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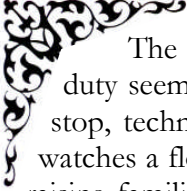
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From the Rector



The idea of the Sabbath as a day set aside from the ordinary press of duty seems an increasingly difficult spiritual discipline to master in our non-stop, technologically suffused, So Cal pattern of living. This shepherd often watches a flock driven to near distraction by the many and various demands of raising families and the pursuit of excellence in employment, vocation and volunteer commitments. I puzzle over how the Church might offer deeper respite and renewal to such harried folk!

I will have greater leisure during the summer months to pursue this and other questions, as the flock provides the shepherd with the very Sabbath rest the shepherd so desires for his flock, and in much more intensive form than a single day plucked from the week. The notion of Sabbath resonates deeply in the idea of "sabbatical" time...a period away for study and travel. Traditionally granted to academics, in the past quarter century the Episcopal Church has extended periods of sabbatical to its clergy. Charley Haupt and Brian Tyler made certain sabbatical time was a feature of the covenant between new Rector and parish when I was called to St. Edmund's in 1995. I didn't think much of it at the time, having never been on sabbatical, but am now immensely grateful!

This sabbatical, my third, will be spent again in Buenos Aires, Argentina in a Barrio Norte apartment ten blocks from where I rented during my last sabbatical. I will be working on my Spanish with esteemed instructor Gabriela Ferrante (www.gabrielaferrente.com.ar), roughing out a writing project, renewing my commitment to an exercise schedule, and enjoying the art, music, opera, and bife de chorizo of affordable, civilized and culturally rich Buenos Aires. Partner Henry Chavarria joins me mid-June after his duties are wrapped up, and cousin Jeremy McGrew, whom some of you will remember from when he worked with the youth of our parish, comes for a few weeks end of June.

On my last sabbatical I was able to make progress on two manuscripts, the first, **INTRODUCTIONS TO THE LESSONS OF THE CHURCH YEAR**, was published with Bishop Frederick Borsch in 2009, and the second, **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**, is due out from St. Mark's Press this summer. One of my first tasks in Buenos Aires will be to finish the introduction to that completed work, and make sure all is honed and ready for publication. Aspirations to address a non-liturgically focused book run high for this sabbatical, though I hope to discipline myself to work rather less than I did during my last time away.

This sabbatical would not be possible apart from a healthy parish, a solid Vestry, a remarkably gifted Senior Warden in Lauren Chang, and the best project manager one could want in Mark Miller, who will be directing the renovation of our

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Educational Wing together with our engaged and able Junior Warden, George Seitz. Kathy Sweeney and the Finance Committee will continue to exercise fiduciary prudence and stewardship, and the Office Staff will manage day to day concerns with their usual excellence.

This sabbatical would *really* not be possible without the willingness of Canon Colville Smythe to assume Sunday and occasional pastoral duties during my time away. Canon Smythe is, as you know, an outstanding and well-seasoned priest and the retired Rector of St. Mark's Church in Altadena. He and wife Sylvia have brought a super-abundance of gifts to our parish, and have been in every way a blessing. Canon Smythe is a fine pastor, preacher and liturgist, and, while he will not normally be in the office, he will collaborate with Vestry and Office Staff to provide ministry and presence as needed, in addition to presiding at Sunday liturgies.

As privileged as I am to be extended a regular sabbatical, it isn't particularly easy to step away. I love my people, thrive in my vocation, and worry over those of you facing present challenge. I take solace in remembering that the ministry of the laity, not the ministry of the ordained, is at the core of the Church, and that God is well able to exercise the gifts of the Spirit among you for God's continued good purpose. In confidence, then, I leave the witness and ministry of St. Edmund's Parish in your certain hands, and ask your prayers as I trade summer for winter, fish for beef, and work for leisure.

¡Hasta pronto! GFW+

EPISCOPAL VISITATION AND CONFIRMATIONS

The Right Reverend Mary Glasspool-preached and presided at Confirmation and Holy Eucharist this past February.

A Howl of the Wolf to all who were Received and Confirmed: George John Seitz, and Henry Leonel Chavarria, Gail Wheeler Rolfe, John Howard Quinn, Brent Lee Barker, John Rawlins de Lorimier, Matthew Ronald Harrington,

Monica Cecilia De Jesu, Alec Romero Mena, Alfred Winborne Mordecai, Jr., Nathaniel Wheeler Rolfe, Lindsay Elizabeth Saldebar, Amanda Eleanor Shankwiler, Laurie Charlotte Shrader, Katherine Ann Allen, Marion Mackenzie Diaz, Matthew Conrad Johnson, Natalie Kay Johnson, William West Dixon, Noah James Mathis, Keshan Sirimane, and Emma Woodman.



FAMILY AND FAITH SERIES



Marguerite and Hal Hennacy—

who better to talk to about St. Edmund's Episcopal Church and its many facets. Together they've covered the

gamut of responsibilities and activities at our Church, Vestry, President of the Altar Guild, Financial Affairs, Board Member of the Nursery School (Hal), Lay Reader (Marguerite). The Hennacys are like clean-up batters, willing to jump in to knock home runs and save the day, whatever the project.

And speaking of baseball, that was an important part of their Stanford romance. Just before Spring Break in her senior year, Marguerite went to a baseball game on campus and connected with the first baseman, Hal. Actually she had him in her sights from Guthrie House across the street to the ATO house where Hal played volleyball on the front lawn. Hal had come to the university after 3 years in the Army Air Corps (which became the Air Force), so he was older if a few quarters behind her. They married in the summer after his graduation (Marguerite used her BA in Education and taught school while Hal finished up), and moved to the Hastings Ranch section of Pasadena.

Marguerite remembers well when they joined St. Edmund's—the Hennacys had two sons, and she had just discovered that Suzanne was on the way. Hal was a Presbyterian and Marguerite an Episcopalian—but St. Edmund's won his heart when he heard the Reverend Aaron Driver, the Rector in 1956, give a sermon about baptism and how wonderful it was to hold the ceremony before the whole church. He confirmed that the Reverend

Driver's other sermons were riveting as well. The Hennacy family soon augmented the congregation at St. Edmund's with another daughter, Carol, and with their enthusiastic support especially in the 8 o'clock service enclave, where Marguerite is currently a reader. Hal joined his father-in-law's insurance company, then took it over himself, first having an office on Wilshire Blvd. at the outskirts of Beverly Hills, and finally moving into the Mission District of San Marino.

Currently Hal and Marguerite are involved in a special "renaissance:" the Men's Breakfast Club—which will start anew this month at their residence on San Pasqual with Marguerite serving up a tasty repast. They hope it will gather steam and become the great gathering place that it had served in times gone by.

What do they love the most about St. Edmund's that brings them to the Chapel each Sunday? Easy—The Reverend George Woodward III, our Rector. "He strikes the perfect balance in his sermons, opens our eyes to ways we can do more, help more, without scolding," says Marguerite. "He's so intelligent—from just a few notes in his hand he spins out quotes, and steps from one revelation to another. I wish we had a way to let more people know about George; the Church would be overflowing," Hal opines. The Hennacys appreciate that George creates the perfect 8 o'clock service for traditional Episcopalians, and another service of music and more contemporary spirit for the 10 o'clock. He's generous with the comforts of the Church; "he even married our son who doesn't go to Church; of course, his wife does. He knows each parishioner that he gives a birthday blessing to—and creates something very personal," reminds Hal. Fifty-Five years at St. Edmund's—the Hennacys are a stellar family in the support of our Church, and they continue to find new, loving ways to bring us all together.

—*Jessica Niblo*

SABBATICAL FUND

Father George has departed to a well-deserved, and very infrequent sabbatical for three months in Buenos Aires, Argentina. We hope that he recovers from his 24/7 devotion to our parish by using his time in creative and inspiring pursuits so that he will return to our parish refreshed and energized again.

In support of his sabbatical and as a token of our affection for him, a fund has been established for his personal use. This is entirely at your discretion. All who wish to contribute may do so in any

amount by sending a check payable to: **St. Edmunds Episcopal Church.** *Note on the memo line: Sabbatical Fund—Father George Woodward.* Checks or cash may be delivered to the office or mailed to: P.O. Box 80038, San Marino 91108.

Thank you for your thoughtful gift for Father George who gives so much of his heart to our parish.

Laureen Chang
Senior Warden



50 FABULOUS WOMEN OF INFLUENCE

St. Edmund's Nursery School's Head of School, Darlene Porter, has been selected as one of the top 50 *Fabulous Women of Influence* by THE Magazine of Pasadena.

Darlene was chosen from a group of over 400 candidates by the judges at THE Magazine. The criteria was to identify the most outstanding women in the Foothills based on their spirit, heart, mind and persona and who had the most positive influence on their individual communities.

She will be featured in the May Issue of THE Magazine and be inducted into the 50 Fabulous Women Hall of Fame for a lifetime at THE Magazine. The May issue will be on newsstands by May 24th.

A gala to honor Darlene and the other 49 women chosen this year will be held on Tuesday, May 24th on the Spectacular Roof Top of Terra Bella from 5pm to 7pm. You are welcome to join in the celebration. Secure your tickets at www.themagazine.biz



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NOTES FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT



Easter Celebrations at St. Edmund's were well attended, and the music enjoyed by all. We welcomed back trumpeters Christopher Still and James Wilt from the Los Angeles Philharmonic, who played Vivaldi's Concerto for Two Trumpets, and Jeremiah Clarke's Trumpet Voluntary. They also joined the choir for the Offertory anthem, Ralph Vaughan-Williams famous "O Clap Your Hands." Our soloists contributed to the Maundy Thursday and Good Friday liturgies. St. Edmund's Bell Choir, under the direction of Sylvia Smythe, performed on their newly refurbished bells at the 10:00 service.

Our Sunday afternoon organ recital series continues to generate great interest in the community, and local organists are now seeking us out to perform on our series. Thanks to an increase of the budget, we can now pay the recitalists, and collect a free will offering to offset the costs. Susan Heard and Cheryl Mendoza have been helping out with post concert receptions, and their assistance is greatly appreciated. Organist choir-

master Rob Hovencamp played a recital of Bach, Franck and Tournemire on March 20. Ae-Kyong Kim, organist of First United Methodist Church of Pasadena presented a recital of Bach Mader Hindemith, and Mozart on April 10. Upcoming recitals include Namhee Han, organist of Westwood Presbyterian Church, will present a recital of Bach Franck, and Vierne on June 5 at 4:00pm.

The American Guild of Organists Los Angeles Chapter will present a dinner and concert event at St. Edmund's on November 14th, 2011 at 7:00 in the church. The scheduled recitalist is Szymon Grab.

The St, Edmund's Men's Choir will perform again on June 12, which is the last choir Sunday of the season before we break for the summer vacation. There's a sign up sheet in the narthex, and if you have any questions, please see the Organist/Choirmaster.

Robert Hovencamp
Organist/Choirmaster

MEN OF ST. EDMUND'S: BREAKFAST IS SERVED!

Enjoy coffee and eggs on the way to work! Meet old friends and new! Engage one another, and the parish clergy, on issues in the world and in the church! Our heavenly hosts Hal and Marguerite Hennacy are reopening their home for us to meet once a month on Tuesday mornings, . ALL men of the parish are invited

6:30am *Gather and gab at the Hennacy's. Breakfast is served.
Conversation and study follow.*

8:00ish *On our way, rejoicing*

The Hennacy's home is at 3531 San Pasqual, east of San Gabriel Blvd. and 1 ½ blocks west of Rosemead.

Please call/e-mail Isabel in the church office if you will be attending, as we need a head count for breakfast. Thank you!



RENOVATION OF EDUCATIONAL WING

There's great excitement brewing on the second floor of the Education Wing, home of the St. Edmund's Sunday School. And the member of St. Edmund's Church who has kindly taken on the responsibility of project manager and general contractor is Mark Miller, serving in The Reverend George Woodward's place while our Rector is on Sabbatical until August.

Mark, along with the La Canada Design Group, is in charge of taking the original and now rather old fashioned second floor and updating it with new heat and air, new windows and awnings (no more hot Augusts to suffer through), a major cosmetic facelift with new carpeting and paint, bathroom upgrades and a library redesign, all this helped in part by the grace of the Ahmanson Foundation and Robert De Kruif. Mark will be supervising the improvements, with a target date of completion as the time that our Rector returns from El Salvador and our children return to Sunday School—mid-August.

Nancy and Mark, and their children, Jim and Jessica, have been an important part of St. Edmund's parish for over 14 years. They met when Mark (and Easterner/Southerner) and Nancy (pure Westerner—from San Diego to

Stanford... Nancy's class was the first to call itself "cardinal") met when their careers as builder/developer and attorney put them at the same conference tables. Nancy has served on the Vestry, and Jessie and Jim are part of the St. Edmund's youth group, which they work hard to sandwich in between Clairbourn School activities. The Millers joined our parish at the suggestion of Alan Steinbrecher, Nancy's law partner at Paul, Hastings. Nancy had been a Catholic and Mark as a "Methodist from South Carolina". St. Edmund's blended everything they were looking for in a Church and a faith. The Millers arrived at the Church about the same time as Fr. George, and their relationship is a strong one. "George is a great writer—have you read his two books?" Mark asks. "And he's working on a third one. He's very very smart...and