

FROM THE RECTOR...

*WE ARE CHURCH...*



Most of us from time to time get asked the question, "What church do you go to?" Most of us answer, "I go to the Anglican Catholic Church" or "I am an Anglican Catholic." Most Christians identify themselves as belonging to a particular denomination or parish. But strictly speaking...we don't "go to church"...we ARE Church!

The word "church" comes from the Ancient Greek "ekklesia"...literally meaning those who are "called out" or "called forth". The term appears 114 times in the New Testament...including 58 verses in Paul's Letters.

Catholic Christians have always understood "ekklesia" to refer to both the local congregation and to the Universal Church throughout the world. The Apostles' Creed expresses Church as "The Communion of Saints" living and dead.

The Church had its beginnings with the calling of the first disciples to follow Jesus. Jesus told his disciples to go and spread his teachings throughout the world. The disciples became "Apostoloi"..."those who were sent out"...and they sent out others.

We just celebrated the Feast of Pentecost...we read the remarkable story in Acts about the conversion of the Apostles...empowered by the Holy Spirit they became committed and effective witnesses for Christ...and thousands believed and were baptized and took the Good News back to their own countries. Pentecost is the Church's birthday...our birthday!

Catholic Christians see the Church as a visible community of believers made alive by the power of the Holy Spirit. We spent the first half of the Church Year liturgically reenacting the life of Jesus from birth to death to resurrection to ascension. We listened to his teachings.

We will spend the long Trinity Season learning what it means to be Ekklesia...those who are called to BE and LIVE Church...and like the Apostles...try to be more effective witnesses for Christ. Of course...attending Mass is the place we start learning. So...see you in Church!

Father Craig Looney ✠

SYNOD SYNOPSIS...

Rebekah Shapiro and Father Looney attended the Joint Synod of the Anglican Catholic Diocese of the Holy Trinity and the Anglican Church in America Diocese of the West held at Saint Matthew's ACC in Newport Beach CA on 6-7 June. Evening Prayer was held on 6 June followed by the Clericus...a meeting of the clergy of both jurisdictions.

On Friday 7 June Morning Prayer was read and the two dioceses met in separate morning sessions. At the ACC Synod...Bishop Scarlett asked the rectors of the parishes in the Diocese to talk about their parishes.

Father Looney gave a brief history of our historic building and talked about some of the recent challenges we have faced and our hope for the future. Bishop Scarlett spoke about his connection to Saint Joseph Parish and friendship with Father Looney going back many years.

Both Rebekah Shapiro and Father Looney were conditionally elected as delegates to Provincial Synod to be held in Atlanta GA in January 2020 pending action by the Vestry to re-affiliate Saint Joseph Parish with the DHT.

Following lunch a plenary (joint) session was held during which a Mission Venture was co-signed by Bishop Scarlett of the ACC-DHT and Bishop Owen Williams of the ACA-DOW pledging further cooperation between the two dioceses.

Solemn High Mass was celebrated with clergy and many lay persons from both jurisdictions in attendance. All enjoyed a taco dinner courtesy of Saint Matthew's Parish afterward.

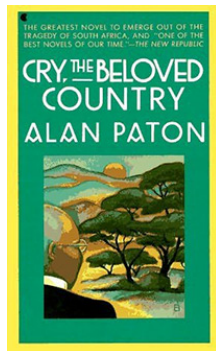
SUMMER SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY...



During the summer months we are offering a Sunday Bible Study series of the lesser-known Epistles. During July and August we will be reading the Letters from John. We're in no hurry...we'll take as much time as we need to "read, mark, learn and inwardly digest" the words of Holy Scripture.

## BOOK REVIEW...

*Cry, the Beloved Country* by Alan Paton is not a happy story, but it is beautifully told. Indeed, it's many stories. The primary story is about the family of a native (Black) village Priest in South Africa at the beginning of apartheid. Then the Priest's story connects with the story of the wealthy White family up the hill. Throughout is the story of South Africa and the early days of apartheid.



Though it's set in a very different place, there are many themes that will be familiar to members of this Parish, particularly the idea of going up on a mountain to pray at difficult and important times in our lives. The church communities in *Cry, the Beloved Country* have their own "Kitchen Cabinets," who quietly go about making healthy, tasty food for visitors of high and low estate. The characters also confront timeless issues, such as how a family should react when an adult child commits a "big" sin, and how the wealthy and politically advantaged can best help the poor and disadvantaged. Both the Black and White characters feel the effects of modernization on their families and traditions.

*Cry, the Beloved Country* also has a close connection to the Bay Area. Alan Paton wrote it while on holiday in Marin. Paton was a school teacher and lay churchman deeply involved in the Anglican Church of South Africa's opposition to apartheid. He helped formulate and implement the Church's position that outlawing mixed race marriages and requiring church services to be separated by race were contrary to Anglicanism, and indeed all of Christianity, because they put divisions in the house of God in ways that God did not.

*Cry, the Beloved Country* by Alan Paton is available from San Mateo County and Santa Clara County libraries in regular, large print, electronic and audio formats, and from bookstores. This writer does not recommend the movie.

## CALL PRIMROSE...



CALL Primrose thanks our parishioners for their generous food contributions. Our contributions go a long way in making certain hundreds of low-income individuals and families don't go hungry. During **July** we will be collecting canned or pouched tuna, chicken and other meats. During August we will be collecting boxed or pouched macaroni and cheese and other pasta items. Please bring your food contributions to the church on Sunday or by prior arrangement with the Rector during the week.



Gazelle Creative Learning School is closed during August. The parish contracts out waxing the floors in the Parish Hall and the restrooms during school closure. We're in need of volunteers to help with general clean up around the church and consolidation, filing and storage of historical documents.

We also need able-bodied persons with access to pickup trucks or vans to move heavy furniture and take e-waste to recycling centers. Maybe you have a friend or neighbor who would like to help. The best time to move heavy objects would be on a Saturday prior to the floor waxing. Please see Father Looney for more details.



Music has always been an important part of the Saint Joseph Parish experience. We were fortunate to have had Thierry Spelle as organist for ten years and saddened by his decision to relocate to Cleveland OH in 2017. During his time as organist, Thierry recorded the Merbecke and Willan Mass settings and about 200 hymns so they could be used on days he couldn't be here.

Our long-time Cantor, Al Schick, uploaded hymns for each Sunday and pushed the buttons on the Peterson Module to make the organ make music. We're very grateful to Al for his commitment to the parish and to our music program.

We're also blessed to have two very talented singers, Elliot Franks and Isabelle Magid-Kutlin, to chant the minor propers and help lead singing of hymns on Sundays. We have been able to, with their help, sing the hymns already uploaded. They hope, with Al's assistance, to have more hymns uploaded over the next few weeks.

While we miss Thierry (and he misses us) we have been able to use his recorded music on most Sundays...and continue to sing the Mass settings and hymns appropriate for the season...and maintain the character of the Saint Joseph Parish Sunday and holy day Mass experience.

## INDEPENDENCE DAY...



IN KEEPING WITH THE PARISH'S COMMITMENT TO A LIFE OF PRAYER AND SPIRITUAL RENEWAL ...PLEASE JOIN US ON INDEPENDENCE DAY, THURSDAY 4 JULY:

10:00 AM – MORNING PRAYER AND HOMILY

THERE WILL BE TIME FOR QUIET MEDITATION AS WE THANK GOD "THROUGH WHOSE MIGHTY POWER OUR FATHERS WON THEIR LIBERTIES OF OLD". (THE COLLECT, BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, PAGE 263)

## Vestry Meeting

The Vestry will meet at 10:30 AM on Sunday 21 July. Regular sessions are open to all interested parishioners. The Vestry will be discussing re-affiliating the parish with the Diocese of the Holy Trinity. Discussion Group/Bible Study doesn't meet on Sundays there is a Vestry meeting.

## CLOTHING FOR VETERANS...



Do you have used clothing in good condition you no longer need or wear? Cora Jean Kleppe collects used (and new) clothing to deliver to veterans in need. Bring your clothes contributions to church on Sunday. Please see Cora Jean for more information.



### *A PRAYER FOR PARISH GROWTH*

*O GOD, WHO KNOWEST THE NEED OF ALL THY CREATURES, AND DOST BESTOW THE FAVOUR OF THY GRACE ALIKE UPON THE HUMBLE AND THE GREAT; BE WITH US IN ALL OUR ENDEAVORS DEVOTED TO THY SERVICE, AND GRANT US, WE BESEECH THEE, SUCH INCREASE OF NUMBERS AND OF MEANS AS WILL SECURE THIS HOUSE OF PRAYER TO THE WORSHIP AND GLORY OF THY SON, OUR SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST, WHO LIVETH AND REIGNETH WITH THEE AND THE HOLY GHOST, ONE GOD, WORLD WITHOUT END. AMEN.*

## TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD...



*Transfiguration by Alexandr Ivanov, 1824*

In the Anglican Catholic Church we celebrate the Transfiguration of Our Lord on 6 August (*Book of Common Prayer, Pages 247-249*). The event in which Jesus' appearance is transformed and becomes radiant light is recorded in the Synoptic Gospels and is referred to by Peter in his Second Letter and alluded to in the First Chapter of John's Gospel.

The Transfiguration is a miracle of Jesus...unique in that it happens to Jesus himself. Thomas Aquinas considered the Transfiguration the greatest miracle...complementing Baptism and giving us a preview of our perfected life in heaven. It is also the fulfillment of Malachi's prophecy that Elijah would return again (Mal. 4.5-6). Elijah and Moses both appear with Jesus at the Transfiguration...pointing to Jesus as the fulfillment of the Law and prophetic writings concerning the Messiah.

Author Dorothy Lee (2004) describes the Transfiguration as a pivotal moment...set on a mountain where people go to meet God (as in Moses on Sinai and Jesus in the desert)...the point where human nature meets God...the meeting place of the temporal and eternal...with Jesus as the connecting point...the bridge between heaven and earth.

The Transfiguration of Our Lord is one of two events in Jesus' life during which God specifically calls him "my Son"...and that we should listen to him. The other event is his Baptism. Together they form the bookends of Jesus' life of teaching on earth. The Transfiguration effectively marks the end of Jesus' public ministry...it was intended to prepare Jesus himself to fulfill his mission...and gives us a glimpse of what we look forward to in heaven.

### *The Collect.*

*O GOD, who on the mount didst reveal to chosen witnesses thine only-begotten Son wonderfully transfigured, in raiment white and glistening; Mercifully grant that we, being delivered from the disquietude of this world, may be permitted to behold the King in his beauty, who with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end. Amen.*

SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS – 9:00 AM PARISH MASS & SERMON  
COFFEE HOUR & DISCUSSION GROUP

WEEKDAYS/HOLY DAYS AS ANNOUNCED

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE BY APPOINTMENT

THE REVEREND FATHER CRAIG LOONEY, RECTOR



*THE CONTINUATION OF ANGLICANISM: We affirm that the Church of our fathers, sustained by the most Holy Trinity, lives yet...are determined to continue in the Catholic Faith, Apostolic Order, Orthodox Worship and Evangelical Witness of the traditional Anglican Church.*



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