



“Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.”

**All Saints’ Episcopal Church & Day School
Holy Child Filipino Ministries
Iglesia de Todos los Santos**

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Our Mission:
To Know Christ and to make Christ Known
Kilalanin si Kristo at gawing kilala si Kritso
Conocer a Cristo y dar a conocer a Cristo

March 2010

Weekly Worship Schedule

English Language Worship
Saturday: 5:30 pm
Sunday: 8:00 & 10:30 am

Santa Misa en Español
Sunday: 1:00 & 6:00 pm

Tagalog/English worship
Sunday: 3:30 pm

*See the parish web site or call the
parish office for more
information*

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Lenten Suppers

Soup and Bread Suppers are being held for five Wednesdays during Lent beginning at 6:00 pm in the parish hall, followed by a presentation.

On Feb. 24, Fr. Jim Lyons spoke on "Stations of the Cross in the Holy Lands." The other four Supper speakers are:

March 3 - Fr. Jim Lyons, "Israel."

March 10 - Fr. Bernardo Iniesta, "40 Days."

March 17 - The Rev. Lesli Holtridge, "The Fasting that God Likes the Most"

March 24 - The Rev. Connie Dee Belmore, "What is my Parish's Mission?"

Sign up on the bulletin board in the back of the church. Lenten Supper

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THE SENIOR WARDEN REPORTS

Seven members of All Saints' attended a seminar at Christ Church on how to strengthen our vestry and work together more effectively. I personally gained much, and plan to implement some of these ideas immediately. I came away with renewed optimism after hearing some of the stories of other parishes. All Saints' is in pretty good shape, all in all. With a strong stewardship response, we will be able to call an interim as we have prayed. Improved communication and organization were topics discussed. We are also planning a vestry retreat. I ask for your prayers for our Parish this coming Lent. Our problems are good problems to have! We will be hosting Mary Bredlau as a representative of the Bishop during April at most of our services. She will conduct a question and answer session. Please plan to attend. Will Rydell Sr. Warden

49th ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The January Annual Meeting began with a report from the Senior Warden Will Rydell. His wish list consisted of the following: 1. New sign on Washington, 2. Parish Hall Roof Repair, 3. Parish Hall Flooring, 4. Pay off mortgage, 5. Save for a new Rector, 7. Hire an Interim Rector. Recognition and thanks to outgoing vestry members: Robert Foley, Albert Jackson, Carol Horton and John McClatchy were given. Introduction of continuing vestry members was made: Pam Martin, Gladys Patrick, Will Rydell, Steve Tryon, Mark Towne, Cynthia Villegas, Jason Trauth, and Melissa Sese. New vestry members elected were Dr. Janice Burns, Richard Doyle, Joan McClenahan, Carol Moreira and Jack Oetjen. Delegates to convention elected were: Linda Link, Joan McClenahan, Mary Morgan, Kathy Nelson, Jack Oetjen, Gladys Patrick and Diane Robb.



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Recognition and thanks was given to Fr. Bede for his wonderful music work and the extra liturgical work he has assumed in the

interim. A thanks was also given to our Sr. Warden Will Rydell for his continued leadership.



Music Notes by Father Bede

The organ recital last Sunday, February 14, by German organist Hans Hielscher was very well-received, and we had a nice turn out. I especially want to thank Doris Francis and her daughter, Beth, for hosting the reception after the recital. The next, and final, event of this season will be a Choral Evensong for Palm Sunday,

on Palm Sunday, March 28, at 5:30 pm. This Evensong service will feature special music by the All Saints' Choir, including the "Pie Jesu" from the *Requiem* by Gabriel Faurè. Palm Sunday is also the beginning of Holy Week. All of the Holy Week services will be at 7:00 pm. On Monday and Tuesday there will be a simple Holy Eucharist service. On Wednesday we will do the service of Tenebrae which is the celebration of Matins and Lauds for Holy Thursday, which is historically done the night before. This service features 7 readings, and a candle is extinguished after each reading, leaving the church in total darkness. There is *no Eucharist* with this service. Maundy Thursday is Eucharist with Washing of the Feet, and the transfer of the Blessed Sacrament to the Altar of Repose. The Good Friday Liturgy will be celebrated twice – at 12 noon and at 7:00 pm. The noon service will be a said service, and there will be music at 7:00 pm.

On Holy Saturday morning, there will be a short Morning Prayer service at 8:30 am. The Great Vigil of Easter will be celebrated at 7:00 pm on Saturday night. It is sad that not more of our parishioners attend this beautiful ceremony. It is the High Point of the Christian year, with the lighting of the Paschal Candle with congregational candles, the telling of the story of Salvation, renewal of our Baptismal Covenant, and the first Eucharist of Easter. In the Early Church it concluded the Lenten catechumenate when the neophytes were baptized. Today, in the Eastern Orthodox Churches, the Easter

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Vigil still remains the principle celebration of Easter. I recommend that all of us take advantage this year of attending all the ceremonies

of the Triduum (Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil) and truly enter into Christ's passion, death and resurrection.

NOTES FROM OUTREACH

A reminder that we will be filling our baskets for the indigent at Gibson Middle School on March 21 between services. You can bring your food donations on March 7 or March 14. Or just wait and bring everything on the 21st. We need many volunteers of all ages, to get to our number of 65 baskets.

You can bring: any canned goods including small canned hams; box goods like pancake mix or potato mixes; canned milk; breakfast cereal and "bars;" breads and packaged English muffins; juices; canned meats like tuna, chicken, turkey; Easter candy; sweet rolls. See you on March 21!

Joan McClenahan, Outreach Coordinator: 702-595-7114 (cell); 395-3856 (home); JNJMCC@jnjmcc.cnc.net

All Saints' Youth Coalition Organizes Walk-a-thon

Melissa Sese, your All Saints Youth Coalition leader, is coordinating a walk-a-thon with our young people to raise money for those affected by the earthquake in Haiti. The funds will go to the Episcopal Relief and Development Fund (ERD). In the wake of the 7.0 magnitude earthquake that hit Haiti on January 12, the ERD has been working closely with local partners to assist those most impacted by this disaster. The death toll has reached 230,000 people, and that number continues to climb. In the Episcopal Diocese of Haiti, the ERD is offering technical support and funds to help secure critical supplies for those in need. In addition to supplying food and water, the agency has secured vehicles to assist the diocese in delivering supplies, fuel for those vehicles and camping supplies to provide shelter. These efforts are expanding the diocese's capacity to help the 25,000 survivors who are currently residing in 23 diocesan camps.

The walk-a-thon will be on Saturday, March 13 from 11 am to 3 pm at Gibson Middle School, 3900 W. Washington Ave., Las Vegas, across from our Church.

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Please consider sponsoring one of our young people per lap he or she walks or contributing a flat donation. Please turn your contributions to either the young person you decide to sponsor,

Melissa Sese, Fr. Arsie, or parish office by Friday, March 26. You and your family are also invited to walk and get sponsorships yourselves. Please contact Melissa for the form. For more information and other ways to help, please contact Melissa Sese at (408) 674-6462. Thank you for helping us race for hope in Haiti.

BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW

We have had a slow January, but we are making up for it this month. We have been to Christ Church in conjunction with the Amazing Grace Ministry, feeding the street people.

I was invited to Grace in the Desert's men's group and presented the Brotherhood of St. Andrew to them. They would like me to return and help them install their own chapter.

Next meeting will be on the 13th of March at 8:30 AM Classroom # 2 in the South end of the Patio. All men and boys welcome.

Signing off *Ed Moreira*



DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

The monthly meeting of the Daughters of the King will be in retreat the second Saturday in March the 13th at 9:00 a.m. at Grace in the Desert. It will be led by the Rev. Mary Bredlau, Diocesan Chaplain. Reservations are necessary because a light lunch will be served.

Lola Culbreath, 294-2659

ST. MARGARET'S GUILD

St. Margaret's Guild will meet on the first Saturday of March, 3/6, instead of the second Saturday because many of our members plan to attend the Daughters of the King retreat on the second week-end.

At this March meeting we will plan our Easter cookie sale.

Helene Follmer

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CHURCH E-MAIL LIST

A new church e-mail list is being compiled at All Saints'. To be included, please send an e-mail to: office@allsaintslv.com. In the subject line, write "add to e-mail list" and in the body of the e-mail,

please list the family name, plus groups you are in, such as usher coordinator, St. Margaret's, youth group, vestry, etc. Please send it from the email address you wish added. Thank you.

JoAnne Plog

SISTER FAITH

We received a message that Sister Faith of the Convent of the Sisters of Charity had passed away. She was well known in Las Vegas working with the convent in Boulder City which the sisters established in the seventies. Her faith was remarkable and a model for us all. Renovating the old Boulder City Hospital and starting a convent there was a miracle. Sister Faith was instrumental in that endeavor. She was always cheerful and a truly happy person.



SAINT PATRICK

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A VISIT WITH EMMA JEAN

By The Rev Ed Lovelady

On my recent trip to Texas, Debbie and I had a brief visit with Emma Jean Gregory at The Episcopal Seminary of The

Southwest in Austin, TX. My impression is that she is doing well in her second year of seminary and managing to keep busy with school work, work study, and various intern ministries in Austin and other places.

Emma Jean gave us a tour of the campus on a day that classes were out. It's a small campus, with all the essentials. Her apartment is across the street from the Seminary chapel and is a "7 room" apartment of about 250 square feet (you'll have to ask Emma Jean about the "7 room" description).

Emma Jean talked about her recent outreach ministry project in Atlanta, GA and her intern work in a parish in Austin. As all seminarians in her year of school, she is wondering about her acceptance as a Candidate for ordination and preparations for her ordination as a priest when she finishes seminary. We ended our visit with lunch at a local eatery close to the seminary, took some photos and said our good byes.

I encourage you to continue to remember Emma Jean in your prayers and that there is a special fund maintained in All Saints' parish for financial support for her seminary education. It was a blessing to me to be able to visit her for the first time since she began seminary and see her in her "natural habitat."

If you'd like to correspond with Emma Jean, her mailing address is

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INTERIM RECTOR NEWS

Interviews with Interim Rector candidates were completed Feb. 22. Names of those favored are being given to the Vestry. Candidate(s) selected by the Vestry will be brought to Las Vegas for an interview with the Vestry, our church's clergy, and Bishop Dan. Selection is expected by the end of March. Dick Doyle, Interim Committee Scribe

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AROUND THE DIOCESE

March 19-21, Youth Service Weekend, Camp Galilee-An excellent opportunity for youth ages 14-18 to spend the weekend at the camp

and provide volunteer work to prepare the camp for the summery camping program. Prospective counselors can be part of the camp experience and be interviewed during this weekend as well.

Leadership will be provided by Fr. Jeff Paul, Executive Director Stuart Campbell and experienced summer counselors. The cost of the weekend will be \$50. To register call 775-749-5548.

'Kingdom of God' and 'End time'

In God's "sovereign reign," His commandments are obeyed, this is our Christian walk, and with prayer: "hallowed be your name, your kingdom come and your will be done.." here and now. It has to be said that some groups are focused on 'end time/Second Coming/End of the world' etc., as if the primacy of Christ's teachings is not the focus. Jesus said, "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness..." (Matt.6:33); "the Kingdom is the reason why I was sent" (Lk.4:43); that "...I was born for it" (see Jn.18:36), etc.

Words of Jesus should be treated the way he said it. Many congregations were created because of "scaring" people with endless "Lake of fire" rather than "good news of the Kingdom of God." Enthusiasts helped the confusion. The difference is the Kingdom of God leads to building a condition of life (here and now), while "end time" event dwells so much on doctrine and chapter/verse Bible-ism. To think this way means Christianity is stuck on a religion of doctrine/dogma/claims rather than dwelling on the business of promoting and protecting life according to God's purpose/plan in Christ. It is giving the impression of irrelevance, and not giving justice to the pro life primary reasons of Jesus.

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The gospel (Lk.21:31) wrote "cosmic signs: sun, moon and stars," this signifies that the world "will be in a chaotic state"; But Jesus continued in saying "when you see these things happening, you know that the kingdom of God is near." Let me point out that Christianity is NOT about dwelling on "end time"

signs but living in submission to God’s rules, commandments (in Christ). What is it that He wants from us is about fulfilling God’s Kingdom. We should start from “Jesus of life” rather than verses of “end time.”

We should regard with primary importance the way Jesus intended his themes. We should accept the gospel the way he gave it. To follow the King’s rule is to say we are in the Kingdom. To be in the kingdom is to follow His commandments: 1) One of the teachers of the law... asked him, “Of all the commandments, which is the most important?” “The most important one,” answered Jesus, “is this: Hear, O Israel, the lord our God, the Lord is one. ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”

The Rev. Arsie Almodiel



Parish Leaders

Clergy

- The Rev. Bede J. Parry, Music Director and Assisting Priest
- The Rev. James Lyons, Assisting Priest and Director of Christian Formation
- The Rev. Connie Dee Belmore, Assisting Priest
- The Rev. Michael Link, Associate Priest
- The Rev. Canon Robert Nelson, Associate Priest
- The Rev. Karl Gustafson, Deacon
- The Rev. Sandy Oetjen, Deacon
- The Rev. Emma J. Gregory, Deacon
- The Rev. Arsolin Almodiel, Assisting Priest for Filipino Ministries
- The Rev. Bernardo Iniesta, Assisting Priest for Hispanic Ministries

Staff

- Jackie Johns, Day School Director
- Jo Anne Plog, Parish Secretary
- Erland Moreira, Parish Sexton

Vestry

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