

FROM THE RECTOR...

PEACE IN THE VALLEY...



"Peace In The Valley" is the title of an African-American Gospel song written in 1937 by Thomas Andrew Dorsey (1899-1993) for the great Gospel singer Mahalia Jackson.

Mr. Dorsey was becoming increasingly alarmed at the rise of Nazism and the likelihood of war breaking out in Western Europe. He was inspired to write the song while traveling by train through southern Indiana. He saw horses, cows and sheep all peacefully grazing together in a little valley. He asked himself, "Why can't men live together in peace?"

Valleys are mentioned 48 times in the Bible...primarily in the Old Testament. They are often associated with times of turmoil and tribulation. Perhaps the most famous mention of a valley is in Psalm 23...sometimes read at funerals. It could easily be applied on a much broader scale..."Even if I go through the deepest darkness, I will not be afraid, Lord, for you are with me." (TEV)

Under the loving and capable leadership of our late Rector, Father John Altberg, and empowered by a brave and determined Vestry, we travelled through our own "valley of shadows" and have been blessed with many years of "peace in the valley".

Since 2003 we have enjoyed annual visitations by our Episcopal Visitor, The Right Reverend William McClean, Jr. His "wee-bit" of Irish wit left us smiling. Pentecost 2018 was a extra special day for the parish...our Archbishop and Metropolitan, The Most Reverend Mark Haverland, was our Celebrant and Preacher.

In his Patrimonial Report distributed at the Provincial Synod of the Anglican Catholic Church held in Atlanta, Georgia, in October 2017, Archbishop Haverland stated it was his hope Saint Joseph Parish would return to the Diocese of the Holy Trinity in which it is geographically located.

The process of re-building the bridge between the parish and the Diocese of the Holy Trinity began when I phoned The Right Reverend Stephen Scarlett, Bishop Ordinary of the Diocese of the Holy Trinity. I was invited to attend Solemn Evensong at Saint Matthew's, Newport Beach, on their Patronal Festival, 21 September 2018.

Bishop Scarlett was our guest Celebrant and Preacher on the Third Sunday in Advent 16 December 2018 and again on the First Sunday after Trinity 23 June 2019. Everyone enjoyed festive luncheons after both services. Junior Warden Rebekah Shapiro and I attended the Diocesan Synod in June. Old friendships were renewed and new friendships were made.

On Sunday 21 July at the regularly-scheduled vestry Meeting, in accordance with our By-laws, the Vestry voted to re-affiliate Saint Joseph Parish with the Diocese of the Holy Trinity. On 1 August 2019 Archbishop Haverland returned the parish to the Diocese.

Archbishop Haverland, of course, remains our archbishop and Bishop McClean remains a much-loved friend of the parish. We hope to see them both again in the near future. We are grateful to both men for their love and support of Saint Joseph Parish for the past twenty years.

With the return of the parish to the Diocese of the Holy Trinity, Bishop Scarlett becomes our bishop and he will make periodic visitations to the parish. We have already gotten to know Father Blake Schwendimann during his August 2018 visit to the parish. We will get to know other members of the Diocese and they will get to know us...and our love and fellowship for each other will by the Grace of God grow stronger each day.

Moving forward...Saint Joseph Parish will continue to be the welcoming community of traditional Anglicans it has always been ...free of partisan politics...whether church or secular. Our focus will remain making God known through Word and Sacrament to enable spiritual growth.

It is by God's grace and blessings...we have peace in our little valley...and it is by God's grace and blessings it will continue!

Father Craig Looney ✠

ABOUT THIS EDITION...

This edition of *The Parish Times* covers the remainder of the Trinity Season. It contains information about important dates and special services. The next edition will be the Advent-Christmas Edition, which will be sent out in late November.

NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION...



Beginning with this Edition of *The Parish Times*...many of you received your copy via electronic mail. If you received your copy by USPS but would prefer to receive it electronically...please send a e-mail to Father Looney at frpl2004@sbcglobal.net.

The Parish Times is also posted on our parish website www.saintjosephparish.net. Click on the button labeled **News** in the column on the top left side of the home page. You may view and print the current newsletter and previous newsletters archived by year.

Some of you have requested we continue to send your copy of *The Parish Times* by USPS. Please contact Father Looney if you wish to receive your copy of *The Parish Times* by mail. E-mail is the most efficient way of reaching him...a phone call to the Parish Office at 650 347 4423 also works.

CALL PRIMROSE...



CALL Primrose is in need of non-perishable food items all year long. During **September** we will be collecting regular and travel size deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, conditioner and other related items. During **October** we will be collecting canned stews, chili (with or without meat) and hearty soups. Please bring your food contributions to the church on Sunday or by prior arrangement with the Rector during the week. We will deliver them to CALL.

THANKSGIVING BOXES...

Saint Joseph Parish will be participating in CALL Primrose's 2019 Thanksgiving Fill-a-Box/Feed-a-Family program. Last year CALL distributed over 1500 boxes to needy families and individuals. CALL provides a Packing List and requests we pack the items in banker's boxes. The parish will supply the banker's boxes. More information about this program will be provided in the Sunday bulletin.



Vestry Meeting

The next Vestry Meeting will be held on Sunday 15 September immediately following the 9:00 AM Parish Mass. Regular sessions of the Vestry are open to all interested parishioners. In addition to regular business, we will be discussing the Mass schedules for Thanksgiving Day, Christmas, and Lessons and Carols for Advent Sunday.

AUTUMNAL EMBER DAYS...



A Table of Fasts on Page li in the *Book of Common Prayer* designates Ash Wednesday and Good Friday as Days of Fasting. Within the Church...fasting originally meant abstaining from all food or drink especially during Advent and Lent. More recent practice is to fast during the day until sundown.

Many people refrain from eating food or drinking liquids prior to receiving the Blessed Sacrament at Sunday Mass. Abstinence is refraining from certain food or drink for a period of time. Fasting and abstinence should be understood as a spiritual discipline and should be approached with joy.

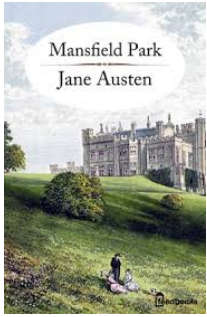
The Ember Days are days of fasting and abstinence occurring roughly at the four seasons during which we pray for increased vocations to the ordained ministry. The Fall or Autumnal Ember Days are the Wednesday, Friday and Saturday after 14 September...The Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

According to Christian tradition...Saint Helena, the mother of Roman Emperor Constantine the Great...discovered the True Cross in 326. The Church of the Holy Sepulchre was built on the site to commemorate the event and consecrated on 14 September 335.

The Hibernial or Winter Ember Days occur on the Wednesday, Friday and Saturday after 13 December. Why 13 December? The answer in the next edition of *The Parish Times*.

BOOK REVIEW

BY REBEKAH SHAPIRO...



My grandmother used to tell my uncle, "It is just as easy to fall in love with a rich girl as it is to fall in love with a poor girl." The characters of Jane Austen's novels usually think otherwise. They think it is far easier to fall in love with a rich girl. The fun is in whether the characters stick to that conviction through the end of the novel.

Mansfield Park by Jane Austen is not one of Austen's more famous novels, but it's my favorite for its spot-on portrayal of sibling rivalry among sisters. While we usually think of sibling rivalry in Jane Austen novels as about romance, in *Mansfield Park*, it's also about godparents. The novel shows how friends outside our immediate families, including godparents, can help or hinder us in our paths toward godliness.

Even as a teenager, it was the parent figures in Jane Austen novels who fascinated me. In *Mansfield Park*, the primary parent figures are actually an aunt and uncle: a talkative, busy aunt Norris, and a quiet uncle Bertram, who is frequently absent.

Two Anglican concepts are important for understanding *Mansfield Park*. The first is *cure*, which in the context of church means, "spiritual charge or oversight of parishioners." The second is the Table of Kindred and Affinity. Prayer Books in the United States have never included such Tables, which set which close relations may not be marriage partners. The 1662 Book of Common Prayer, which is the version used in England for over 300 years, including in Jane Austen's time, included such a Table, however.

Mansfield Park by Jane Austen is available in regular, e-book, large print and audio formats from the San Mateo County Libraries. (Remember that residents of several cities over age 60 not pay library fines.) It is also available from bookstores. Two paperback copies will be available in the Parish library shortly.



(Editor's note: Thanks to all who helped out on the Parish Workday on Saturday, 24 August. One of our projects was relocating church historical data from the classroom to other suitable storage areas. We also began moving books into the classroom...it will eventually become the Parish Lending Library.)

THE WAY IT WAS...



Mary Portman, widow of Frank Portman Sr. (died 2004), recently donated this oil painting of our historic 1870 church building as it might have appeared in the 1880s in its original location in Fremont CA. The artist, Mari Motto (1915-2010), was a member of Saint Joseph Roman Catholic Church in Fremont. She completed the painting in 1984. It now hangs in the Rector's Office.

The Frank Portman Construction Company oversaw the disassembly and move of our historic church building from the Mission San Jose District of Fremont to its current location in San Mateo. Mr. Portman's company specialized in construction of church buildings.

Mission San Jose was founded in 1797 as part of the chain of 21 Franciscan missions that extend from San Diego to Sonoma. The original building, a typical adobe-tile roof mission-style building, was destroyed by a magnitude 6.3-6.7 earthquake in 1868. The carpenter gothic building in the painting above replaced the original structure.

The church building was moved to San Mateo in 1983 and reconstruction efforts began immediately. Much of the restoration was accomplished by parishioners. The first Mass in our historic building was celebrated on the Second Sunday in Advent 1985.

2019 PARISH DIRECTORY...

We're updating the Saint Joseph Parish Directory. The 2019 Edition will be distributed after the 9:00 AM Parish Mass on Sunday 27 October. Some parishioners may receive their copy by mail.



Your help is needed in keeping the Parish Directory up-to-date. Corrections, additions or deletions to the Directory must be received in the Parish Office not later than 13 October.

Every effort is made to be accurate...inevitably mistakes can and will occur...for which the Editor apologizes in advance.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER...



On Sunday 6 October...The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity...we will commemorate the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi with our Annual Blessing of Animals in the Saint Francis Garden following Coffee Hour.

Parishioners are invited to bring their cats, dogs and other live critters to Mass. For those who don't have live critters...statues, photos of animals and stuffed toy animals will also be blessed.

All Souls' Day

We will commemorate All Souls' Day on Saturday 2 November with a Requiem Mass and Homily at 10:00 AM, during which the names of the Faithful Departed will be read aloud. Please write the names of those you wish remembered at the Mass on the sheet provided.



THANKSGIVING DAY

THURSDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2019
10:00 AM LOW MASS AND HOMILY

PLEASE BRING A NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEM
FOR OUR THANKSGIVING DAY BASKET WHICH
WILL BE BLESSED AT THE MASS AND TAKEN
TO CALL PRIMROSE



FOR ALL THE SAINTS...



For all the saints, who from their labors rest, is one of the all-time greatest All Saints' Day hymns (#126 in the *Hymnal 1940*). The author of the hymn was William Washam How (1823-1897). He was ordained deacon in 1846 and priest in 1847. In 1879 he became Suffragan Bishop of East London and in 1888 became the first Bishop of Wakefield. He was called the "children's bishop" and is especially remembered for his dynamic leadership in work on behalf of the poor of East London. He was the author of 54 hymns...simple and practical in their teaching...8 of which are found in *The Hymnal 1940*.

Sine nomine (Latin for *without a name*)...was composed by Ralph Vaughn Williams (1872-1958) for this great hymn. It first appeared in the *English Hymnal*, 1906. The hymn wonderfully compliments the Collect for All Saints' Day, which reminds us all Christians are "knit together...in one communion of fellowship...in the mystical body of Christ our Lord." This is what we call the Communion of Saints...known and unknown...living and dead.

Source: *The Hymnal Companion*
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A NOTE ABOUT ALL SAINTS' DAY...

All Saints' Day, 1st November, falls on a Friday this year. Father Looney has an all-day commitment that day and will not be able to celebrate an All Saints' Day Mass. We will commemorate All Saints' Day on 3 November, The Twenty Sunday after Trinity, which is the Sunday within the Octave of All Saints' Day.

A PRAYER FOR PARISH GROWTH

O GOD, WHO KNOWEST THE NEED OF ALL THY CREATURES, AND DOST BESTOW THE FAVOUR OF THY GRACE ALIKE UPON THE HUMBLE AND THE GREAT; BE WITH US IN ALL OUR ENDEAVORS DEVOTED TO THY SERVICE, AND GRANT US, WE BESEECH THEE, SUCH INCREASE OF NUMBERS AND OF MEANS AS WILL SECURE THIS HOUSE OF PRAYER TO THE WORSHIP AND GLORY OF THY SON, OUR SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST, WHO LIVETH AND REIGNETH WITH THEE AND THE HOLY GHOST, ONE GOD, WORLD WITHOUT END. AMEN.

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER HOLY DAYS...

There are several other Holy Days in the *Book of Common Prayer* for September and October. A good way to meditate on the lives of these saints is to read the Collect, Epistle and Gospel appointed for the day:

21 September...Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist, Pages 250-251 in the *Book of Common Prayer*. Matthew, also known as Levi, was one of the Twelve Apostles of Jesus and one of the Four Evangelists. He was a tax collector who left his business to follow Jesus. He witnessed the Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus and was in the Upper Room after the Ascension. The Liturgical color is red.

29 September...Saint Michael and All Angels, Pages 251-253 in the *Book of Common Prayer*. In the Early Church there were numerous festivals dedicated to the angels. This is the only festival the English Reformers retained. Michael and Gabriel are the only archangels mentioned by name in the canonical books of Scripture. The word "angel" literally means "messenger" and that is a role they play throughout Scripture. Michael is the leader of the angels who fought and defeated Satan in the Book of Revelation. Michael's name is invoked at house blessings as the protector of all who live there. Since Saint Michael and All Angels Day falls on a Sunday this year it takes precedence over the Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity. The Liturgical Color is white.

18 October...Saint Luke, Evangelist, Pages 254-255 in the *Book of Common Prayer*. Luke was a Greek physician who lived in Antioch, Turkey. He was likely a disciple of Saint Paul and followed Paul until his martyrdom. Luke is the author of the Gospel of Luke and Acts of the Apostles. Christian tradition states he was the first icon painter. Luke died in Greece c.84 AD. Liturgical color is red.

28 October...Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles, Pages 254-256 in the *Book of Common Prayer*. Simon (the Zealot)

and Jude (Thaddeus) were both original Twelve Apostles. Simon is the most obscure of the Twelve Apostles and little is known about him. Tradition states Simon and Jude formed an evangelizing team and went to Armenia where both met martyrdom. Jude is the patron saint of lost or difficult causes and many hospitals are named after him. Jude is the patron saint of Armenia and considered the founder of the Armenian Apostolic Church.



SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS – 9:00 AM PARISH MASS & SERMON
COFFEE HOUR & DISCUSSION GROUP

WEEKDAYS/HOLY DAYS AS ANNOUNCED

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE BY APPOINTMENT

THE REVEREND FATHER CRAIG LOONEY, RECTOR



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