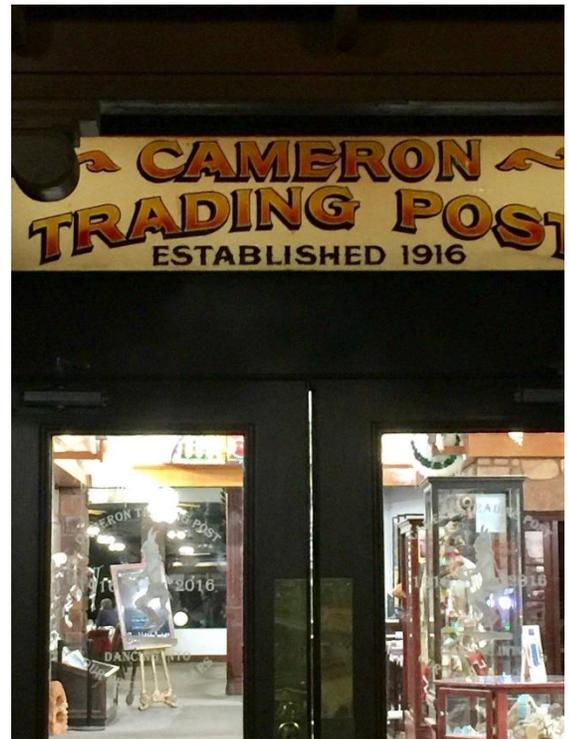
Spiritually, many similarities exist between Navajo beliefs and Christianity. Pastor Eric and one of our guest speakers enlightened us with some stimulating thoughts. This is a cliff-notes version. The gods took dust and light and made physical earth. A male deity (Father Sky) and a female deity (Mother Earth) united after everything was placed on earth. They pulled a feather from a bald eagle and by blowing on the feather they placed all things on earth in movement. The female represents the nurturing side and the search for beauty/blessings of life (Sa’ah Naaghai, pronounced sa-ahn-nah-ray) and the male represents the aggressive and protective side, the search for old age (Bik’eh Hozhoon, pronounced Beh-keh-O-john). The left side of

the man’s body is associated with the shield and the right side with nurturing. The woman’s left side is associated with nourishing where she carries cooking utensils to ward off hunger and disease. Together, standing side-by-side and facing east, both their aggressive sides are on the outside and nourishing sides on the inside. When the aggressive side is checked by the gentle side, Navajo find balance, harmony, and beauty in life. This is the “blessing way of life” or the right path representing a physical and emotionally intact life that ensures security and economic well-being. Prayers and ceremonies always recognize this duality.

The Tuba City Church of Christ is a Hogán shape with the door facing east to “fit in” with Navajo beliefs. (The east represents dawn, birth, new life, and a new beginning every day.) The ground (floor) holds certain teachings from sand paintings. Sand paintings are used for healing ceremonies by the Navajo Medicine Men. Traditionally, sand paintings were made on the floor of the tepees and hogáns. The sick person was placed in the middle and a medicine man would perform the healing. It was believed that the sand would absorb the sickness and the patient would gain power to heal himself. The poles of the hogán support these teachings. Navajo believe each individual is the universe and comes from perfection; therefore, when Navajos shake hands they silently acknowledge to each other “you are the universe” and the handshake is a blessing symbol.

Another question posed: when the Bible says on the third day God separated the land from the seas and oceans we are measuring by our concept of the 24 hour “day”. Maybe it was a year, 10 years, a million years? God didn’t start at 8 AM and end at 4 PM. In Navajo spirituality, no one knows how long the Navajo gods took to create the universe.

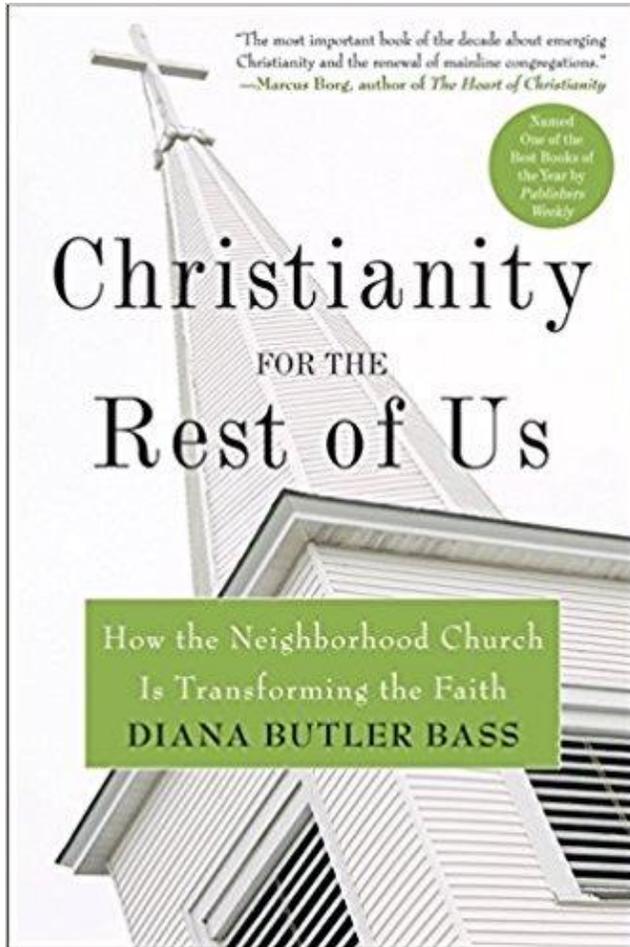
While Christians spend much time addressing the afterlife by living as God has instructed them to, repenting wrongs, and asking for forgiveness to reach heaven after death, Navajo don’t like to talk about death. Instead they focus their lives on preparing for the next world (6th World) and will experience it when they get there. They are currently in the 5th world which one guest speaker described as a fast world of skyscrapers and glitter.



**If you are interested in more information, please speak with or contact Melissa or Deb.**

# Spiritual *and* Religious

Anne DiPardo Reviews an Important Book on a Hot Topic



*Christianity for the Rest of Us: How the Neighborhood Church is Transforming the Faith* by Diana Butler Bass (HarperOne, 2007).

Many of my friends are among the fastest-growing U.S. “denomination”: What’s come to be known in common parlance as “spiritual but not religious.” They find God in nature, in service, in regular spiritual practice—and just about the last place they’d look, they say wryly, is in *church*. God is so clearly in a baby’s smile, a starry sky, a stranger’s kindness: How in the world can a religious *organization* even compare? Come right down to it, isn’t religion more about tribalism and power than *love*? About admiring the distance between *us* and *them*?

As a newcomer to St. Thomas, I’ve met lots of people who find this whole spiritual-vs-religion thing a false dichotomy. In church tradition, they experience fresh hope and sustenance—and in one another, understanding, connection, and healing. When I first encountered St. Thomas members in a local Centering Prayer group, I could sense this right away, and before too long,

this confirmed church-leaver had come back.

Surely the world is broken, and many churches are, too. How is it that occasionally they come alive, recalling and living their basic purpose? Unchurched friends often ask me: Aren’t small, mainstream churches, like yours, *dinosaurs*? Aren’t the only growing churches those monoliths with rock bands and big screens?

Lately, I’ve been telling them about Diana Butler Bass’s book *Christianity for the Rest of Us*, based on a three-year ethnographic study of 10 resurgent Protestant churches. Once in decline, these mainstream congregations once again became vibrant and prospering. Interestingly, their success owed nothing to the standard church-growth advice. They had adapted to changing times, yes—but also honored the power of tradition and held fast to Jesus’ call to grow in love. They were, in other words, at once spiritual *and* religious. (Continued Next Page)

These were hospitable places that welcomed the stranger and fostered unlikely connections—between old and young, goth and yuppy, Democrat and Republican. The author found them infused with an authentic spirit of openness and generosity, a willingness to step outside the comfortably familiar. Often, this spirit extended beyond a physical gathering place, as the people—the *real* church, as Bass points out—served the larger community.

These were people walking beside one another on their journeys, gathering regularly for searching discussion, contemplative practice, and group spiritual direction. They left behind the individualistic talk that continues to pervade contemporary religion, recognizing our human places in a pulsing web of creation that connects us to God and one another. As Bass develops more fully in a later book, *Grounded*, this kind of loving faith is all encompassing, seeking to heal the broken places in the natural world as well as social and political relationships. Familiar phrases come to mind: Salt of the earth, city on a hill, seed fallen on fertile soil.

I found these portraits compelling, convincing, and grounded in firm evidence. And while I was uplifted to see aspects of St. Thomas in these descriptions, I was challenged, too—much as I am when Father Tim reminds us of Jesus’s invitation to be individually and collectively transformed, to be disciples in the world and on the move. Maybe the call is at once elusive and closer than close: To wake up, to engage in compassionate acts, and, in the process, to become more authentically ourselves. No wonder we need each other—and a spiritual religion that provides both provocative questions and steady guidance along the way.



*Congregation Member Anne DiPardo*

---

**Save the Date! Church Picnic**

**Saturday June 9<sup>th</sup>**

**More Details in the May Issue**

# EDSD YOUTH COLLABORATIVE

Friends • Fellowships • Fun

## Canterbury Youth Group

### Who should participate?

*All St Thomas youth in  
6<sup>th</sup>- 12<sup>th</sup> Grades*

### Why?

- Interaction with youth from all over the diocese.
- Examine participants' spirituality with God, family and friendships.
- Participate in service missions locally and internationally.
- Loads of Fun

### What is ESDS Youth Collaborative?

*EDSD Youth Collaborative is a collective of San Diego (including Temecula and Palm Desert) diocesan parishes invested in youth ministry. We use our common resources to serve youth and families throughout the diocese. We meet quarterly to plan, collaborate, share events and resources, and provide support to those involved in youth ministry. Collaborative events include mission trips, conventions, youth retreats, service opportunities, and various other activities including Night Watch, Youth Olympics and the Episcopal Youth Event.*

### St. Thomas and the ESDS

*The Diocese has made a commitment to ESDS youth programs to provide funds for youth activities. Each participating church has also made a commitment to provide funds for their youth to participate. As more of our St Thomas youth become involved we hope that we will continue to support our youth and encourage them to participate in the upcoming activities.*

*Next event: ESDS Summer 2018  
Walking with Angels Trip*

### To Guatemala with Love.



Two youth from St Thomas will experience a new culture while helping to transform a community!

Support our participating youth  
Felix Sipra &  
Lauren Walton

## The Past Year in Review 2017 Youth Olympics



Youth came together for fellowship and to participate in some fun and crazy games.



## Camp Stevens Retreat



This Retreat was a chance for the youth to connect their faith to popular icons. This year was Harry Potter. Lighting the Wand of Faith. They also serviced Camp Stevens with some necessary site cleanup.

## Night Watch Retreat

Youth spent a night looking at how prayer and worship transforms us. Throughout the night groups of youth took turns watching over the Altar for 1 hour. They used this time for reflection and prayer.



# Italian Night at St. Thomas



**Sat. April 28 6 p.m.- 8 p.m.**

**Tickets: \$15 per person**

Children 10 and under no charge. Free childcare in Julian Hall

Help support sending our youth to attend EDSD youth collaborative activities.

- ❖ High School Mission Trip – Guatemala
- ❖ Middle School Mission Trip – Los Angeles
- ❖ Camp Stevens Winter Retreat

Tickets include: salad, entrees, dessert, wine, beverages.

See the narthex transformed into an Italian trattoria and you'll imagine you are in a piazza in Rome!



**Tickets on sale in the narthex after services or call Monica Walton at 318-512-0712 to reserve your tickets.**



# EVANS-BROWN MORTUARIES

"Luyben family owned and operated."

Justin Luyben

27010 Encanto Dr. • Sun City

FD# 1225 • 679-1114

## AREA

ADVANCE REAL ESTATE APPRAISAL

Commercial • Residential • Land

**Lynn Dordahl**

949-637-0699 Cell

951-225-9539 Office

ldordahl@advancerea.net



Carnitas • Tacos • Sopas  
Tortas • Menudo  
Chile Verde • Flautas  
Carne Asada Fries  
33195 Temecula Pkwy  
Phone Orders Welcome  
(951) 694-6643

## Temecula Auto Repair & Radiator

CAR • TRUCK • MOTORHOME • Foreign & Domestic

- Computer Diagnostic
- Fuel Injection
- Electrical Systems
- Alignments / Tires
- Preventative Maintenance
- Radiators (Wholesale)
- Computer Controls
- Tune Ups / Brakes
- Engine Rebuilding
- Air Conditioning
- Transmissions
- Fleet Service



**FREE DIAGNOSTIC**  
Any Mechanical Diagnosis,  
Free Systematic Computer Diagnosis  
Offer good w/coupon

951 694 1373 [www.TemeculaRadiator.com](http://www.TemeculaRadiator.com)

43191 Rancho Way  
Temecula, CA 92590



## England Family Mortuary, Inc.

TEMECULA'S ONLY FUNERAL HOME

Family Owned and Operated

"Over 30 Years of Experience Helping Families in Grief."

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

951-695-8555

27135 Madison Ave., Temecula, CA 92590

C & M Publications is proud to print this newsletter at **no cost** to the Church thanks to the support of the local businesses found on this page.

## SUPPORT OUR SPONSORS

For information on how you can become a sponsor please contact us at 951-776-0601

## Income Tax Open Year Round

Notary Public  
Vehicle Registration

*Michael Hodell*



951-693-4829 • 31821 Temecula Pkwy. Ste. 3



- Providing care 7 days a week with convenient hours:  
Temecula is open & fully staffed: 24/7  
San Marcos is open: Mon-Fri: 9am - 9pm; Sat, Sun, Holidays: 9am - 5pm
- No Insurance? Excellent rates for Cash Paying Patients.
- No Appointment necessary. Walk-ins welcome.  
*Average wait time of 30 minutes or less*
- Both locations offer:
  - On-Site Lab Services
  - On-Site X-Ray
  - On-Site Surgery Bay
  - Orthopaedics
- Colds, Coughs, & Allergies
- Lacerations & Broken Bones

**We bill all insurances**

*Proverbs 17:22 "A joyful heart is good medicine but a crushed spirit dries up the bones."*

# 760-471-1111

Shorter wait times and services with more affordable rates than hospital Emergency Rooms.



295 S. Rancho Santa Fe Road  
San Marcos, CA 92078  
Ph: 760.471.1111 | Fax: 760.471.1001  
SanMarcos.Care



41715 Winchester Road Ste. 101  
Temecula, CA 92590  
Ph: 951.308.4451 | Fax: 951.506.0992  
Temecula24HourUrgentCare.com



Family Owned and Managed  
Your Loved One Never Leaves Our Care

26855 A-Jefferson Ave., Murrieta

# 698-6400

[www.Miller-jones.com](http://www.Miller-jones.com) FD 2184

# St. Thomas of Canterbury

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH & SCHOOL

44651 Avenida de Misiones

Temecula, CA 92592

Phone (951) 302-4566

Fax (951) 302-4633

[www.episcopalchurchtemecula.org](http://www.episcopalchurchtemecula.org)



### **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