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BIBLE STUDY 101

The Way of Love REV. ROBIN

We pray for our Presiding Bishop Michael Curry every Sunday. For the last three years he has inspired and encouraged us, calling us "The Episcopal branch of the Jesus Movement." And this year, he became one of the most famous preachers in the world after his message on love at the Royal Wedding went viral on the internet.

Bishop Michael preached another fabulous sermon on July 5, at the opening of the General Convention, a churchwide gathering that happens every three years. (A link to that sermon can be found in your weekly email, or on the Episcopal News Service website). In the sermon, Bishop Michael launched what he calls

"The Way of Love: Practices for a Jesus-Centered life."

After three years of talking about love, welcome, following Jesus, and being transformed, Bishop Michael realized that people were wanting more. He and his team looked back to the ancient monastic tradition for wisdom on how to follow Jesus in this fast-paced world we live in today.

"The Way of Love" is a simplified rule of life, or way of committing ourselves to prayer and action. There are seven words in the Way to help guide us:

- Turn: Pause, listen and choose to follow Jesus.
- Learn: Reflect daily on scripture, especially the life and teachings of Jesus.
- Pray: Spend time with God in prayer every day.
- Worship: Gather in community for worship every week.
- Bless: Share one's faith and find ways to serve other people.
- Go: Move beyond one's comfort to witness to



WORSHIP SERVICES

SUNDAY

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist
10:00 AM Choral Eucharist

WEDNESDAY

8:30 AM Centering Prayer
7:00 PM Holy Eucharist

CLERGY

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The Rev. Dr. Rachel A. Nyback

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WEEKLY EVENTS

MONDAY

10 AM: Listening Hearts
1 PM: Staff Meeting
1 PM: History Committee *
4 PM: Temple Shalom
7 PM: Tai Chi
7 PM: EfM

TUESDAY

9:53 AM: Sewing Group

WEDNESDAY

8:30 AM: Centering Prayer
9 AM: Women's Bible Study
5:45 PM: Men's Bible Study
7 PM: Holy Eucharist

THURSDAY

6:15 PM: Bell Choir Rehearsal
7:30 PM: Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY - Office Closed

11 AM: Sociable Seniors **

* 2nd and 4th Monday

** off for summer, returns
on September 14

WEEKLY 12-STEP MEETINGS

Sun: AA 7:30 PM

Mon: Al-Anon 7 AM
CODA 7:30 PM

Tue: Serenity 7 PM

Wed: Al-Anon 7 AM
OCA 5:30 PM
CEA-HOW 7:30 PM

Thu: Al-Anon 12 Noon
OA 6 PM

Fri: AA 8 PM

Sat: Al-Anon 10 AM

More info: (310) 376-8989 or
info@stcross.org

August 2018 Calendar

8/02: Neighbor to Neighbor, 4 PM
8/12: Beach Mass with Baptism, 10 AM
8/12: Peace and Justice, 11:30 AM, Rm. 4
8/12: Ireland Pilgrimage Meeting, 11:30 AM
8/12: OSL Evensong and Healing, 5 PM
8/17: St. Cross Book Club, 6 PM, Guild Room
8/22: Prayer Shawl Guild, 6 PM
8/22-8/24: Rummage Sale Prep
8/25: Rummage Sale
8/28: Folding of *Crossroads*
8/28: Vestry Meeting, 7 PM
8/29: Laundry Love, 7 PM, Clean Scene Laundry
8/31: Episcopal Dodger Night

Sunday Summer Breakfasts Throughout August:

\$10 adults / \$5 children / \$25 family
After 8 AM Service / Before 10 AM Service

Beach Baptism 8/12

Sunday, August 12 at 10 AM we are back at 22nd and the Strand! Bring your beach chairs / blankets / towels and hike on down after Summer Breakfast. This will be our last Beach Mass this summer, and we will have Baptisms as well.

St. Cross Rummage Sale 8/25

Get ready for the Annual Rummage Sale! Prep is 8/22-8/24, and the sale is on Saturday, August 25.



8/12: Beach Mass with Baptism

ST. CROSS History



◆ When did St. Cross hold the first Beach Mass?

One of the most fun traditions of the summer at St. Cross (not including VBS and Softball!) is our beach masses. They are fun because they are super casual, people walking or riding on the Strand stop and listen, we're outside getting a tan and hearing the waves, we can wear our bathing suits under our clothes so we're ready for a day at the beach after the service, and in August we have baptisms!

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WAY OF LOVE

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the love of God with words and actions.

- Rest: Dedicate time for restoration and wholeness.

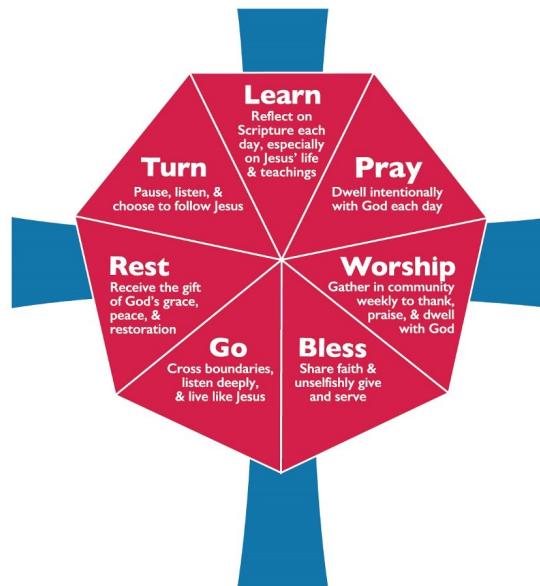
Bishop Michael is asking us, and all Episcopalians to join him in adopting this rule! More information and resources for each step is available at: <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/explore-way-love>

We each come to St. Cross for different reasons, but I think we all come because we desire in our hearts a relationship with God and with community. We are each on our own journey of formation as disciples of Jesus, but wherever we are, we all can learn and grow by adopting the “Way of Love.”

Opportunities to deepen your faith in each of these steps are available to you at St. Cross! An opportunity to dive into the step “Learn” will be available in our Bible Study 101 series in the fall (see article on page 7). Your clergy are happy to meet with you as you explore what adopting the “Way of Love” looks like in your life. I will begin meeting with parishioners and families throughout the summer and fall to listen to where you are in your faith journey and what your next steps are.

We are so happy that you have chosen St. Cross as your faith community. What a privilege it is to walk together on this Way of Love.

Rev. Robin



THE WAY OF LOVE
Practices for Jesus-Centered Life

Ministry Notes

Sunday School will start again on September 9, at 9am. Parents please meet in Room 5 for a parents meeting at the same time.

Blessing of the Backpacks: Students, remember to bring your backpacks to church on September 2 for the blessing of the Backpacks! Also: VBS campers, wear your VBS shirts and we will sing our favorite VBS song to the congregation on that Sunday.

Summer Breakfasts: It's the time of year that we all gather to enjoy Summer Breakfasts on Sunday mornings! Each Sunday, a different ministry hosts, preparing a delicious meal for all who come. Full breakfast is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 12, and a whole family can eat for \$25. There's also a \$5 continental breakfast. Watch the weekly email to see which ministry is hosting each week. To receive the email, go to: stcross.org/newsletter-signup/



Temple Shalom

Temple Shalom of the South Bay is the culmination of the tremendous work and dedication of many individuals since a small group of families first came together in 2005. The founders had an audacious goal of creating a new Temple in the South Bay area, and we began official activities in the fall of 2005. Our religious school, which started with 18 kids, now has over 75 kids enrolled, and our membership has grown to almost 100 families.

Our vision from inception has been to create an inclusive community that provides a nurturing umbrella for education, prayer, and social activities to better ourselves, our community, and the world. We emphasize the value of community, we enjoy social activities, communal holiday celebrations, and festive meals. We also engage in learning together and participating in community service and social justice projects.

Our practices and rituals are based on Jewish Tradition, but we believe that Judaism must change and adapt to the needs of its members. While tradition informs our choices, we believe that each and every person must explore and define her or his own connection to Judaism, to the community, and to God. We are respectful of traditional Jewish Practice but also open to new interpretations and forms of religious expression. We believe in inclusivity and openness; we welcome interfaith families, and invite all to join us for our joyous, interactive services and other events.

Our progressive Religious School, which meets Mondays from 4-6pm, embraces the ideal of making

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St. Cross Softball: Game Recaps

Dodgers Lose 17-4 to Baptist - On June 23rd, the Dodgers (0-4) remain winless after only getting 10 hits on offense. Aaron Rose (2/3) .667; Jamie O'Grady (2/3) .600 with a Triple and RBI; and Glenn Honda (2/3) .667 all had 2 hits each. Mike McGough (1/3) .333 with 2 RBIs; Susan Hink (1/3); Andrew Welch (1/2) with a Double and RBI; and Doug Hall (1/3) .500 finished out the meager (10/26) .385 day with a hit. Bruce Difley (0/0) .667 had 3 straight walks in the game. Mike (0-1) pitched his first game of the year. Thanks to Glenn for helping out the team in a time of need.

Angels Comeback Falls Short in 13-10 Loss - The Angels (1-2) rally in the 6th and 7th innings fell 3 runs short of a victory against NOVA 2. The (16/36) .444 offense was led by a perfect day from Bruce Difley (3/3) .750 with a RBI and Run; coupled with 2-Hit multiple hit games by Doug Hall (2/4) .500 with a RBI and Run; Glenn Honda (2/4) .500 with 3 RBIs; Susan Hink (2/4) with a RBI; Jim Sullivan (2/4) .333 with a Double and 2 Runs; and Caren Brownlie (2/3) .500 with a Double and 2 RBIs aide the offense. This game should have been won but 10 unearned runs on errors felled the Angels. Mike McGough (0-1) took his 2nd loss on 2 different teams today.

Dodgers Come Back Too Late in 10-6 Loss - On June 30th the Dodgers (0-5) did not score a run until the 6th and 7th innings and fell short to 1st place NOVA 1. The sluggish offense (15/35) .429 was led by Three-hit games by Autumn Hoffman (3/4) .563 with 2 Runs and newcomer Ken Bradley (3/4) .750 with 2 RBIs. Mike Whitehill (2/4) .444 with 2 Runs; Jamie O'Grady (2/4) .571; and Doug Hall (2/2) all had 2-Hits each. Finishing out the offense with 1-Hit each were: Sean McCue (1/4) .400 with a Double; Glenn Honda (1/3); and Andy Simon

(1/4) with a RBI. Thanks goes to Ken from San Francisco, Betty Galindo and Doe Inouye who shored up our defense and helped us out as subs. Sean (0-3) took his 3rd loss.

Angels Lose to First Presbyterian 12-4 - The Angels (1-3) managed only 9 hits in a lost to the Presbyterians. Only Caren Brownlie (2/3) .545 with a Run; Bruce Difley (2/2) .800 with a Double, RBI, Run; and Glenn Honda (2/3) with a RBI were able to have multiple hit games. Andy Simon (1/3) with a Run, RBI; Autumn Hoffman (1/2) .286 with a RBI; and Andrew Welch (1/2) .455 managed the other 3 hits. Autumn (0-1) hurling for the first time took the loss from the mound.

Angels Brownlie, Difley, Sullivan Tally 9 Hits in Loss - The Angels (1-4) took a 2nd loss of the day by losing to Kings Way 17-12. Offense was better in this game as the team hit (19/36) .528. 3-Hit games by Caren Brownlie (.600) with 2 RBIs, 2 Runs; Bruce Difley (.786) with 3 Runs, 2 RBIs; and Jim Sullivan (.455) led the offense. Other multi-hit games by Doug Hall (.438) with 2 Runs; Andy Simon (.455) with 2 RBIs; Autumn Hoffman (.364); and newcomer Elyse Ordorica (.500) with a Double, 2 RBIs. Andrew Welch (.429) with 2 RBIs; and Art Castillo (.071) garnered 1 Hit each. Autumn (0-2) is still winless.

Dodgers Lose 7th Straight 22-13 to NOVA 1 - On 7/14, The last place Dodgers (0-7) had an early lead at 8-6, but 1st Place NOVA 1 scored 16 runs in the last 3 innings. 3-Hit games by Dana Ramsey (3/4) .625 with 5 RBIs, Mike Whitehill (3/4) .538; and Mike McGough (3/4) .571 with a Double, 3 Runs fueled the offense. Aaron Rose (2/3) .667 with 3 Runs; Jamie O'Grady (2/4) .556 with a Triple, 2 Runs; Brianne Bosnak (2/4) .429 with a Double, 3 RBIs; and Andy Simon (2/4) .421 finished out the multi-hit batting. Mike McGough (0-2) took the loss.

St. Cross Senior Sermon

SIERRA CHESLICK

A great tradition at St. Cross is our students graduating high school have the opportunity to share with us about how St. Cross has been an influence in their lives. Thank you Sierra for taking the time to share with us!



I think that today, at least with the younger generation, religion of all types is often regarded as something of the past, something unprogressive and unwelcoming to anything new or different. However, I've never felt that St. Cross parallels this image. I've never felt that I go to a church where inclusiveness is preached, but people are shut out because of their race or sexuality or another minute characteristic that somehow becomes a defining factor in the eyes of others. I'm proud to be able to tell my friends that at St. Cross, everyone is welcome; that it is truly an environment of unconditional support and love. Growing up here, I've felt the constant warmth that radiates from the congregation. There is always someone asking how I'm doing, checking in on me, and all in all taking care of each other. These are some of my favorite memories from St. Cross:

- Singing hymn 412, "Earth and all stars", almost every week in Sunday school when we were around 10 years old. It was our absolute favorite song and we would always ask to sing it while learning to read the hymnals. I remember being so proud at my elementary school when I was asked if I knew how to read music with verses, and I could say yes because of the amount of times I'd sung hymn 412 during Sunday school.
- Vacation bible school, from being one of the youngest campers to being a group leader. It was all so much fun, from singing the songs all week to helping my mom plan arts and crafts to the huge water balloon fight at the end of the week.
- My first time acolyting and really feeling like a part of the service, even though I was nervous and didn't know where to stand in the procession.
- My first time acolyting as lead cross, again nervous, but this time confident in my place in the procession, as I was sure there should be no one in front of me.
- Parking lot duty, spending the day in the sun directing cars, while managing to mess around on the walkie talkies at least a little bit and snagging some pizza before the end of our shift. At the end of the day, I left feeling fulfilled because I knew our efforts were going to an exciting, long-awaited cause - pilgrimage.
- Traveling to Spain on my pilgrimage with my Sunday school class to experience a new place and culture. We tried different foods (with marzipan and churros con chocolate becoming new favorites), experienced beautiful architecture built hundreds of years ago to honor God, melted in the Spanish heat, and I slipped while trying to run through a fountain.
- In preparation for our confirmation, we explored our faith by learning about the faiths of others through video lessons. It was interesting to recognize the common threads that run through the world's major religions, especially because they are often depicted as being so different.

All of these experiences would not have been possible without St. Cross, a place where I can feel God's presence, as well as the love of others. For this, I'm grateful, so thank you.

Softball

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Perfect 3-Hit Day by Mathews, Difley and Simon Fuel Angels to Second Win 11-7 - The Angels (2-4) Shane Mathews (3/3) .857 with a Triple, Double, 2 RBIs, 2 Runs; Bruce Difley (3/3) .824 with a Double, 3 RBIs, 3 Runs; and Andy Simon (3/3) .571 with 3 RBIs had perfect days at the plate. Also perfect was Mike McGough (2/2) with a Double, 2 Runs scored. Doug Hall (2/3) .474 with a Double captured a multiple hit game. One-Hit games by Autumn Hoffman (1/3) .357; Jim Sullivan (1/3) .429; Eileen Mathews (1/3) .400; Andrew Welch (1/2) .438 with 2 Runs; and Oscar Esquivel (1/2) .500 completed the 18-Hit attack. Mike (1-1) notched his first Angels win.

8 Hits Sink Angels 18-2 - The Angels (2-5) could only muster 8 hits, losing to NOVA 2 by 16 runs. Mike McGough (1-2) took this game on the chin as the NOVA team powered themselves throughout the game. Bright moments: Andy Simon and Doug Hall threw runners out a home plate in consecutive innings with Eileen Mathews catching the arrow throws. Shane Mathews (2/2) .889 with 2 Doubles and Doug Hall (2/3) .500 led the meager offense. Single hit games by Bruce Difley (1/3); Autumn Hoffman (1/3) with the only 2 RBIs; Mike McGough (1/2); Eileen Mathews (1/2); and pinch hitter Mike Welch (1/1) .1000 finished out the 8-Hit game.

VBS Extravaganza!

Extravaganza... (which here means a spectacular week of fun, games, music, friendship, learning, and deepening our faith!)... is the only word for it!

A huge thank-you to our amazing team of fifteen adult volunteers and twenty-three youth volunteers! They worked hard, bringing their time, their creativity, their patience, and their caring hearts to create an unforgettable week for our campers. Our theme, "Rolling River Rampage," used the idea of white-water river rafting as a metaphor for our lives. We learned from Isaiah that when we pass through the waters, God will be with us. Each day we learned Bible stories, and played games, did crafts and performed science experiments that focused on the themes of: adventure, acceptance, joy, peace and rest.

The Rock-star of the week was our puppet friend "Romper" the river otter, who talked with the children and our paddle captain at each assembly, danced along with the music, and introduced a new furry friend each day with the name of our theme. A very special thank you to our paddle captain, Michelle Weissenberg; Romper's wrangler, Erica Lynett; and our station leaders: Candace Ford, Matt and Andrew Welch, Vicki Fahrenholz, Kimberly Konis, and Carol Reznichak.



Temple Shalom

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Jewish learning a positive, stimulating and enjoyable experience. Our goal for our students, ages 5 to 16, is to instill a strong and positive Jewish identity, laying a foundation and desire for lifelong Jewish learning.

Rabbi Toba August has been serving Temple Shalom for more than nine years and our community would not be what it is today without her. She loves to teach and facilitate creative rituals, making Judaism accessible and interesting for our contemporary families. Rabbi August has been a Rabbi and educator at different synagogues in the Los Angeles area for the last 20 years. In addition to Temple Shalom, she is also currently the Rabbi of Lev Eisha, a lively community of women engaged in prayer, study and spiritual growth.

Rabbi Cantor Lily Blum, who is also our religious school director, graduated from Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana and received a B.A. in Jewish Studies with a focus in Jewish Sacred Music and minors in Hebrew, Music, and History. She was the first to graduate from Indiana University's pre-Cantorial program and she was ordained as a Rabbi this past May. Rabbi Cantor Blum is an asset to our program, and the kids especially love to sing with her and her guitar!

Our Executive Director, Amanda Chase, was born and raised in Northern New Jersey and lived in Manhattan for 10 years before moving to Los Angeles in 2016. Prior to joining Temple Shalom in January of 2018, Amanda worked in independent school Admissions in both New York City and Los Angeles. Should you have any questions about our programs, our services, our events, or anything, Amanda is the one to ask!

We are extremely grateful to the wonderful clergy and community of St. Cross, who generously offer their facilities for our Religious School and Temple. We could not exist without them! We look forward to collaborating on social action events, adult learning, and much more with the St. Cross community in the future.

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The summer of 1992 during the tenure of Fr. Steven Giovangelo – more than 25 years ago!



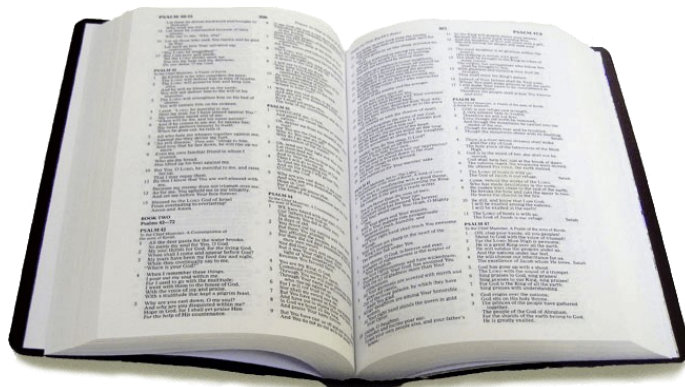
Bible Study 101

Beginning in September we will be doing a six-week clergy-led Bible study course as an introduction to the Bible and different methods of study. It will be a co-ed evening series for adults, following the Wednesday evening Eucharist. Eucharist is 7:00pm-7:30pm in the Chapel, Bible Study at 7:30pm-8:30pm in the Guild Room (off of the Parish Hall). The study will run September 12 to October 17.

The late hour is to allow for commuters to return home and grab dinner before bible study. If any parents would like to attend the study and would like child care available, please contact Rev. Robin by the end of August so we can arrange that.

If this time slot works well for participants, we will offer other series of similar length seasonally.

At St. Cross we also have two bible studies that meet weekly: Women's Study Wednesdays at 9am, and Men's Study Wednesdays at 5:45pm. We also have an in-depth four-year course, called Education for Ministry that meets Monday nights. Please contact the clergy if you have any questions!



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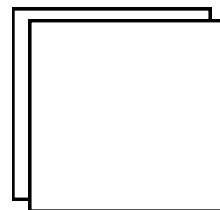
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