

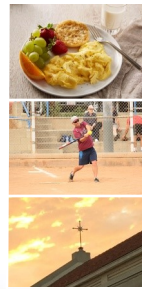
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Building God's Kingdom

REV. RACHEL

A Sunday or two ago we heard two parables about seeds Mark 4:26-34. The first parable spoke about how a person plants a seed and then the earth does its job and grows the seed into a plant worthy of harvest. The second parable is about once a seed is planted it can grow by leaps and bounds, outside of our control (this is a good thing, though sometimes it may be scary at first). These parables explain exactly why the Vestry and our congregation are embarking on the current capital campaign to improve our facilities.

We will be getting a new organ console to

replace the one that caught fire two years ago. And we will be re-voicing our organ to better fit our space. We will be restoring our stained glass windows and putting in a new protective covering so that they will last for years to come. We are repairing dangerous cracks in our church walls and sealing off water leaks that have plagued us for years. In the education building we are reformatting the classrooms to be multi-functional so that outside groups can use the rooms. We hope to put in an

elevator/lift so that everyone has equal access to the second floor. We plan to begin some kitchen renovations, that will likely be ongoing beyond the campaign fund itself.

A current Vestry goal is to let the wider community know that we are here and we are ready to welcome groups that need a place to meet. While we are happily in a long term relationship with Temple Shalom, we also have lent space to the Boy

Scouts, a French class, a Chinese singing class, the HB Historical Society, Sandpipers, CASA, and many more. This type of inviting environment is just one way in which we can serve our local community.

Our goal is \$1.5 million to accomplish these important tasks for St. Cross and those we serve. We already have \$1,177,200 collected from only 65



WORSHIP SERVICES

SUNDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

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

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WEEKLY EVENTS

MONDAY

10 AM: Listening Hearts
1 PM: Staff Meeting
1 PM: History Committee *
7 PM: Tai Chi

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

FRIDAY

Office Closed

* 2nd and 4th Monday

*several regular weekly events are
off until September*

WEEKLY 12-STEP MEETINGS

Sun: AA 7 PM
Mon: Al-Anon 7 AM
CODA 7:30 PM
Tue: Serenity 7 PM
Wed: Al-Anon 7 AM
CEA 7:30 PM
Thu: Al-Anon 12 Noon
Fri: AA 8 PM
Sat: Al-Anon 10 AM

More info: (310) 376-8989 or
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July 2018 Calendar

7/04: Independence Day—Office Closed
7/08: Ireland Pilgrimage Meeting, 11:30 AM
7/08: Peace and Justice, 11:30 AM, Rm. 4
7/15: VBS Kickoff and Open House, 11:30 AM
7/15: VBS Volunteer Training, 1:30 PM
7/16-20: Vacation Bible School, 9 AM
7/20: St. Cross Book Club, 6 PM, Guild Room
7/22: Beach Mass, 10 AM
7/24: Folding of *Crossroads*
7/24: Vestry Meeting, 7 PM
7/25: Prayer Shawl Guild, 6 PM
7/25: Laundry Love, 7 PM, Clean Scene Laundry
7/29: Order of St. Luke Healing Service, 5 PM

Order Episcopal Dodger Night Baseball Tickets by
7/15 for 8/31 game. Go to stcross.org/dodgers

Summer Breakfasts: Sundays in July and August

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/



From June 2, 2018: Ordination

ST. CROSS History

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If you include all creatures, can you name all the various ones represented in our stained glass?

The stained glass windows of St. Cross contain a great many creatures that fly, swim, slither, run, etc. Now it's time to look carefully at what the various kinds are.



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congregants. It is going to take everyone participating to the best of their ability to make our goal, and with the grace of God I know that St. Cross can do this. We are asking everyone to make a gift (above their regular annual giving) that will be paid over the next three years. When asked how much one should give, I will tell you what one parishioner told me, "we figured out what we could comfortably give, and then what would push us a bit and we chose that number." I stand by the fact that no gift should ever put anyone into financial distress. You can pay monthly, annually, by check or by credit card. The choice is yours.

Our Baptismal call is to continue to build God's kingdom which is already here and also not yet. We are in the work of ongoing creation and the Holy Spirit is calling us forth to do new things. My prayer is that the seeds we are planting through this project will bring about a new and wonderful harvest for St. Cross. As I said in my sermon, when you see the construction going on, be sure to pray that the seeds we are planting will be fruitful.

Peace, Rachel+

ST. CROSS AND TEMPLE SHALOM

The Vestry of St. Cross and the Board of Temple Shalom met together for the first time on Monday, June 11. Temple Shalom thanked us for our shared partnership in space. The Vestry and Board members shared hopes and dreams for our future together. We hope to meet together twice a year as a way to build bridges between our two communities. Both communities asked that we do some teaching together. We are thinking of a shared event in December to talk about the symbolism of light in Hanukkah and Christmas (tentative for Tuesday, December 11, 2018). We also hope to do a second shared teaching event for our Lent program this year (starting in March 2019). Temple Shalom and St. Cross parishioners will gather together to study scripture and themes that are common between our scriptures. We hope that you will join us for these events as we share our commonalities and our differences. This is what makes us community.

Ministry Notes

Blessing of the Backpacks

Each year to kick off the school year and remind our students that our prayers are with them, we bless the backpacks and bags of students from preschool to graduate school.



Mark your calendars to bring your students and their backpacks to church to get a blessing on Sunday September 2, 10am. The kids from our Vacation Bible School will also present their favorite song during the service.

On Break for Summer, Sunday School Starts Back...

Sunday School will start back up on Sunday September 9, at 9am. Sunday School registration and parents meeting will be at the same time in Room 5.

-Rev. Robin



St. Cross Softball: Batter Up!

Hey softball fans, we started our 25th year as part of the South Bay Church Athletic League Co-ed Softball League on June 9th. The Angels will try to improve on last year's 2nd Place finish in the "D" Division and the Dodgers will be defending their 1st Place Championship this year. Now let's get to the opening 2018 weekend results.

Angels Defense Smothers First Presbyterian 14-4

On June 9th, the Angels (1-0) started the season off on the right foot while getting 19 hits in a route of First Presbyterian. Perfect days at the plate by Susan Hink (4/4) 1.000 with 2 RBIs; Bruce Difley (3/3) 1.000 with a Double, 4 RBIs, 2 Runs; and Sean McCue (2/2) 1.000 with a Triple and 2 Runs paved the way. Three-Hit game by Shane Mathews (3/4) .750 with 3 Runs, 2RBIs coupled with Two Hit games by Andy Simon (2/3) .667 with 3 Runs; Caren Brownlie (2/3) .667 with 2 RBIs; and Andrew Welch (2/4) .500 with 2 RBIs aided the offense. Sean (1-0) recorded his 8th straight win over two years from the mound.

Dodgers Bats Cold in 17-10 Loss to Lawndale Wesleyan

The Dodgers (0-1) only accumulated 13 hits for .542 team batting average against a good young Lawndale Wesleyan team. Offense leaders were Bruce Difley (2/2) 1.000 with 2 Runs; Autumn Hoffman (2/2) 1.000; Sean McCue (2/3) .667 with a Double, 4 RBIs; Shane Mathews (2/3) .667 with 2 RBIs; and Doug Hall (2/3) .667 was all the offense mustered. Sean (0-1) finally lost a game from the hill. Mike Whitehill (0/1) .000 filled in at Short-stop and he was a welcome sight for the defense, need him to play more.

Angel Bats Non-Existent in 18-3 Loss to NOVA 2

On June 16th the Angels (1-1) compiled only 4 hits in this very sluggish game. The meager offense was

led by Doug Hall (2/2) .500 with 2 Hits, 1 RBI, 1 Run; coupled with 1-Hit games by Andrew Welch (1/2) .600; and Eileen Mathews (1/2) .500 with 2 RBIs. Andy Simon (0/1) .500 did score 2 Runs. Eileen (0-1) lost her first game from the mound. Newcomer and Dave and Bitsy Lutton's grandson, Andrew Foster played this game while visiting and did well.

Dodgers Lose 15-6 Against a Powerful NOVA 1 Team

The Dodgers (0-2) only accumulated 12 hits in 33 at bats for a low .394 team batting average. Multiple hit games by Doug Hall (3/3) .833; Bill Hamilton (2/3) .667; Jeff Ramsey (2/4) .500 with 2 Doubles, 2 Runs; and Dana Ramsey (2/4) .500 with 3 RBIs led the offense. Sean McCue (1/3); Autumn Hoffman (1/4) .500; Andy Simon (1/3) .333 with a Double; Brianne Bosnak (1/3) with a Double all had 1-Hit each. Sean (0-2) lost his second game in a row while pitching.

O'Grady's Home Run, 4 Hits, 6 RBIs Not Enough as Dodgers Lose 25-14

The Dodgers (0-3) had 20 Hits but it was not enough to overcome Lawndale Wesleyan young team. Jamie O'Grady (4/4) .571 had a banner game with a Home Run, Double, 6 RBIs, 3 Runs.

Other multiple hit games by Autumn Hoffman (3/3) .667, with 2 Runs; Andy Simon (3/5) .455; Mike Whitehill (2/4) .400 with a Double, 3 Runs; Bill Hamilton (2/3) .667 with a Triple, Double, 3 RBIs; Bruce Difley (2/3) with a Double, 2 Runs; and Andrew Welch (2/4) .429 all aided the offense. One-Hit games were had by Miranda

Marquez (1/3) and Peggy Hamilton (1/4) .143. Bill (0-1) made his debut on the mound and took the loss. Thanks to newcomers Mike Whitehill and Miranda Marquez for helping out the team.



Thank You Teachers!

As we come to the end of the school year, and the end of the program year here at St. Cross, we are so thankful for the teachers in our midst! For those of you who work and volunteer in the schools in our communities, thank you for your time in encouraging, teaching, and shaping our children! We are especially thankful for our twenty-five amazing St. Cross Sunday School teachers. The fact that we have such a well-developed and life-giving youth and children's ministry at St. Cross is due in large part to the time and deep care and commitment our teachers bring to their work. From the age of three to graduating from high school, our children are accompanied by teachers who bring to life the bible stories, who encourage the children to wonder and imagine, to wrestle with their faith, to build connections, and to apply their faith to their lives, relationships and the world. We would like to say a special thank you to our three Sunday School teachers who are retiring this year, for all their years of service, Alison Wilcox, Judy Spragg, and Malinda Difley. St. Cross is so thankful for all our teachers!



Vacation Bible School

If you haven't registered yet, register today to ensure you have a spot!

www.stcross.org/vbs

July 16-20, 9am-12pm

Kick off event and Open House - Sunday July 15,
11:30am-1:30pm

Summer Beach Mass

Our two Sunday Beach Mass services will be held, as usual, at 22nd street and the Strand. Park at St. Cross and walk down to the beach, or meet us there. Look for the white canopy, and the surfboard altar!

7/22 10am: Beach Mass and VBS song presentation

8/12 10am: Beach Mass and Baptisms

Summertime Ideas for Parents (and Kids!)



It is that great and energetic time of year, when kids are home more, and energy and creativity is high! It can also be a difficult time for parents to juggle vacations, work, family time, and keeping kids engaged. If you are feeling a bit overwhelmed with it all, one thing to keep in mind is that boredom can actually be good for kids! Being bored can be the impetus for creativity, imagination, self-reliance, and teamwork. Encouraging that creativity and teamwork, and giving kids the opportunity to help out with daily tasks in new and fun ways can be a great challenge for the summer.

As you are out and about this summer, it is a great time of year to wonder with your kids. This world is so full of fun and exciting things to see and learn. As you experience your day, a good question to ask kids is where they spotted God today. In VBS we call these "God sightings". Not only does the question encourage us to see the world around us differently, it also encourages conversation about faith, and finding the joy and meaning in life, even on difficult days. "God sighting" bracelets are available in a basket by the church door.

Thank You, St. Cross!

a note from Rev. Will

Dear Friends:

A whole lot of good can happen in a year. Never have I had the privilege of experiencing this truth than in the past 12 months of ministry among you. Thank you.

Thank you for welcoming me, a young priest from the south, as I was still learning how to be both priest and person. Thank you for showing me California hospitality as warm as the sunshine which surrounds this beautiful slice of God's reign. Thank you for allowing me the space to thrive here, alongside faithful friends and colleagues. True to your good nature, you have taught me well!

As I now embark on this next chapter of my life and ministry, I hope each of you know of my love and care for you, and that I will remember you in my prayers. So in that spirit, I leave you with this treasured blessing:

Go forth from this place and be kind.

Everyone here, in one way or another, carries something heavy.

So love mercy, practice forgiveness, and be gentle with yourself.

And show God's unconditional love and acceptance to yourself and everyone you meet.

And the blessing of God Almighty: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be upon you, those you love, and all those God calls you to love, this day and forevermore. Amen.

-Rev. Will



Alpha and Omega

In Memoriam

Caroline Hegner

Evensong with Prayers for Healing: July 29th

Save the Date! On July 29th at 5 PM, there will be an Evensong service with prayers for healing. Light Refreshments will follow.

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Gather at the back of Parker Hall after breakfast July 29th, approximately 9:35am, with Patsy Brierley and we'll take a tour around the church to see how many creatures we have pictured in our windows.



Formed for Ministry

To my St. Cross family,

My heart is filled with so much gratitude for who you are as a community, and how blessed I have been to share the last twelve years with you. My family and I found in St. Cross a place of belonging, a congregation of faithful people, and the space in which to grow and flourish in our own faith journeys. We also found ways to engage in ministry and to share ourselves with our church and the larger world that have fulfilled us and enriched our lives. For all of this I am so very thankful.

And now, after a many-year journey that has taken me from EfM (Education for Ministry) to becoming a Spiritual Director, to discerning a call to ordained ministry, seminary and now, being ordained, you have sent me out into the world to serve and love God's people. I am who I am, in part, because of all of you, and I cannot imagine a better place to have been formed and shaped for ministry.

Endings are never easy, even if wonderful beginnings lie just beyond. While I am thrilled to begin my ordained ministry as Associate for Youth and Spiritual Engagement at St. Francis Episcopal Church in Palos Verdes, I also mourn leaving St. Cross. I'm glad that Peter will continue to worship and serve with you, and that in that, I will somehow be peripherally connected.

I thank you for your love, your friendship and your generosity. You are forever in my heart.

With love and appreciation, Laurel

The Rev. Laurel Coote



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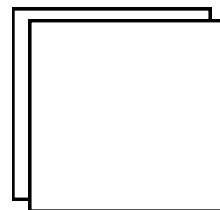
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July 16-20

Beach Mass
July 22

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