

Encounter God through Christ; Be Transformed by the Holy Spirit; Proclaim Christ through Word and Action.

May 2007

FROM THE RECTOR'S DESK

I don't remember the incident myself, but my mother told me that on my first day of first grade, I came home from school in tears. She asked me what was wrong, and I told her that I couldn't read. She was somewhat confused by this response knowing that I had as yet not been taught that skill. Her reassurances did not satisfy me. I said to her, "You told me when I went to first grade I would read. I'm in first grade and I still can't read."

She laughed and comforted me. I wanted to read so very badly, wanted to be able to read those books that I loved, those books that my mother had been reading to me for six years. I was disappointed. I knew I wanted the gift of reading, wanted to do it myself, knew it would be so much fun to be able to read those books all by myself.

Eventually, of course, I did learn how to read. As much fun as it was, I soon realized that I had no idea what reading would ultimately give me. As I grew up it gave me access to vast knowledge fostering my interest in science and history. But at age six, I really had no concept of what this skill would bring.

Over the years of my sometimes all too halting Christian growth, I have had a similar realization. I knew about the resurrection of Jesus. I loved the idea. It was the idea that began to draw me closer to God.

The pursuit of the resurrection was a wonderful journey, but it wasn't until the first time I encountered the Living Lord personally that I saw the bigger picture. And it wasn't until I saw that bigger picture that I was truly awed by its power. I had had no idea what the resurrection would give me. There was so much more. Little had I known the joy, the freedom, the confidence, the life purpose that would be mine. There was just so much more.

Live the resurrection. Explore its implications in your life. Embrace the salvation that is offered through it. It will open up new vistas and an expansion of your life.

Alleluia, Christ is risen. The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Fr. Kett +



KICKOFF EVENT FOR: CHRIST OUR SAVIOR ANGLICAN FELLOWSHIP OF TORRANCE Sunday, May 6, 11:30 gm

Have you heard the name of the new Anglican Church in Torrance? Come celebrate with other members of All Saints' on Sunday, May 6 at 11:30 am, when we

will formally announce the birth of Christ Our Savior Anglican Fellowship (COSAF) in Torrance. Plans for the new fellowship in 2007 will be announced. Speakers include Father Elias Eniade, COSAF Chairman Tom Winfrey and Senior Warden Jim Di Giovanna.

Like many events at All Saints', we celebrate with food. This time 'Cinco de Mayo' style. Tickets for the event are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children and will be on sale after church now through the date of the luncheon. For more information, contact: the parish office.



ASCENSION DAY Thursday, May 17



On **Thursday, May 17**, All Saints' will celebrate our Lord's last day of His physical Presence on earth: Ascension Day. After 40 days of post-Easter instruction, Jesus commands His disciples (including us): *"You shall be my witnesses...to the end of the earth."* As Christ ascended to heaven, He became our eternal Advocate at His Father's side, glorified

our humanity, and sent the Holy Spirit to enable us to witness and minister in His Name. The Eucharist will be celebrated twice that day at **10 am** and at **6 pm** so that as many as possible will be able to attend Mass.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES Saturdays, May 12, 19, 26 10 am



Mark your calendar for Saturday, May 12, at 10 am as the beginning of our next First Communion Class for children. Children should have demonstrated a clear interest, on their own, in receiving their first communion. Children in this class will receive their First Communion on the Pentecost, Sunday, May 27, at the 10 am Mass. If interested or have any questions, please talk to Fr. Thompson by May 6.

WANT TO PUT FEET TO YOUR FAITH?

One of our Long Beach neighbors, a quadriplegic and lives alone, cannot afford a full-time caretaker on the weekends. When alone, he has no way to get food or drink. We are looking for 4-6 individuals to spend about an hour with this man, on a Saturday or Sunday evening, once every 4-6 weeks. What would you need to do?

- 1 Make sure that everything is all right with him, that he had not lost his phone connection (his life line) or any other unforeseen problem
- 2. Give him something to eat and drink
- 3. Possibly set his TV to a program and put on the timer so that it will shut off at a particular time.

No medical care is needed; that is performed by the morning caregiver. He is a really great guy and very upbeat; he could give us all a new look at life. Is God calling to you to help out this neighbor in need? If you are interested and willing, please call the parish office.



PRAYER BIBLE STUDY Wednesdays 6:45 pm

The Wednesday evening Prayer Bible study continues on Wednesday evenings 6:45 pm, immediately following 6 pm Mass. This interactive study is guided by "PRAYING – Finding

Our Way Through Duty to Delight" by J.I. Packer & Carolyn Nystrom. Contact the parish office for additional information regarding the study or materials used.

SCHOOL OF HEALING PRAYER Saturday, September 1

Anyone interested in attending "School of Healing Prayer" lead by Francis and Judith MacNutt and Team should contact Elizabeth Kelly immediately. This Saturday session will be held in Anaheim on September 1st. Early registration is recommended as it is limited to seating availability. Contact the parish office.

NEXT PARISH BAPTISM

The next parish baptism: **Pan tecost, Sunday, May 27** at 10 am. Mandatory pre-baptismal training sessions: 9 am Sunday, May 13, 20 and 27. Sponsors and godparents encouraged to attend the final class. If you desire to be baptized or have a child baptized, or if you have any questions, please contact Fr. White. Subsequent days for baptism: 10 am Sunday, October 7 and January 13, 2008, the Feast of the Baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ

FROM FR. ENIADE: BETWEEN RESURRECTION AND PENTECOST!

Let us meditate together on four phrases from the Lord's lips during this period of waiting for the Pentecost.

1. <u>Peace be With You</u>! The Lord knows exactly what we need at this time. This waiting period is when the Church was powerless, helpless and hopeless. The Savior has been killed by the powers that be. We have seen Him raised. But what is that to us? Are we really safe? Those of us who are known to have been with Him are still seen around by those who killed Him and got away with it. Is it not a time for them to start killing us one after the other? Then the Lord steps in and says: PEACE BE WITH YOU!

I do not know what you are passing through at this time. It may feel as if your Savior is dead. It may feel as if He is just looking on without speaking to you. It may feel as if the enemy is winning. But listen to the voice of the Shepherd at this time: PEACE BE WITH YOU!

2. <u>As the Father has sent me, I am sending you</u>: The Lord is saying: Get ready, get prepared, there is a task ahead of you. You have an errand to run for me. You have some assignments to cover. I have covered my own section of the syllabus; it is now your turn. I have been victorious, it is now your turn to demonstrate that victory. I have fought a good fight, and won the victory over the powers of the world, now it is your turn. Just as I did not put my Father's task and glory to shame, now you do the same. "I AM" is the same person who sent Moses to Pharaoh! He is the same yesterday, today and forever. All Pharaohs in your life shall surely be put to shame. "I AM" is sending you.

3. <u>Receive the Holy Spirit</u>: Holy Spirit? for What? Who is He? Yes, that is the Power you need. You cannot fulfill the assignment on your own. He is going to be there with and for you to be successful. Receive Him. That is your own part of the deal. Do not refuse Him. Receive Him and allow Him to take over. Yours is to obey Him in whatever He tells you to do.

4. <u>If you forgive people, they are forgiven; If you retain their sin, it is retained</u>. Whoa! What power of attorney we are given at this period of transition. Do you have anyone you are still bitter against? Forgive. You must not let any prisoner remain in the jail cells of your heart. Freely you have received forgiveness, freely give.

MANY THANKS FROM THE RECTOR TO ALL FOR A GREAT LENT AND EASTER

To all who attended our Lenten programs.

- To the parish organizations and individuals who took charge of the Lenten Suppers: Vestry, Choir, parish staff, Altar Guild, and Order of St. Joseph.
- To our great and faithful corps of **Acolytes** and their director.
- To the faithful corps of Ushers who helped out at the many services.
- To **Cindy Drennan, Dolly Ickler** and our wonderful **choir and worship team** for the beautiful music that they gave us and for their faithful attendance at all the services. What a blessing it was to have them and their music.
- To all of the faithful and devoted members of the **Altar Guild** and their directress, for their many hours of work and preparation that made the many services of Lent, Holy Week, and Easter run so smoothly.

- To those who coordinated the flowers for Easter and the Altar of Repose.
- To all who contributed to our special Lenten offerings. This money will go outside the parish to help the Church's mission in the world.



- To **Donna Foster**, and all the others who put together a wonderful children's Lenten program and drama as well as Tenebrae.
- To the **people of this parish** who love the Lord and whose participation made Lent and Easter Sunday so meaningful to me.
- And again, most of all, to Almighty God for the Resurrection of His Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Fr. Thompson

YOUTH ROCK N' WATER TRIP July 1-7

A start

The youth group is planning a back packing/river rafting adventure, July 1-7 with the

Christian youth organization Rock N' Water (www.rocknwater.com). This will be our seventh year experiencing God, challenging ourselves, and developing leadership skills in the wilderness. The Rock N' Water staff and guides are mature Christians, well trained and skilled in white water rafting, rock climbing, pack packing, and mentoring teenagers. Their mission is for

young people to learn • about God and nurture

their faith in the beautiful simplicity of God's creation, far from the noise, and distractions of busy lives and schedules. If you're interested in going, please call Donna for details and deadlines (562–438–3650).



PLEASE SAVE THE DATE, AND ITEMS NEEDED

<u>Sunday, June 10</u> is a big day for our church school and youth group. We will thank our church school teachers during the 10 am service, followed by a Church School Ministry presentation, during a youth fundraising feast of Indian Fry Bread and a Silent Auction.

Please call Donna if you have items you would like to donate to the youths' Silent Auction.

WHAT IS A BALANCED CHRISTIAN LIFE?

Adult Christian Education Class-Sundays, 9am, May 20-June 24

As you try to live out the Christian life, do you feel fragmented? Are you having a difficult time in sorting out your priorities in life as a Christian? Do you feel like your love is totally out of balance? If the answer to one or more of these questions is yes, you may benefit from Fr. Thompson's new Sunday adult education class beginning this month.

The title of the class is "Living a Balanced Christian Life." This class will be based on work that he has done over the years in studying the Rule of St. Benedict. St. Benedict lived in the sixth century in Italy and was the founder of western monasticism. He wrote the first monastic rule in the West, and over the years it has become a great treasure that can inform, focus, and balance our spiritual lives. Class will meet in the Choir room. All are welcome.

WOMEN'S RETREAT June 15-17

Women of All Saints', our annual Women's Retreat will be June 15-17 at Rancho Capistrano. "Take Time Out Before You Burn Out" is our theme, presented by renowned speaker Janet Drez. Watch for more information in Sunday bulletins, via email, and on the sign-up carrousel. Space is limited; if you know you will attend, sign up promptly! Call the parish office for further information.

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ALL SAINTS' - MAY 2007

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 6 7:30 am Mass 8:30 am Breakfast Club 9 am Christian Education Hour 10 am Mass 10 am Children's Church 11:30 am Cinco de Mayo- Fellowship Kickoff Event for our church plant | 7 10 am Mass 6 pm Nicotine Anon. | 8 6:30 am Mass 6:30 pm Women's Council 7 pm South Bay Home Fellowship 7 pm N Long Beach House Church | 9 10 am Women's AA 6 pm Mass 6:45 pm Prayer Bible Study 7 pm M&Ms 7:30 pm House Church—Albright | IO am Mass 7:30 pm Choir | 11 9 am Mass 8 pm AA | 12 9 am Mass 10 am First Communion Class |
| 13 MOTHER'S' DAY 7:30 am Mass 8:30 am Breakfast Club 9 am Christian Education Hour 9 am Baptism Class 10 am Mass | 14 10 am Mass 6 pm Nicotine Anon. 7 pm Vestry | 15 6:30 am Mass 6 pm House Church- Howats 7 pm South Bay Home Fellowship 7 pm N Long Beach House Church | 16 10 am Women's AA 6 pm Mass 6:45 pm Prayer Bible Study 7:30 pm House Church-Albright | 17 ASCENSION DAY 10 am Mass 6 pm Mass 7 pm Outreach Committee 7:30 pm Choir | 18 9 am Mass 8 pm AA Deanery-Men | 19 9 am Mass 10 am First Communion Class 11;30 am Outreach Meal 's Retreat 5/18-20 |
| 10 am Children's Church | | | Whites on vac | ation 5/14-24 | | |
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| | | Whites on vacation 5/14-24 | | | | 5/26-27 |
| 27 PENTECOST 7:30 am Mass 8:30 am Breakfast Club 9 am Christian Education Hour 9 am Baptism Class 10 am Mass with First Communion and Baptism 10 am Family Chapel Fr. Thompson away 5/26-27 | 28 MEMORIAL DAY Office Closed 10 am Mass 6 pm Nicotine Anon. | 29 6:30 am Mass 6:30 pm Order of St. Joseph 7 pm South Bay Home Fellowship 7 pm N Long Beach House Church | 30 10 am Women's AA 6 pm Mass 6:45 pm Prayer Bible Study 7:30 pm House Church-Albright | 31 THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY 10 am Mass 7:30 pm Choir | | |



May I Feast of St. Philip

and St. James. Mass at 10 am

May 17

Ascension Day Masses at 10 am and 6 pm

May 27 Day of Pentecost Masses at 7:30 and 10 am

May 31 Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass at 9 am

MEN

May 18-20 Deanery Men's Retreat

May 29 - Tuesday 6:30 pm OSJ Parish Hall

MAY 13 6 Easter Psalm 67 Acts 14:8-18 Revelation 21:22-22:5 John 14:23-29

MAY 6

5 Easter

Psalm 145

Acts 13:44-52

Revelation 19:1-9

John 13:31-35

Tuesdays

10 am - Noon

Dr. Bill Creasy's Bible

Study; Seal Beach

Contact the parish office

for more info. 438-3650.

May 9 - Wednesday 7 pm

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(Mentoring Moms)

Parish Hall

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SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR MAY

WOMEN

May 8 - Tuesday

6:30 pm

Women's Council

Rectory

Looking ahead:

June 15-17

Women's Retreat

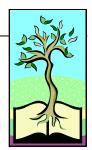
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MAY 20 7 Easter Psalm 68:1-20 Acts 16:16-34 Revelation 22:12-20 John 17:20-26

MAY EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

MAY 27 Pentecost Psalm 104:25-37 Acts 2:1-11 1 Corinthians 12:4-13 John 20:19-23



YOUTH AND CHILDREN



May 12, 19, 26 - Saturday 10 am 1st Communion Class

Sundays

8:30 am Breakfast Club 9 am Sunday School 10 am Children's Church

I WANT TO DO THIS !

Wednesdays 6:45 pm Prayer Bible Study Parish Hall

Sundays 8:30 am Breakfast Club

May 6 - Sunday 11:30 am Cinco de Mavo New Church Fellowship Kickoff Event

Sundays

9 am Adult Christian Ed. **Ongoing:** Josh Williams' Walk Thru the Bible Thru May 13: Parenting classes with Tom and Anita Winfrey May 20-June 24: Fr. Thompson's "Balanced Life" class

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Schedule of Services Sundays......7:30 & 10 am . 10:00 am Mondays ... Tuesdays 6:30 am Wednesdays 6:00 pm Thursdays 10:00 am9:00 am

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Fridays

Saturdays

Morning Prayer: 15 minutes before Eucharist on weekdays; 7.10 Sundays Evening Prayer: 5:45 or 15 minutes before Eucharist Monday through Friday.