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Monthly Sunday Taize-style Eucharist

On Sunday, Feb. 7, at 5:00 p.m. join this Eucharist in the style of Taize, with celebrant, Wilma Jakobsen. Contemplative prayer, song, silence and meditative music are all woven together to make this a time for renewal, reflection and peaceful rejuvenation. For more information contact Isabel Leus at 626.583.2733 or ileus@allsaints-pas.org

Being The Light! Second Saturday Celebration

On Saturday, Feb. 13, at 5:00 p.m. all are invited to this family-friendly, informal Eucharist, with a community potluck following. The preacher will be Wilma Jakobsen. For more information, contact the CYF office at 626.583.2733 or ileus@allsaints-pas.org.

Valentine's Day Concert

Sonatas for cello and piano, performed by our own brilliant All Saints musicians James Walker and Kyle Champion. What an elegant way to begin the evening. Sunday, Feb. 14 -- 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. in the amazing ambience of the All Saints sanctuary. A reception follows. Admission: Freewill offering.

Do Your Soul a Favor

FROM ANNE BRECK PETERSON, SENIOR ASSOCIATE, LEADERSHIP AND LITURGY

Jesus may not have been tied to a smart phone, but he still lived a challenging, overscheduled life.

His job was to preach the good news of God's love to every man, woman and child he could get to, mentor his clueless disciples, and heal people. Yet, on a regular basis, even if he had to leave people still in need of healing, Jesus would withdraw to a quiet place alone. He knew this time apart was his connection with the divine imagination. In this time Jesus received his vision and his grounding for the hard work of implementing the vision. It was this time in meditation and prayer that inspired him, resourced him and made him fearless.

I have had the incredible privilege of working closely with two of All Saints' most amazing leaders—George Regas and Ed Bacon. I have lived in awe of their vision, their capacity, and their endurance in moving things along. Each of them has the spiritual practice of beginning the day with an hour's silence. This time, this connection with the limitless imagination of the divine spirit at the center of the universe has enabled each of them to cast a vision, to engage others and to find the wherewithal to stick with it and accomplish huge things.

Coming toward us over the horizon is one of the institutional church's gifts to humanity —

the season of Lent. Lent challenges the pace of our culture and the need to do and be all things to all people, with the invitation to drop out for a brief time each day—out of scheduled busyness into deep reflective time, to consider things that are important but not urgent. This six-week period of time—beginning February 17 with Ash Wednesday—allows you to carve out time to spend in ways that are good for your soul and good for the world.

Join one of the small groups or book discussions (listed on page 3). Read and respond to the weekly meditations on the gospels in the Lenten Toolkit, attached to the Sunday liturgy, beginning February 14, or on <http://lententoolkit.blogspot.com>. Keep a journal. The physical act of transmitting thoughts to words on a page can reveal insights that might not have been brought to light in any other way. Record dreams or experiences. Wrestle with an issue or a passage from scripture by turning it into a dialogue. Or simply sit in silence for a period of time each day.

Need motivation? Begin Lent at one of the Ash Wednesday services—February 17, 7:00 a.m.; 12 noon; or 7:30 p.m. Receiving the imposition of ashes on your forehead as a reminder of your mortality will help you to re-prioritize your time.

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Sunday

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

ADULTS AT 10:15

RECTOR'S FORUM

Annual Parish Meeting, Part 1

Please join us in the Forum to bid farewell to retiring Vestry members, receive the Stewardship report, and hear the scintillating address by our Senior Warden Gloria Pitzer. Forum

Adult Education options do not meet today. Please join us for the Annual Meeting.

The Next "Second Saturday" Celebration is Saturday, February 13, at 5 p.m. in the Learning Center

FOR CHILDREN

Preschool (ages 2-4), SCOTT HALL

9:00 Infant and Child Care with Bible Stories
10:30 **Rooms 2 and 3: Parable of the Mustard Seed**

Grade School (K-5), LEARNING CENTER

9:00 Children's Chapel: Children go to church with their parents, leave after the Gospel, and return before the offering.
10:15 **Grades K-5: Combined Godly Play—Feast Day**
11:15 Children's Chapel: Children go to church with their parents, leave after the Gospel, and return before the offering.

FOR YOUTH, JR. HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL

10:15-11:00 **JR. HIGH & SR. HIGH SCHOOL**
"You Sank My Battleship!"

JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH ROOMS

EUCCHARIST AT 7:30, 9:00, 11:15 A.M. AND 1 P.M.

The Rector will preach on **Astounding Infusions of Grace Despite All the Evidence to the Contrary** at 7:30, 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.

The Rev. Abel Lopez will preach on **The Divine Response That Calls Us To A New Life** at the 1 p.m. Spanish-English service.

At 9 and 11:15, Coventry Choir and Jazz Ensemble will premiere *Psalm 106*, with soloist Zanaida Robles. Our Composer-in-Residence Bill Cunliffe wrote this arrangement in honor of Lydia Wilkins' 106th birthday.

SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURES

Isaiah 6:1-8, [9-13]
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Psalm 138
Luke 5:1-11

In Memory of Bill MacGowan

There is much to remember and admire (as a number of gray-ing members of Canterbury and Coventry Choirs can tell you) about the music ministry at All Saints of Choir Director Bill MacGowan in the '60s and '70s, whose death was merely noted in the last issue of Saints Alive. My particular affection for Bill was sealed at my ordination to the priesthood in 1970. This Sixty-ish event, replete with bare-footed acolytes and Champagne poppers fired from the gallery by the youth groups during the recession, was highlighted for me during the service by Bill's eclectic and cheerful organ renditions, ranging from *Veni, Creator Spiritus* to *Jesus Is a Soul Man* ("... and I'm sure sold on Him!"). That music, and many other fond recollections of Bill MacGowan, live on in my heart. ~The Rev. Huston Horn

Prison Gift Ministry Thanks You

Mission accomplished! 2,540 gallon-size sacks filled with 16 essential toiletries were delivered in 5 cars to the women in Co-

rona Prison on December 21. We are so grateful to the countless donors, many unknown, who provided the needed items. Kudos to the K-5 children who put cheery stickers on many of the sacks and the superb volunteers who gave many hours to filling them. The response from many of the recipients was very heart warming. Bless you all!
~Gloria Killian and Connie Smith

Conscientious Projector: Better Living Without Chemicals

Anyone who came of age in the mid-20th century United States undoubtedly remembers the advertising slogan, "Better Living Through Chemistry." As it happened, not all of the chemical industry's products turned out to be good for us or our environment, and a growing number of people are now concerned about the consequences of our chemical footprint on our health and habitats. Canadian filmmaker Andrew Nisker takes a probing, sometimes alarming, sometimes amusing look at these issues in his recently released documentary, *Chemical: Redefining Clean for a New Generation*. The Take Action Films production is this month's Conscientious

Projector selection, showing at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 11, at The Armory Center for the Arts.

As in his previous film, *Garbage! The Revolution Starts at Home*, writer-producer-director Nisker challenges an average family to take part in a long-term experiment that will reorient their daily lives via a major lifestyle change. In *Chemical*, the Goode family—Mom, Dad and their three teenage sons—agrees to first undergo a toxic inventory of their home, then go without all chemical-based household cleansers and personal care products for three months, while learning how to replace them with natural alternatives. Their detoxification program is a struggle for them, but their story, augmented by compelling scientific testimony, informs and inspires.

A community discussion will follow the film, which is being shown in partnership with Robert Greenwald's Brave New Theaters program. The Armory is located at 145 N. Raymond in Old Pasadena. Admission is free and the facility is accessible to disabled persons. For more information, contact Marty Coleman at 626.792.4941 or visit www.chemicalnation.com.

Altar flowers are a beautiful way to remember a loved one, celebrate a special event, or to give thanks for someone who has touched your life. To donate flowers for the altars, please call 626.796.1172

Website Upgrade!

On January 31, the All Saints website migrated to a new webhost and began a major overhaul that will make it more user-friendly and intuitive. It is a very exciting move forward on the road to something big and wonderful, but there may be a broken link or a video glitch along the way in the next few months. If something doesn't work for you, please contact Keith Holeman at 626.583.2739 or kholeman@allsaints-pas.org.

“Future of God” Group Begins

A new small group is considering “The Future of God.” The group is facilitated by Dan Stracner, and is reading excerpts from the writings of a variety of modern and postmodern thinkers who have very different ideas about the future of God.

Scott Hall from 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday evenings through March 23. No book purchase is required. Please visit the Small Groups table on the lawn between Sunday services or attend the meetings.

LIVING with DIABETES

Do you or someone close to you have diabetes? Do you have challenges with the lifestyle changes needed for good self-care? Would you like fellowship with other diabetics? Would you like to share in spiritual practices to help deal with stress? If the answer to any of these questions is “yes,” this group may be for you. All are welcome. There is no charge.

Eight evening meetings, which began February 2, are planned for the first and third Tuesdays of February through May. For more information, to receive the final schedule and locations please contact George Byrne at 818.790.9687 or GMByrne@aol.com.

Private Parenting Classes

Learn to Deepen your Connection with your Children! If you were inspired by Ruth Beaglehole this fall, you will want to be part of this parenting class. Private/Home based classes bring the nonviolent parenting philosophy and practice into the intimate environment of your home or privately arranged meeting space. These classes develop a community of friends and peers who practice the principles of nonviolent parenting and communication. Using the philosophy of Non-violent Education and Parenting we will look at parenting skills and how to raise children with empathy. The class is 6 weeks on Monday evenings beginning February 8. Cost is \$200 per family. Childcare is provided. Please contact Azucena Ortiz to register at 213.484.6676 x311. Contact Laura Thornton with any questions, at 626.583.2764 or LThornton@allsaints-pas.org. The class is limited to 16 people, so register early!

Prison Outreach & Death Penalty Abolition Ministry Coming

All Saints Peace & Justice Ministries is currently form-

ing a task force to work with our local, state and national partners in abolishing the death penalty.

A newly formed coalition in Los Angeles County is generating new energy and commitment from within faith communities and non-profits, as well as professionals within the criminal justice system. Please join us on February 14 at 1:00 p.m. in the Seminar Room to explore this inspiring new effort to create alternatives to the death penalty in Los Angeles County.

We will also talk about current and upcoming prison ministry projects and inviting you to participate in face-to-face outreach to those members of our community who are currently incarcerated or newly returned from prison.

Please be with us for 90 minutes that could change your life, and the life of incarcerated people and their families.

Christianity 101 – From An Interfaith Perspective

Come hear Clarke Oler answer any and all of your questions on Christianity, not only as a review for all of us at All Saints but as a primer for members of the Islamic Center of Southern California and the Jewish Temple and Center of Pasadena—all partners in our ongoing Interfaith Study Group.

We'll meet in All Saints' Seminar Room on Sunday, Feb. 14 from 5 – 7 p.m. As always, we'll share a vegetarian potluck dinner at the beginning of our gathering. We'll begin with table discussions on the topic and conclude with a Q-and-A period led by one of our wise and articulate clergy. Copies of a short (and inevitably controversial!) summary of Christian beliefs can be found at the Middle East Ministry table on Sundays for those without computers. Or contact Amanda McCormick (see below) for these summaries.

This meeting will be the second in a series of three. On January 10, a large group of us gathered at the Islamic Center of Southern California to hear a fascinating presentation from one of the mosque's Imams and its Director of Religious Affairs, Jihad Turk—who was featured in November on the front page of the L.A. Times. In March, we'll meet at the Pasadena Temple and Center where we have the honor of being addressed by its Rabbi, Joshua Levine-Grater.

No need to make reservations. Just bring yourself, your family or friends, a vegetarian dish to share—as well as a heart and mind open to new ideas—and you'll be warmly welcomed. Should you have questions, please contact Amanda McCormick at amccormick@allsaints-pas.org or 626.583.2765.

Shrove Tuesday Pancakes!

Pancakes, sausage, apple sauce and lovely beverages will be served to one and all on Tuesday, Feb. 16, in Sweetland Hall. Please save the date for this annual celebration of Mardi Gras, also known as Fat Tuesday, which marks the beginning of the holy season of Lent. Along with the world-renowned flapjacks, music for all and art projects for the younger crowd will mark the evening as one of your favorite community gatherings of the year. Tickets are available at the door. \$4 for

adults and \$2 for kids 5 to 10. Children under 5 are free and will be encouraged to get really sticky and have lots of fun. The griddle will be turned on and ready to fill you up at 5:30 p.m. Griddle operators will stand by until 7:30 p.m. to take your orders. Volunteers are needed to help distribute fun and pancakes, please sign up at the Parish Council Table on the lawn on Sundays or call Norma Sigmund at 626.583.2734 or nsigmund@allsaints-pas.org.

Lenten Small Groups

Online any time

The Last Week by Marcus Borg + John Dominic Crossan – Sharalyn Hamilton
The Sacred Meal by Nora Gallagher – Susan Russell

Sundays (starting March 7)

12:30 p.m. For 20s and 30s, Meeting God Anew – Wilma Jakobsen

Mondays (starting 2/22)

7 p.m. *The Future of Faith* by Harvey Cox – Jim Prendergast
7 p.m. *The Case for God* by Karen Armstrong – Ken VanDerHorst

Wednesdays (starting 2/17)

11 a.m. Experiencing the Lectionary Readings – Richard Wingell

Thursdays (starting 2/25)

7:15 a.m. *The God We Never Knew* by Marcus Borg – Anne Peterson
6:30 p.m. Are You Open to the Law of Forgiveness? – Zeldia Kennedy

Sign up at the Small Groups Table on the Lawn or email amccormick@allsaints-pas.org.

Save March 21-22! “Crisis and Grace” with Serene Jones

We live in a world profoundly broken by violence and disfigured by harms we inflict upon each other. Is there any hope for those whose lives have been wounded by violence?

Serene Jones is the first woman President of Union Theological Seminary in the Seminary's 172-year history, and professor of Systematic Theology. According to Ms. Jones, God loves this world and desires that suffering be met by words of hope, that love and grace overwhelm, and that something new happens. That is the central question and mission of her new book, *Trauma and Grace: Theology in a Ruptured World*. Central to its overall theme is an investigation of the myriad ways both individual and collective violence affect one's capacity to remember, to act, and to love, and how those various circumstances potentially challenge theological understanding of how grace is experienced, and even how the traumatic experience of Jesus' death is remembered. Please join us for this exciting opportunity to hear a great theologian. For more information contact Norma Sigmund at 626.583.2748.

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COLORS Trip to California Science Center Exhibit

COLORS (Christians Offering Love to Overcome Racism in Society) celebrates Black History Month with our 2nd in a series of museum trips: to the California Science Center on Sunday, Feb. 21, 1 to 6 p.m. The *America I Am* exhibit celebrates 500 years of African-American contributions to our country and the world. Through artifacts, multimedia and programs visitors explore the influence and impact made by African-American artists, activists and inventors and investigate key moments in the evolution of our nation. The exhibit is designed to open dialog and elevate aware-

ness about our collective experience. We will gather on the lawn at 1 p.m. on Sunday, Feb 21, carpool to the museum, and spend 2-3 hours at the museum, then adjourn to a restaurant in the Exposition Park neighborhood. Tickets to the museum are \$9.50 adults, \$8.50 senior and youth 13-17, \$6 children (all prices \$1 less if we have a group of 15 or more). Call Helen at 626.644.3182 with questions or to RSVP.

Transformational Journey: Manzanar War Relocation Center

On April 30-May 1, join us for an exciting Transformational Journey to Manzanar War Relocation Center in Bishop. Manzanar was one of the ten camps where Japanese-Americans and resident Japanese aliens were interned during

World War II. A docent-led tour will show the grounds and buildings of the internment camp.

On day two we will travel to Lone Pine for a tour of the Alabama Hills, which has been a popular location for television and movie production sets, and for a visit to the Lone Pine History Museum.

The tour price of \$285/single and \$225/twin includes bus and driver gratuity, hotel accommodation, two meals, tour of Manzanar, tour of the Alabama Hills, baggage handling and tax.

For more information or to sign up for the trip, please contact Catherine in the Office for Creative Connections at 626.583.2750 or cswanson@allsaints-pas.org. You can also sign up on the lawn on Sundays, February 7 and 14.


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FOR THE PARISH COMMUNITY

Remember those for whom prayers have been

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For those who have died: Chris Burdett-Parr; Sharon Baggett Grimes; Edward Grimes; William Grossman; Kate McGarrigle; Mary Anne Page; Mary Petrone; Julia Pollard; Ray Dean Sup; Florence Van Meter; Jimmy Wyble

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