# THE WINDOW

St. James' Episcopal Church | Fremont, CA

**May 2022**


# Happy Easter to all of you!

I realize that by the time that you read these words, Easter may appear as a tiny dot disappearing in your rearview mirror. In fact, the Church has given 50 days to the season of Easter --more than allocated to Lent or Advent. Easter Sunday celebrates the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, an event which happened three days after his crucifixion. But whether we will realize it or not, as the Church, we actually celebrate Christ's Resurrection every time we gather on a Sunday.

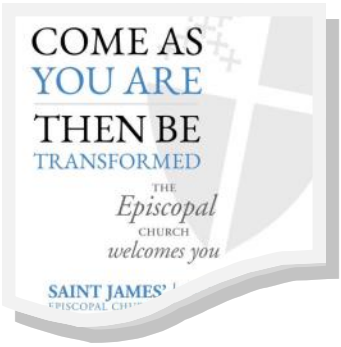
There are basically two ways to celebrate Christ Resurrection in our lives. The first is by taking up our new life in Christ and becoming of a new person through Christ. Paul talks about how anyone who is in Christ, that is in the resurrected Christ, is a new creation (2 Cor 5:17). With Christ, we have died to our old lives, and the lives we live now are those which have been patterned or shaped by the model of Christ's own. Our lives are driven by the Godly love by which Christ became incarnate among us. That life was unselfish to the point of being sacrificial—placing the needs and the good of others above our own. In this way, we accept the gift of eternal life so dearly purchased for us, living no longer for ourselves alone but for him who died and gave himself for us (2 Cor 5:15).

The other means of embracing the Resurrection is by learning to regard Christ as truly alive and living among us. When the experience of Christ's presence develops from an idea which we hold (such as a tenant of faith we proclaim in our worship service) to a joyous knowledge that the Lord is next to us wherever we are, then we begin to learn to live with God in a new way. Like other experiences of love--for our family members, love for our spouse or our children--we *know* intimately and beyond words that the Beloved has moved to the center of our life experience until, ultimately, we cannot understand what it would be like if we were to live without that Lord.

This is the personal level of belief in a living Lord Christ. When we seek to know Christ, to feel the Lord's presence beside, above, and within us, we shall also be *found in Christ* (Phil 3:9). Remember that the Risen Lord still bears the marks of the wounds endured on the Cross, by which we know that the Lord is no stranger to brokenness or human pain. Yet that life now to be lived in Christ surpasses the former pain of alienation; while our new life shared with Christ both binds our own wounds, it also makes it possible to share the healing touch of divine love with others—in the Name and Spirit of that living Christ we know.

Rejoice with me this Easter season, and through prayer and grace, come to know what real life can be! The Lord be with you! ~Bill+

# The Ways We Are Church Together




## WORSHIP

### Worship At Church
We offer two services on Sunday morning at 8am and 10:30am. Coffee and light snacks following each service. PROOF OF COVID VACCINATION REQUIRED.

### Sunday Morning Service Live Stream
If you cannot attend church in person, you can join our 10:30am service live-streamed on Sundays at saintj.com. The service can be joined at any time on Sunday from 10:30am or watched during the week on our YouTube channel.

### Wednesday 10:00am Service
Celebrate the Liturgy of the Word with prayers and sermon discussion in real time on Zoom. Join us! Email Rev. Bill at bhale@saintj.com. Link can also be found under "Upcoming Events" on the right side of our website.

### Morning Prayer 8-8:30am. Monday-Friday
Join Rev. Bill for Morning Prayer via Zoom. Contact bhale@saintj.com for the link. Open to all.

### Lectio Divina—the Art of Reading
**Sundays at 9:30 AM**, Brian Cochran leads a sacred time of ***Lectio Divina*** in the Little Church. *Lectio Divina* is a way of engaging in scripture that draws us into deep contemplation and into deeper union with God. This is an ancient and wonderful practice to add to your Sunday. Let Brian know if you have questions, or stop in any Sunday for this experience.

## FELLOWSHIP

### Thursday 12:00pm Home Alone Group on Zoom
For those who are living alone, meet us on Zoom Thursdays during lunchtime to say hello. Email Ingrid at ingrid@saintj.com for more information.

### Grief Support Group Tuesdays @ 2pm on Zoom
Rev. Bill Hale, former grief support person for Odyssey Hospice in Michigan, facilitates the group. Please contact Rev. Bill at bhale@saintj.com for more information. This group is open to all, not just St. James' folks.

## LEARNING

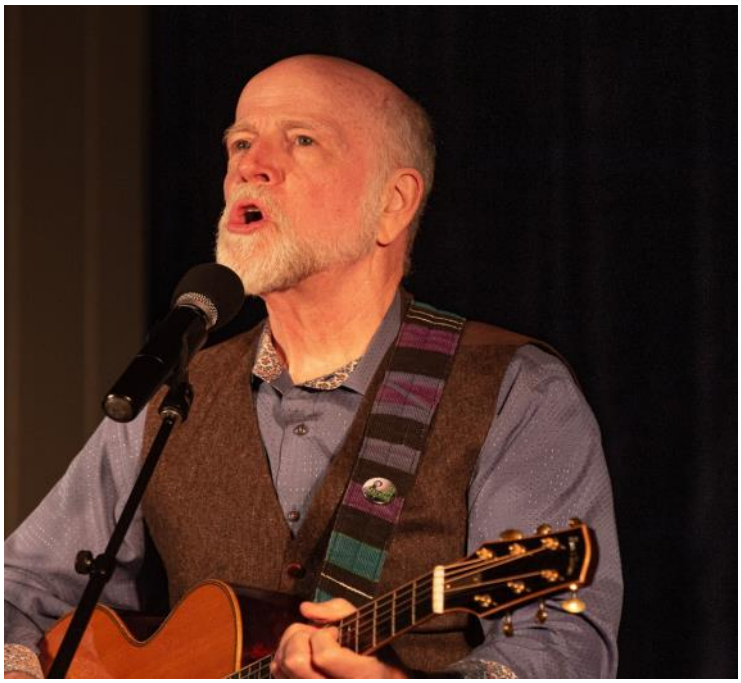
**Focus On Faith Saturdays @ 10am**. Do you have questions about the church, God, faith? Would you benefit from hearing about other's faith journey and experience? Are you looking for a place to drop-in to talk about spirituality? Join with others and Rev. Bill for this on-going gathering. Questions? Email Bill at bhale@saintj.com for details. Access the Zoom link here.

### Bible Studies
**Monday 11:00am Bible Study.** Join with others to catch up and wrestle with some of the sacred texts of the Bible. We meet every Monday on zoom. Everyone is welcome. Email ingrid@saintj.com or find the zoom link on the home page of our website.

**Wednesday afternoon @ 1:00pm.** Bible Study at 1:00pm, also via Zoom. Ingrid will send out a link to a short video and discussion questions. Email ingrid@saintj.com to be added to this list as well.

### Audio Sermons and Online Resources
Zoom links for all of our offerings can be found on our website, saintj.com. Look for the calendar of events on the right side of our home page. If something is not listed, email the leader and they will make sure you have what you need. Sunday's service and sermons are also online. Go to our website for online worship resources, or subscribe to our weekly sermon podcast on iTunes. You may also subscribe on Spotify and/or TuneIn. Like us on Facebook and Instagram!

# LIVE IN CONCERT



**World-Renowned, Grammy-Nominated**

## Folk Singer/Songwriter

# John McCutcheon

## Monday, June 13, 2022, 7:30 P.M.

**Proof of COVID vaccination and masks are required**

A portion of the proceeds from this concert will be donated to ABODE Services working to end homelessness.

**For more on John McCutcheon, go to www.folkmusic.com**

## One Night Only

**St. James' Episcopal Church**
(37051 Cabrillo Terrace at Thornton Ave., Fremont)

**Suggested Donation:**
**$30 Adult, $15 Child (12 & under)**
**MasterCard, Visa, Cash or Check**

For tickets: 510-797-1492, ext. 203, or email events@saintj.com or purchase online http://www.saintj.com/mccutcheon

# Upcoming Events

## McCutcheon Concert

John McCutcheon will be at St. James',
in person, for our concert on
**Monday, June 13th, 2022, 7:30pm.**

**Would you like to use your time and talent to help with the McCutcheon Concert?**

Our rescheduled John McCutcheon Concert is on Monday, June 13. The McCutcheon Team is asking for your help to sell tickets in the Parish Hall/patio on Sundays after the 8am service and after the 1030am service. We will restart selling tickets on May 8. If you are able to help, please contact Meg Amouroux or Sylvia Ma.

We also need prize donations for the prize drawing on the day of the concert. Please contact Elaine Miller if you have something to donate or bring your donation to the Parish Hall on a Sunday starting May 8.

Thank you. We appreciate your support.

## Disaster Preparedness Training Opportunity

The "AED/CPR Saturday Class Survey" will have new class offerings later in the year since the **class on June 5th is cancelled** due to an unforeseen St. James' event. Because the majority of survey respondents indicated their interest in attending June 5th rather than June 11th, we will need to cancel this proposed class offering. Please look for this survey with new proposed dates in the near future.

If you have not yet completed the survey, you can access it at: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BG982ND

# Park Task Force Update

The St. James' Park Task Force met via Zoom on Wednesday, April 20. We met to review the recent estimate and scope of work provided by Lars Howlett at Discover Labyrinths, and to see how we can keep the project moving forward.

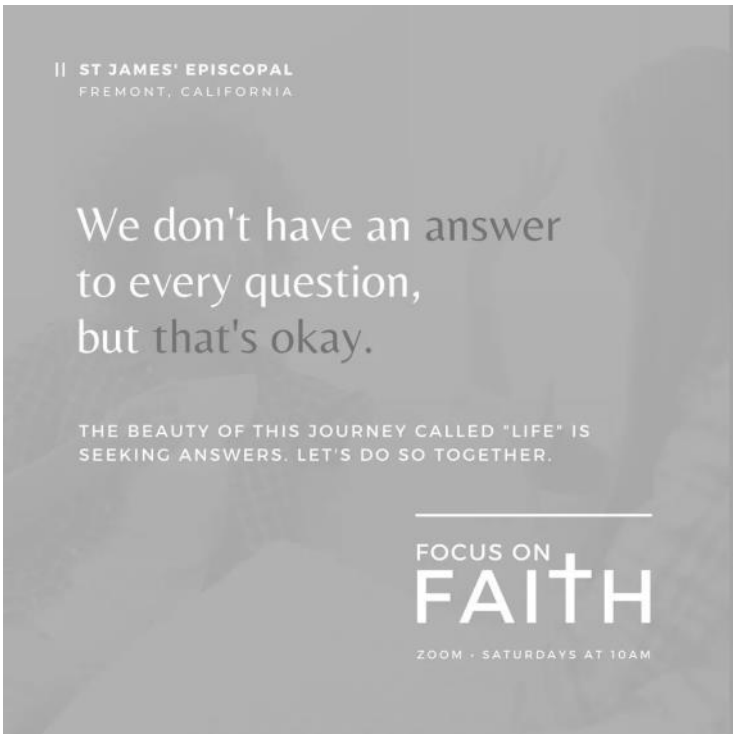
After reviewing Lars' proposal, we agreed that a spreadsheet with actual costs of the process needs to be generated, with all the necessary tasks and items accounted for. Due to difficulty in getting contractors to remove our existing labyrinth slab, and with previous estimates being doubled or cancelled altogether, Sally Morgan recommended a local contractor who will be meeting with Dave Nelsen, to provide an estimate. We agreed that we will also need security fencing for the new labyrinth space prior to and during construction, to protect the space along with the materials and equipment. We will also need to purchase the bricks and decomposed granite, which will need to be priced out.

Once we get updated estimates for the materials, contractors and professional fees, we can see if we have enough funds in the Park's account, or if additional fundraising needs to be done, through donations and/or grants.

Part of what is saving us money in professional fees is volunteer assistance. Parishioners will have an opportunity to help during the 4-5 day construction process. We are hopeful that able parishioners will be willing to sign up for one or more of the 4 or 8-hour shifts, when the time comes.

Because costs and funding are still being calculated, there is no timeline for when work will begin, but the group will be mindful of scheduling it around other campus activities.

~ Meg Amouroux

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## Rector on Sabbatical

Our rector, Lori Walton, is on sabbatical until June 1st. For pastoral and liturgical concerns, contact the Rev. Bill Hale (bhale@saintj.com or 313.424.9145). For administrative concerns, contact the office (admin@saintj.com). Other concerns can go to the senior or junior wardens (srwarden@saintj.com or jrwarden@saintj.com).

*St. James' and full moon, Easter Vigil, April 16. Photo above taken by Al Casa. Photo to the right taken by Jan Scrutton.*

# Children & Youth Ministries

Check current events at: https://saintj.com/wp/ministries/childrens-programs/ or email Jan Scrutton, Children & Youth Minister, at: jan@saintj.com.

Sunday School meets during the 10:30am service. The children leave the service with Jan before the lessons and return in time for the Eucharist with their families. In addition to hearing a story (our curriculum usually follows the lectionary) the children respond to the story with coloring, art, building or other projects. High schoolers interested in helping out occasionally at Sunday School should contact Jan: jan@saintj.com for more details and information on the short online training course. Our back catalogue of Sunday School book readings can be found HERE.

St. James' Youth Group for 6th – 12th graders meets the second Sunday of the month from 6-8pm. Contact jan@saintj.com for details of the next Episcopal Youth Fremont gathering. Episcopal Youth Fremont (EYF) welcomes all young people interested in gathering for fun, fellowship, and faith-based conversations.

# Vestry Meeting Highlights

Submitted by Meg Amouroux, Jr. Warden

The vestry met on Thursday, April 21, joined by guests Jennifer Ravera and the Rev. Bill Hale. Rev. Lori is on Sabbatical until June 1. Bob Bynum led opening prayer. This was the vestry's second "hybrid" meeting, with some folks gathering in person in the Education Room, and others joining remotely. There were some technical hiccups with the Zoom link, which we intend to resolve going forward.

Sr. Warden Jim McConnell led the meeting. The following items were reviewed and approved: the March vestry meeting minutes, financial reports, and the staff and ministry reports. The email vote held in April, to reinvest a CD, was recorded into the minutes.

Music Director Jennifer Ravera shared the news that the Lenten fundraiser for Negro Spirituals raised $921. (It was later suggested that future fundraisers share progress as the fundraiser goes along, so parishioners know if we're getting close to our goal.) Prior to Lent, the vestry had agreed to match donations up to $1000, and at this meeting approved the matching donation of $1000 from the Social Justice Task Force/Reparations account. St. James' will donate $1921 to the Oakland Interfaith Gospel Choir Scholarship Fund.

Mary Frances Leopold shared an update about the prayer boards and flag in support of Ukraine, to be displayed near the front of the campus. The boards will be in place near the end of April, then primed and painted. Sunflowers will also be placed near the boards.

Corazon, the home-building mission trip to Mexico sponsored by the Southern Alameda Deanery churches, has planning underway. As St. James' is part of this deanery, we support the trip with a financial donation, as well as present an opportunity for volunteers to travel with the group for this weekend project in late June. The vestry approved the $2100 donation, from our Corazon account.

Details about St. James' sponsorship of Kenyan students Hope and Miriam, through Maisha Bora, is on hold until the May meeting, at which point we will know more as to how their final exams went, and what their plans are for college. (The Maisha Bora Youth Program is an initiative in Kenya that creates a pathway for children to attend high school and university through donated funds.) When more detail is known, the vestry will then determine funding options should Hope and Miriam decide to continue with their schooling, and/or possibly support new students.

An update from the Social Justice Task Force: with funds from their account, the group is looking to donate to a Ukrainian orphan fund, as well as a fund for families of fallen soldiers. They will also be looking at ways to raise more funds for future efforts.

The meeting adjourned, and Bob closed the meeting with Compline. The next Vestry meeting will be held on May 19, again held in hybrid format, with members attending both in-person and remotely, via Zoom.

# Vestry Voices: Expressions of Love @ St. James'

*This month's reflections are from Mary Frances Leopold*

I used to voraciously read self-help books. It had been strongly suggested (by friends, co-workers, managers, husband, family, the media, society, even religion) that I would be much happier if I changed my core personality and what better way to start down the road to change than to read about others' journeys. So you might ask, "*how'd that work out for you*?" We'll come back to that later.

One book in particular stuck with me, **The Five Love Languages** by Gary Chapman. While I am not recommending that this book can save relationships or fix anyone, I did find the premise fascinating. Chapman said that each of us has different ways of expressing and receiving love: acts of service, words of affirmation, gifts, quality time, and physical touch. Each person is a combination of any or all of these ways and even more interesting to me, a person may show love in one way but need love in another. He originally applied this just to marriages but later wrote other books about work and family. So how do these different manifestations of love fit into the idea of St James' as an expression of God's love for the world, for us?

Acts of Service: Our church is truly a place of service. There are so many ways to satisfy your need to show your love through service of God and fellow humans by volunteering to be God's hands and heart. But how does the Church serve us love in return? Each week we are fed with the word of the Lord and are given his Body in Communion. We have beautiful music and welcoming surroundings that make us feel at ease by creating holy space for our worship. If we fall ill or need physical help, other members show up to help us. We are treated as members of a special blessed family. The Church also serves the community as well from Blessing Bags to Corazon. Each of us has opportunities to serve others through giving of our time and efforts, using our hands and hearts to serve others. If you need help figuring out how you want to serve others, ask around. If you are interested in joining team, find a member and ask. Words of Affirmation: I can't think of a better place to be affirmed as beloved of God than St. James'. We are all God's children, loved and treasured in scripture and in practice. It is such and expression of love to see "All are Welcome Here". And that love for us is also spoken by our church family each time they listen to us and validate our presence. The give and take of conversations over coffee; phone calls to see how we are doing. Each of us has had a down time where we heard God's voice when a church friend has said, "You're doing good. I'm proud of you. It will be OK." And each of us is also inspired sometimes (by the Holy Spirit) to comfort and to speak love to church and community. The family of St. James' is truly blessed with these expressions of love.

Gifts: This one is too easy, isn't it? Most of us will think of this one in terms of money, our pledge to the church. But on the other side, how does the Church satisfy our needs to receive physical gifts? A simple example is coffee hour, a free cup of coffee and a snack with friends. A more lasting example is the Memory Garden. The garden is a gift to our church family as a place to remember and honor our beloved friends and family. The labyrinth is another gift; it is a place to meditate and become open to grace and peace. Another gift the Church gives us is the sense of community, belonging to something bigger than ourselves. And Little Church is a tether to the history of St. James' in Fremont and a reminder that we have roots that stretch back to Peter, the first fisher of men. We are one big family in Christ, the family of people.

Quality Time: Do you look forward to Sunday as much as I do? That one hour of time focused outside ourselves, time not spent on work or worry? St. James' gives us time each week to rejoice and reveal in our Lord. Bible study, mid-week service, Grief Support Group are a few of

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the scheduled times to connect with our Lord as well as Sunday services. The Lord is certainly willing to set aside quality time to spend with you. Just come to church! But what of us giving quality time back? I think we accomplish that through prayer and presence. When we spend time in prayer for the Parish and the Church as a whole, we are committing quality time with the Lord to ask for help and to give thanks. When we spend time in prayer for the world, we are committing our time to ask for God's help and love for all our brothers and sisters. And prayer is time well spent. But presence is equally as important. We need to show up for each other, to be God's physical presence in the world. Maybe it's just sitting next to a new family at church. Maybe it's learning about a new ministry. Maybe it's setting aside time for an online course. Freely giving focused time to the church and each other is certainly an expression of love.

Physical Touch: Covid has certainly put a damper on physical touch, didn't it? But that's not forever! But soon we will be able to hug each other during the Peace, shake hands with our priests, pat a back and wipe away a tear. Each of these is a way for us to be God's hands to express His love. But in the meantime, wink and wave across the aisle, smile so big it shows above your mask, and say "I love you, brothers and sisters!" so clearly that we can hear it without our hearing aids.

Expressions of Love are a two-way exchange. We need to be able to give what we can give to express love and we need receive love in a way that fulfills us. God recognized this at our creation and has given us his Church. So come on down to St. James' and feel the love all around you. And BTW, St. James' (and God) loves me just the way I am (and you, too).

## Financial Summary for March, 2021

| Fund Balances | 3/31/2021 | 3/31/2022 |
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| Operating Fund | $106,022.64 | $58,101.07 |
| Building Fund | $29,370.25 | $96,659.23 |
| **Pledges Budgeted** | $88,822.50 | $92,195.00 |
| **Pledges Paid** | $91,264.49 | $97,896.53 |
| Unpledged Contributions | $2,056.63 | $3,890.18 |
| Other Op Income* | $128.58 | $3,468.77 |
| YTD Total Operating Income | $93,449.70 | $105,255.48 |
| YTD Total Operating Expenses | $93,164.28 | $96,573.04 |
| **Income less Expenses** | **$285.42** | **$8,682.44** |

# News For May

## St. James' Prayer List

*Most Holy God we pray:*

**For Those in the Military**

Jarrod, Megan, Erica, Theresa, Mark, Tim, Louis, Caitlin, Emily, Robin, Adam, Dave, Shawn, Ethan, Paul, Matthew, Johnny, Johnathan, Darren, Robert

**For Healthcare Workers and Chaplains**

Evelyn, Jeff, Brian, Josephine, Mary, Polly, Alice, Bozena, Angela, Darcia, Mary, Tammy, Mana, Natalie, Dr. Johnathan, Megan, Gerald, Amber

**For Teachers, Principals, School Staff**

Jennifer, Monique, Toni, Jill, Sherea, Esther, Peter, Vivienne, Margaret, and those in our families and communities named in our hearts.

**For Those Who Need Comfort and Strength**

Frankie, Raajiv, The Dabney Family, Kim, Ernie

**For Those Who Need Guidance and Direction**

Kenny, Lisa, Kelsey

**For Those Who Need Healing**

Ron, Julie, Gail, Craig, Linda, Diane, Barry, Jim, Bud, David, Pat, Mary, Eleanor, Claudine, Peter

**For Those Who Have Passed Away**

Melvin, Chris, Fr. Jim, Kenn, Laurel, Marcie, Mary Ann

**And for all of us impacted by the current pandemic.**

*To add someone to the "Special Prayers" list, please call or email the Church Office. After six weeks, names are removed from the list. Please renew your request as needed. Thank you.*

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| 05/02 | Meg Amouroux |
| 05/04 | Jay Butterfield |
| | Marco Ramsamy |
| | Margaret Singh |
| 05/05 | Ella Lentz |
| | Sandra Motley |
| 05/08 | Sally Morgan |
| 05/13 | Arlene Hale |
| 05/16 | Jennifer Evans-Bodenrader |
| 05/18 | Greg Scheuffele |
| 05/20 | Margaret Kinuthia |
| 05/22 | Jon Fuller |
| 05/26 | Betty McCoy |
| 05/31 | Suzanne David |

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| 05/01 | Christopher & Crystal Jones |
| 05/04 | Al & Mary Casas |
| 05/08 | Gregg & Darcia Feeney |
| 05/19 | Bob & Kitty Reed |
| 05/24 | Jennifer & Jennifer Evans-Bodenrader |
| | Burtin & Elizabeth Hart |
| 05/26 | Cathy Knotts & Mitchell Pinnix |
| 05/27 | Barbara & Steve Vacchieri |
| 05/28 | Greg Miller & Elaine Vallecillo-Miller |
| | Lori Walton & Ron Larson |

# Always @ St. James'

## Proof of Vaccination Required For Those Attending Indoor Services and Gatherings

A reminder that proof of vaccination is required for all eligible participants. This does not apply to children under 12 and those with a documented medical exemption. You can show your proof and grab a wristband to wear to church on subsequent Sundays. Then, no need to show your proof again!

## Chair Exercise Class on Zoom

Please join Sylvia Ma for a weekly Zoom class on chair exercises on Breathing/Qi Gong and Tai Chi/ Hsing I movements. No experience is necessary. Sessions held **Tuesday mornings** from **10:00 to 11:00 AM**. Please spread the word. All are welcome. If you are interested, email Sylvia at srwarden@saintj.com and she will send you the link. The link will also be found on the calendar at St James' website https://saintj.com.

The next issue of ***The Window*** is in **June**. We welcome your **comments, essays, poems, photos, book reviews, newsworthy items, and any group activity information**.

Email your submission to newsletter@saintj.com by: **June 15th**

## Calendar

Access the church calendar for May here.

## Blessing Bags for Distribution

Let us remember those who have no shelter. Our Blessing Bags are available for you to give away. Each bag contains toiletries, water, food, socks, and a mask. We're using reusable cloth bags that can also serve as a backpack.

***Please note we are not taking donations other than monetary donations.*** *This allows us to purchase what we need and to be consistent with what we are offering.*

Blessing Bags are available for you to pick up during office hours, Wednesdays & Thursdays between 10:00 AM and 1:00 PM in the office hallway.

## Sign up for news from the Diocese!

DioCal, the Diocese of California, publishes a weekly newsletter via email which you can receive by signing up HERE. The web site for the diocese is https://www.diocal.org/.

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