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Assisting

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The Vestry

Mr. Alan Steinbrecher Senior Warden
Mr. Brad Martinez, Junior Warden
Ms. Sylvia Smythe, Clerk

Class of '14

Ms. Michelle Harrington
Ms. Marguerite Hennacy
Mr. Brad Martinez
Mr. Mark Miller

Class of '15

Gail Rolfe
Carolyn Seitz
Alan Steinbrecher
Bill Youngblood

Class of '16

Jim Balbin
Jose Guerrero
John Miller
Sylvia Smythe



From the Rector

On Christmas Day in 1864, an Episcopalian service of Morning Prayer was offered in Odd Fellows Hall near the Old Plaza in Los Angeles. The Reverend Elias Birdsall, a thirty-four year old missionary priest from Indiana summoned to Los Angeles by Bishop Kip of San Francisco, presided at the liturgy. The Great Drought of 1862-1865 had begun to abate, but the Civil War continued to rage.

In 1865 Birdsall's congregation of St. Athanasius, named for the 4th century bishop of Alexandria, occupied its first red brick building near the present City Hall. The next April 19th, the priest delivered a public funeral oration following the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln. That sermon text survives, and will be re-read this next April 19th at a commemorative observance.

St. Athanasius became the oldest continuing Protestant house of worship in Los Angeles, still flourishing today in the Cathedral Center, residing in Echo Park.

Over the course of the coming year, our Diocese, now comprised of 145 missions and parishes and extending from Santa Maria in the North to San Juan Capistrano in the South, and stretching East to Needles, will celebrate 150 years of ministry in the Southland. Our Bishop Diocesan, the Right Reverend J. Jon Bruno, has christened this year "Horizons & Heritage," with many mile-stone events planned to mark the way.

In 2016 St. Edmund's Parish will celebrate its 75th anniversary year, placing our founding at mid-point in the story of the Diocese of Los Angeles. In 2016 the Feast of St. Edmund, November 20th, falls propitiously on a Sunday, so reserve that Festal Day now on your busy calendars!

Our endeavors in service to Christ stand on the foundation of those who have gone before, and who labored faithfully in their day to build the Church, celebrate the Sacraments, proclaim the Gospel, and establish God's justice in the lives of the people they served. As we approach the celebration of the Feast of St. Edmund and the 73rd year of the Episcopal Church in San Marino, I am mindful of our fore bearers and of their faithfulness.

Deborah and Bob Wycoff hosted a wonderful All Saints' Day evening Legacy Society Cocktail Party November 2nd in gratitude for all of those making provision for St. Edmund's Parish in decades to come. We were especially put in mind of the Legacy Gift of \$73,000 from the Estate of Elizabeth "Libby" Lent received this year, and of all those who have joined the Legacy Society, indicating their commitment to remember St. Edmund's in estate planning.

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LEGACY SOCIETY MEMBERS

(as of November 2014)

If you have made provision for the Parish in your Estate Planning and are not here listed, kindly inform Office and Rector!



Jeanne & Robert DeKruif
Art Dewey
Jane & Tom Glover
Mimi & Charles Hanzel
Michelle and Ron Harrington
Jan & Charles Haupt
Marguerite and Hal Hennacy
Helen Henrickson
Katherine and Paul Johnson
Jeanie Kemp
Catherine & John McCourt
Carlene & John Carlene Miller
Walter Norton
Pamela Payne
Julie & John Quinn
Pamela & Bob Risinger
Nan Schow
Janet & Emmons Sebenius
Carolyn and George Seitz
Michael Adam Smith
Sylvia & The Reverend Canon Colville Smythe
Kevin & Kathryn Sweeney
Joanie Tsagalakis
The Reverend Canon George Woodward III
Deborah & Robert Wycoff
Billie Youngblood-Knolle

MEMBER NECROLOGY

Margaret Campbell
Elizabeth Lent
Louisa Martineau
Nancy & James Munroe
Joan Norton
Howard Schow
Annie Lou & Walter White
Louise Wolters

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ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

TRADITIONAL ADVENT HYMNS AND SERVICES

ADVENT ONE, TWO, THREE & FOUR

8 a.m. in the Chapel

10 a.m. in the Church (Sunday School & Child Care)

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT DECEMBER 21ST

ADVENT FOURTH

Our raucous annual Christmas Pageant at 10 a.m.!

FESTAL CANDLELIGHT EUCHARIST (CHILDREN'S FOCUS)

DECEMBER 24TH—4:30 P.M.

Christmas Eve Family Service

FESTAL CANDLELIGHT CHORAL EUCHARIST

DECEMBER 24TH - 8:40 P.M. Music

9 P.M. Liturgy

The Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist,
with St. Edmund's magnificent Choir,
joined by guests from LA Opera Chorus
The Modern Brass Quintet

Music of Gabrieli and Bach

Robert Hovencamp, Organist/Choirmaster

Choir and Organ music by Chilcott, Forrest, and Southall

St. Edmund's Handbell Choir, Sylvia Smythe, Director

CHRISTMAS DAY FESTAL EUCHARIST

December 25th – 8:30 a.m. in the Chapel

**ORGANIST & CHOIRMASTER, MR. ROBERT HOVENCAMP
THE REVEREND CANON COLVILLE SMYTHE, ASSISTING
THE REVEREND CANON GEORGE F. WOODWARD III, RECTOR**

(NO CHILD CARE WILL BE PROVIDED ON DECEMBER 24TH)

NOTES FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT



Christmas will be upon us sooner than we think, and the choir is already preparing for the Christmas season. Preparations for our annual Service of Lessons and Carols are already underway, which will be presented on **December 7, 2014 at 7:30pm**. St. Edmund's Choir will be joined again by guests from the Los Angeles Opera, and we will truly make a joyful sound. We will present music of Alexander Guilmant, Will Todd, Dan Forrest, Howard Helvey, Ralph Vaughan-Williams, and others. A festive reception will follow in Fellows Hall. Please mark your calendars and join us for this magnificent yearly event. Lessons and Carols is an excellent way to start your Holiday mood.

The St. Edmund's Bell Choir, under the direction of Sylvia Smythe will be playing on St. Edmund's Day at the 10:00am Eucharist, as well as both services on Christmas Eve.

Christmas Eve Late Service will feature the Modern Brass Quintet, with music for Brass and Organ. We look forward to their return every Christmas Eve, as they

fill our sanctuary with glorious music. The St. Edmund's Choir will also be joined by several singers from the Los Angeles Opera. Join us for an evening of fantastic music! Note the change in service time from 10 p.m. to **9 p.m. with music beginning at 8:40 p.m.**

ORGAN RECITALS FOR THE SPRING SEASON HAVE BEEN ANNOUNCED. SAVE THE DATES!

February 8, 2015 at 4:00 PM -
Zoltan Varga

February 22, 2015 at 4:00 PM -
Dr. James Vail

April 19, 2015 at 4:00 PM -
Dr. Ray Urwin

May 3, 2015 at 4:00 PM -
Robert Hovencamp

More information on the organ recitals will follow in the next Magna Carta.

*Robert Hovencamp,
Organist/Choirmaster*

SUNDAY SCHOOL



Sunday School—Pre K Class



Sunday School

CHRISTMAS AT ST. EDMUND'S



Christmas Flower and Greens - The Altar Guild is making plans for the greening of the Chapel and Church for the Christmas season. If you wish to offer a memorial and/or thanksgiving to honor family or friends during the Christmas season, please send the text

as you would like it to appear in the service leaflet, along with your donation payable to St. Edmund's Altar Guild, to Isabel Roa in the Church office no later than December 17th. The Altar Guild thanks you for your support.



The Children of Hillsides need our help this Christmas season to make their holidays bright. The wish tags will be available in the Narthex, starting on November 23rd. Shop, and return the unwrapped gift with the tag attached to

the Narthex or church office by Sunday, December 14th, toys will be taken to Hillside on Monday, December 15th in the morning.



The Altar Guild invites you to join us for "The Greening of the Church and Chapel in preparation for Christmas Eve and Christmas services. This annual event is a wonderful way to begin the celebration of Christmas and your help is needed.

We will be hanging wreaths and pew swags, adding bows, arranging potted poinsettias, and enjoying the spirit of the Christmas season as a community. A date will be announced in Edmund's Notes and Sunday Bulletin in the coming weeks.



Lessons & Carols—On Sunday, December 7, 2014 at 7:30pm, St. Edmund's will present their annual Service of Lessons and Carols and Choir Concert. The Chancel Choir, joined by guests from the Los Angeles Opera and Master Chorale, will perform carols and anthems by Helevey, Todd, Chilcott and Vaughan-Williams.

St. Edmund's Organist and Choirmaster Robert Hovencamp will direct the choir and perform Alexander Guilmant's *March on a Theme of Handel* on St.

Edmund's magnificent Aeolian-Skinner/Rosales pipe organ. The program includes Advent hymns and carols sung by the congregation and choir, as well as scripture readings for the Advent and Christmas season. The Reverend Canon George F. Woodward III will preside. There will be a festive reception following the performance. The concert is free, and there is ample parking. We hope you will join us for this annual holiday event. It's a great way to start your holiday season!

MASS ON THE GRASS



A Good Time Was Had by all!!

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE

Wednesday, November 26th, 7 p.m. —Join us for our annual ecumenical celebration of Holy Communion as we share gratitude to God on Thanksgiving Eve! This year is an “away game” at Trinity Lutheran Church one block South of St. Edmund’s Parish on San Gabriel Blvd. Magnificent Lutheran Pies will follow our worship! Preacher: Canon Smythe, Celebrant: Pastor McGee; Trinity Lutheran Church.

NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS



St. Edmund's Nursery School families, alumni, friends and staff enjoyed a fabulous Fall Festival held on campus Friday, Oct. 17th. What a wonderful way to kick off the school year in true family fun fashion.

We have much to look forward to as we head into the Fall season. As a reminder, school will be closed November 11th in honor of Veteran's Day. Now through November 22nd we will be sponsoring our Hillside Community Donation drive, helping young adults make their way back into society.

Beginning November 3 we will be selling Scrip for a multitude of vendors. A percentage of your purchase goes directly back to the Nursery School and you pay

no additional fee but enjoy all the benefits of gift cards! Stop by our front office for an order form or we would be happy to email you a form.

Our Thanksgiving Celebration and Pow Wow will be held Monday, Nov. 24th and 25th for our families and Staff. The school will be closed Wednesday, Nov 26- Nov. 28 in honor of the Thanksgiving holiday.

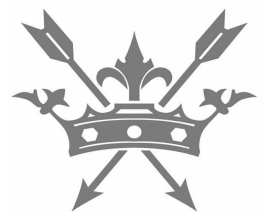
As a reminder, we offer tours of the Nursery School anytime between 9:30-11:00 Monday through Wednesday without an appointment. Just stop by and we would be happy to answer questions and have you visit our campus.

We want to wish everyone a blessed Thanksgiving with their family and friends.



FEAST OF ST. EDMUND

Join the Rector at 4 p.m. on Sunday, November 9th to learn more about St. Edmund and how our Patron marks the world as we prepare for our Patronal Feast observed November 23rd.



FROM THE PARISH REGISTER...

Baptisms: Joshua Robert Yundt, Rowan Donald Pawley

Burials: James B. Hicks, Elizabeth Norton Stanton



STEDY

ST. EDMUND'S YOUTH

Our mission is to establish a safe and creative environment for the spiritual formation and development of character among the young men and women of our parish. We strive together with them to learn the ways of discipleship and sacrificial service in pursuit of Christ's vision, participating fully in St. Edmund's commitment to receive and share God's accepting grace, challenging wisdom, and transforming love.

What has Stedy been up to?

Fall is here—but you might not be able to tell by the weather. This semester our students began confirmation class, founded new acolyte teams, sailed a boat in Newport Beach, went rock climbing, served with the Compton Initiative, participated in Stedy's first local mission trip, and resumed D-Groups and Youth Group. We have been busy! In Youth Group (Sundays, 7-8:30PM) our students have completed a series called Fresh Start, exploring different people in the Bible that God gave a "do-over." We have also begun a new series on Faith & Doubt, asking the hard questions of Christianity. In D-Groups (Sundays, 8:45-9:30AM), we are working through a series called Serving Like Jesus to prepare us for the Local Mission Trip. Thank you for all you have done to support our students. We could not do it without you!

Acolyte's Corner

We have four new acolyte teams, and six stunning captains! This year, teams are student-led, with the assistance of Rich DeLorimier and Jim Schlancer. Our captains are responsible for training their team members, arranging for enough participants each Sunday, and communicating between all twenty-four acolytes. It is a big responsibility,

but they are doing a great job!

All of our acolytes are also now able to participate in D-Groups each and every Sunday. The time change to 8:45-9:30AM gives students the opportunity to participate in biblical study, and also serve in their various areas of ministry during the 10AM service.

Nate, co-captain of Team 3, receiving his pendant of Saint Edmund with Father George. Our other captains are Carolyn (Team 1), Olivia (Team 2), Matt (Team 3), and Jack and Fiona (Team 4).



Upcoming events

November:

7-9: Local Mission Trip

16: Chili Luncheon Fundraiser
Fellow's Hall, 11:30AM

December:

6: Baking with Julie
Lizard Hill, 1-6PM

Do you know a parishioner who might like some cookies and a visit from a couple of students? Email Dani!

7: Lessons and Carols
Church, 7:00PM

Holiday Break

November: 9, 23, 30

December: 14, 21, 28

January: 4

The holidays are chaos. Use this time to rest, play, and reflect. There will be no D-Group or Youth Group on the above dates.

Faith in action

“He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.”
— Micah 6:8

Our D-Group for this semester has been about serving, and our students have gotten several opportunities! In October, our students woke up with the sun to serve again with the Compton Initiative at Dominguez High School. This November, students will also participate in Stedy's first local mission trip by spending a weekend at the church and serving in the local community. We

will partner with the Ronald McDonald House, the Wounded Warrior Project, and other local non-profits. In December, students will bake cookies with the fabulous Julie Quinn and visit some of our older parishioners. Many of our students are also serving with Hospitality, as acolytes, or with Cassandra in Children's Sunday School.



Middle school student, Reagan, helps paint a fence at Dominguez High School for the Compton Initiative.

Firm foundations

Our confirmation survey class with Father George saw over a dozen students! In 2015, students will have an opportunity to make a decision to be confirmed with the bishop (date TBA).

Research shows that adolescents who have made a personal, thought-out decision on their faith fare better than their peers in college. By graduation, over half of college students no longer identify as Christian. The teenage years are rough enough, but it is vital that

students ask hard questions, form trusting relationships with adults who will challenge and guide them, develop skills to seek their own answers, and foster habits of spiritual disciplines.

Students are encouraged to continue their faith formation by attending D-Groups from 8:45-9:30AM and Youth Group from 7-8:30PM on Sundays. Stay tuned for more confirmation activities!

“Let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together... but encouraging one another...”
— Hebrews 10:24-25

Thank you, leaders!



We could not do it without you! Stedy would like to thank all of our hard-working, dedicated, and caring leaders. From small groups to special events to the behind-the-scenes work, we appreciate all that you do for us!

It is not just the students who are doing the learning, however. Kelsey, the high school girls co-leader, says, “We have a great

group of youth who consistently impress me by taking our lessons deeper and in different directions than I expect.” Being a leader benefits everybody, keeps us thinking, and is a great way to connect with others.

Interested in serving and playing with us? Contact Dani to find out what opportunities there are!

Leader and student, Kelsey and Kim, work together on Cat's Cradle at the Lake Arrowhead Retreat in August. Kelsey now leads the high school girls small group on Sunday evenings with Christie Ligh (not pictured).

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



STEWARDSHIP 2015

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