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### **Evensong Tonight!**

On February 21, at 5:00 p.m. in the church Canterbury Choir offers *Magnificat* and *Nunc dimittis in F Major* by Michael Wise and *Almighty and Everlasting God* by Orlando Gibbons. A great way to begin your Lenten journey. Child care provided. For more information, contact Melissa Hayes at 626.583.2725 or [mhayes@allsaints-pas.org](mailto:mhayes@allsaints-pas.org).

### **Jim Wallis At All Saints**

Jim Wallis will be in the Forum on Thursday, Feb. 25, at 7 p.m. as part of his national book tour for his latest, *Rediscovering Values*. Wallis is a bestselling author, preacher, and commentator on religion, public life, faith, and politics, and old friend of All Saints Church. Come be inspired! Books will be available for purchase and for signing.

### **Cooperative Process Training**

Improve your effectiveness in meetings and relationships. On Saturday, Feb. 27, 9 a.m. – Noon, and Tuesday, Mar. 2, 6-9 p.m., learn a way of conversation that builds trust and allows for conflict and accountability. Discover ways to better acknowledge your feelings in the moment. By listening and responding to your feelings, you put your cognitive self in charge of your emotions, rather than letting your emotions rule you. Ed Bacon would love for the entire parish to be trained in this process! Questions = Anne Peterson [apeterson@allsaints-pas.org](mailto:apeterson@allsaints-pas.org) or 626.583.2713. Sign up = [amccormick@allsaints-pas.org](mailto:amccormick@allsaints-pas.org).

## **New Buildings -- What Took So Long?**

FROM SHARON MUIR, CAPITAL CAMPAIGN STEERING COMMITTEE

**W**hat if you walked out of the Church at All Saints into our favorite courtyard and there were no model of the new buildings to be viewed at the Capital Campaign table? What if there were no Campaign table?

What if you continued to walk through the quad, under the cloister and you encountered Regas House, newly renovated with space for music and choir rehearsals, meeting rooms and staff offices, to a walkway that led you to another beautiful courtyard, an “outdoor sanctuary” of sorts? What if you looked left, toward the rectory, to see a welcoming area for celebrations and receptions? What if, as you continued to walk north, you looked to your right to see curved steps and an inviting entrance to the new Forum, which seats 400 people inside and up to 700 people when its retractable doors are open? Adjacent to that entrance, what if you saw an outdoor Columbarium, with a softly percolating fountain surrounded by flowers and a meditation garden? Then, what if you took some time to walk the permanent stone labyrinth set in the lawn of the contemplative garden?

What if, to your left, as you continued walking across the new courtyard of this outdoor room, you saw the open sliding doors to the new two-story Outreach Building -- where, this afternoon, was a meeting and celebration of all the ministries which began at All Saints Church in Pasadena and have gone on to become independent, thriving ministries in their own right, serving this Pasadena community and beyond (Young & Healthy, AIDS Service Center,

Union Station, Day One, and the list goes on)?

What if you kept walking to the end of that building, looking up into the trees that surround this center for ministry incubation and just felt like having a cup of coffee from the new coffee shop and bookstore, while you sat and relaxed in the outdoor sanctuary – in this “room” which is open to all but protected from the street and traffic by the Outreach building, this “room,” which is, perhaps, bringing the greatest benefits to the parish and to Pasadena-at-large by enabling us to take advantage of the terrific Southern California weather as we open up our buildings to accommodate much larger events than used to be possible – a secure, contained space that is used, not only as a quiet, contemplative respite during the day, but also for breakout groups or dining areas for events here?

And, what if you looked across to the east side of the courtyard toward Walnut and saw the Children, Youth & Family Building, where high school and junior high groups are connecting, where youth leaders are preparing for a Seeker’s retreat, where an enclosed playground allows children to play outdoors?

What if you turned around and looked south, back toward the Church and you experienced a feeling of comfort, wonder, amazement and energy – because this All Saints Pasadena campus now has indoor and outdoor sacred space, places to meet, pray, grieve, sing, plan, give and move forward in our mission of peace and justice here, within our parish, the community, the world? You would say, “What took us so long?”

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# Sunday

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

## ADULTS AT 10:15

### RECTOR'S FORUM

#### Envisioning the New Buildings with Ed Bacon and Friends

Making God's love tangible is an operating metaphor for All Saints Church. This goal is taking shape in our exciting plan to build new buildings. As we continue working to obtain the permissions needed from the city to break ground, we have the opportunity this Sunday to visualize the new spaces that will house the programs which will help to make God's love tangible to more people in a variety of ways. Ed Bacon and actors from the parish will take us on a visionary tour of the campus, including the Forum and alternative worship space, the Plaza, the Children, Youth & Families Building, the Coffee and Book Shop, and the Outreach Building for incubating the new programs All Saints is renowned for. Gather in the driveway next to the office building at 10:15. Bring your questions, comments and imagination. Forum

## FOR CHILDREN

### Preschool (ages 2-4), SCOTT HALL

9:00 Infant and Child Care with Bible Stories  
10:30 **Rooms 2 and 3:** *Faces of Easter, Part 1*

### 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—Faces of Easter, Parts I & II*  
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**  
*Lent Series*

### JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH ROOMS

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

The Rector will preach on *Temptation as Clarification* at 7:30, 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.

The Rev. Abel Lopez will preach at the 1 p.m. Spanish-English service.

At 9 and 11:15, Coventry Choir will offer the *Great Litany* with soloist Vincent Robles, *Todo quanto pudo dar* and *Quiere Dios que le ofrezcamos* by Francisco Guerrero.

**Incense will be used at the 9 & 11:15 a.m. services;** an "Incense-Free" zone will be available in the Guild Room.

### SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURES

Deuteronomy 26:1-11  
Romans 10:8b-13  
Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16  
Luke 4:1-13

## Save March 21-22! "Grace Trumps" with Serene Jones

The Rev. Dr. Serene Jones is coming to All Saints to talk about "Grace Trumps: Claiming the power of God's grace to triumph over crisis."

Dr. Jones is the President of Union Theological Seminary. Previously on the faculty at Yale University, she has authored or edited 7 books and numerous articles and has been featured in the national media, including Oprah's Soul Series with Ed Bacon.

Ed was excited by her story: "Serene's incandescently bright personality coupled with her passionate discussion of 21st century Christianity made me want to know her and learn more from her," he said. "During my radio program, Serene spoke of the power and centrality of Grace, telling me the transformative story of a horrible period in her life in which she went through divorce, suffered a major physical breakdown resulting in a traumatic hospitalization, and then found her new life through Grace. I wanted her to come tell her story at All Saints."

On **Sunday, March 21**, Dr. Jones will preach at 9:00 and 11:15 a.m., give the Rector's Forum presentation at 10:15 a.m., and have a presentation at 7:00 p.m.

On **Monday, March 22**, there will be a workshop at 5:30 p.m. with presentation by Dr. Jones at 6:30 p.m.

Please don't miss being transformed by the soulful intellectual firepower of this amazing 21st century religious leader. Your life will be empowered by her story. All events are at All Saints Church, and are free and open to the public. Child care is available for children from infancy through fifth grade by calling 626.583.2781 at least 24 hours in advance. No reservations are needed for Sunday mornings. For more information call Norma Sigmund at 626.583.2734.

## All Saints Sabbath Suppers to be held in March

You are cordially invited to participate in a wonderful experience this Lenten season which helps people in our large parish to connect with one another in conversations around a meal.

A few years ago at a Parish Retreat on the topic of Sabbath, guest speaker Rabbi Sharon Brous inspired us with her description of the Sabbath in the Jewish tradition especially the meal. With the lighting of the candles on Friday night, one crosses the threshold into some liminal space, a time outside regular time, into God's time. The evening begins with the blessing of the light, the bread and the wine. The conversation revolves around where people are on their journeys, what they have found meaningful in their past experiences, and any other naturally arising topics which help people connect with one another. Although the Jewish Sabbath is on Friday evenings, our Sabbath Suppers will be held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings (or lunch) on the last two weekends before Easter.

Sabbath Suppers provide an excellent opportunity to take time out from the fast pace of our lives. The Jewish Sabbath begins at sundown, no matter what. It cannot be delayed until one is ready for it. It just comes. And one stops. In our culture the idea of stopping before one's work is done is daunting. We worry about stopping before we've completed our work and the items on our 'to-do' list. However, as we realize when we do take time-outs, we're still able to accomplish what we set out to do. The Sabbath Supper offers a special opportunity for that reenergizing time-out.

Sharing food is at the heart of our Judeo-Christian faith. The holy meal of Eucharist is the centerpiece of our faith community. The idea that God sets a banquet before us with room for every single person on the face of the earth is central to our life. A meal is a lovely way in which to reflect on life and its meanings. We are fed by the actual food and by our understandings of one another. Sabbath Suppers offer wonderful opportunities to receive this sustenance.

In March 2009 many All Saints parishioners enjoyed participating in Sabbath Suppers. The Suppers were

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happy experiences of sharing spirituality, warm fellowship and good food in the informal atmosphere of people's homes. Because of the success of last spring's Suppers, the Growth and Incorporation Committee is planning Sabbath Suppers to be held on the weekends of March 19, 20 and 21 and March 26, 27 and 28.

Take time out to participate in the Sabbath Supper experience. Sign up for one of the Sabbath Suppers at the Sabbath Supper Table on the lawn on February 21, 28 and March 7.

### Alternative Routes During the Pasadena Marathon, February 21

The Pasadena marathon is scheduled for Sunday, February 21. Certain streets, which could affect your getting to church, will be closed. For alternative routes please refer to the All Saints website, [www.allsaints-pas.org](http://www.allsaints-pas.org) or the handouts at the welcome and action table on the lawn. For additional information on street closure refer to [www.pasadenamarathon.org](http://www.pasadenamarathon.org).

### 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 awareness 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.

### Bill Cunliffe Plays his Grammy Award Winning "West-Side Story Medley" at Jazz Vespers!

Join us Sunday, Feb. 28, at 5:00 p.m. in the Chancel. Our Composer-in-Residence Bill Cunliffe is gathering nationwide attention with his innovative and swinging recordings and compositions. He first fell under the influence of jazz by studying at Duke University with the great pianist Mary Lou Williams; won several Down Beat Awards as an Eastman student; and the Thelonious Monk International Jazz Piano Award; and

has received stipends from the National Endowment for the Arts. As a composer/arranger Bill has been nominated for two Emmys and three Grammys, winning the Grammy this year for "West-Side Story Medley."

Christina Honchell will offer a meditation. Child care is provided. If you would like to use the elevator for accessibility, please arrive five minutes early. For more information, contact Melissa Hayes at 626.583.2725 or [mhayes@allsaints-pas.org](mailto:mhayes@allsaints-pas.org).

### Bereavement Support

Grief is the natural, unlearned reaction to a very deep sorrow related to the lose of a loved one. Everyone's response to grief is entirely different and there can be no "right" way to grieve. The morning bereavement group offers skilled facilitators to help ease the path to an eventual "new normal". Persons in grief have found that they learn from one another. "She is experiencing similar feelings to the ones I have." "I know just what he is saying about how he feels." The sharing of thoughts, worries, concerns has been extremely helpful to our participants. The group meets on every other Wednesday in the Small Lounge from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. It does not matter where you are in your grief process, everyone is welcome.

### Lunch of Compassion with The Writers Group of The Women's Room

The Women's Community and Sustainable World cordially invite all members of the parish to attend the final Lunch of Compassion on Sunday, March 7, at 12:30 p.m. in Sweetland Hall. The program is "Among Women," readings by members of the Writers Group at The Women's Room (TWR), a daytime refuge in Pasadena for women who are homeless or at-risk.

The women's compositions are the products of "Courage to Write," a class sponsored by La Pintoresca Library and the Ecumenical Council of Pasadena Area Churches, home of TWR. "Courage to Write" offers a way to strip off layers of social niceties or disturbances, to dig deep and find the authentic within," says Esther Bradley DeTally, teacher of the class. Esther has published in numerous publications and is author of *Without a Net: A Sojourn to Russia*. Her latest book is *You Can Carry the Heavy Stuff*.

Net proceeds from the Lunch will go to the Downtown Women's Center.

Advance reservations are \$15 and must be received by February 28. The cost will be \$20 at the door (space permitting), or \$8 plus a bag of food for the pantry at the Ecumenical Council/Friends in Deed. For more information contact Chris at [chrsvander@mindspring.com](mailto:chrsvander@mindspring.com) or MaryLouise at [molau@charter.net](mailto:molau@charter.net). For child care, please phone the Child Care Coordinator at 626.583.2781 one week in advance. There is plenty of free parking in the Kaiser Parking Lot, corner of Euclid and Walnut Street.

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

### Sacred Journeys Presents: "Abiding in the House of Love"

Join us for an inspiring and transformational small group that will give you some important tools for your spiritual toolbox. This group will be led by Robert Cornell, Hilda Boulware, and Kathleen Stroup, who have had extensive training in the Spiritual Psychology program at the University of Santa Monica. This group is free of charge and will be kept to thirty participants, so sign up early to be part of this supportive community of spiritual learning and personal growth. In this group you will:

\*Experience the power of entering deeply into knowing that you are God's beloved child...

\*Find new inspiration for your spiritual journey- even in challenging times like these...

\*Discover new ways to get unstuck when your buttons are being pushed...

\*Learn about how your ego keeps you from accomplishing important things in your life - and how to move ahead!

\*Reconnect with or deepen your sense of being called into ministry and service to others with your unique God given talents.

Meetings will be held from 1-3 p.m. the second and fourth Sundays of the month beginning March 14 and ending June 20. Contact Robert Cornell at [robertbcornell@earthlink.net](mailto:robertbcornell@earthlink.net) or 626.398.5581 to sign up and for further details.

### 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 (started 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? – Zeld Kennedy

Sign up at the Small Groups Table on the Lawn or email [amccormick@allsaints-pas.org](mailto:amccormick@allsaints-pas.org).

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## Transformational Journey To Kenya

Kenya is a beautiful country in East Africa. It is also one of those that has been severely affected by climate change. Nomadic communities, the Maasai among them, have been adversely affected. Poverty has increased tremendously especially among families.

All Saints is organizing a Transformational Journey to Kenya from July 18-31 to see firsthand the effects of climate change and how the nomadic communities are coping; their struggles and their hope. A two-day safari will be offered as an option at the end of the trip.

Please contact Betty Kisimir and Charles Haig on [allsaintskenyatj@](mailto:allsaintskenyatj@)

[yahoo.com](http://yahoo.com) for details or call 626.325.3185.

### Authors Coming to All Saints

The following authors will be coming to All Saints soon:

- **Jodi Picault**, *House Rules* - Tuesday, March 16

- **Diarmaid MacCulloch**, speaking about his new book, *Christianity, the First Thousand Years* - **Wednesday, March 24.**

All events will begin at 7 p.m. in the Forum. Books will be available for sale and signing.


# prayers

FOR THE PARISH COMMUNITY

**Remember those for whom prayers have been requested:** Julien Salomen; Laura Belliott & Family; Lorme Davis & Cheryl Fresen; Jean DiVito; Krysta Harmon; Amanda Hensley; Thomas B. Hubbard; Eddie Jimenez; Andy Lurie; Alexis Marinovich; Tassa Markman & Family; Bernard Millard; Joan Milne; Viki Miller; the Montalvo Family; Alice J. Peters; Christian Quiroz and Rey; the Ramirez Family; Marilyn Shepherd; Rob Simpson; Allison Solberg; Julie Sorensen; Sue Szabo; Rosina Valencia; the Valles Family; Amy Ward; Clemencia Walker; Becky Zens; Malcolm, Amy & Baby; Timmy; Michele; Kisha; Makisha; Donsa & Thaydiana; Richard

**For those who have died:** Karen Cutts; Mbu Deliwé; Pablo Ramirez; Nancy Roberts

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