

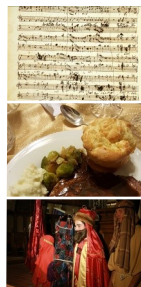
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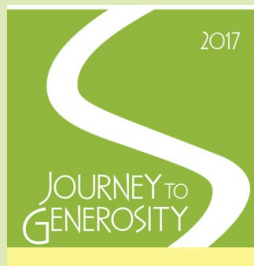
Where Does The Journey to Generosity Lead?

It Leads to Hope.

We hope you will plan to join with your St. Cross Community on Sunday, November 5, 2017 as we celebrate Pledge Sunday with baptisms and with HOPE! (Remember to bring your filled-out pledge card with you on the 5th!)

Throughout the month of October, we have been on a Journey to Generosity together. Following each Sunday's sermon, the Stewardship team has invited the congregation to read a weekly reflection, and then to prayerfully consider how God is calling us, individually and collectively, to respond. Some of the questions we have pondered are:

- Can we imagine a society in which God is at the center and in which all people act with generosity and compassion for one another? What might that look like to you?
- Has there been a time when you have been moved to respond to need with a greater generosity than you thought possible? How did you feel about it?
- Jesus calls us to give to God what is God's. What does this mean for us as a congregation, or for you personally?
- How could each of us live our lives more sacrificially, and encourage others to do the same?



Following the 10am service on the 5th, we will gather in Parker Hall to celebrate the generosity of our community, and to give thanks for all that God has given us. Along with the traditional Baptism Cake, we are happy to welcome the **Hope Sandwich Co. Food Truck** to St. Cross. The truck is a social enterprise ministry of St. John's Church in San Bernardino and, for every meal sold, they provide a meal to someone in need.

This is a fantastic way to enjoy lunch together, while helping those who are hungry. Lunch consists

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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

** 2nd and 4th Friday

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
info@stcross.org

November 2017 Calendar

11/02: Neighbor to Neighbor, 4 PM
11/04: Altar Guild Meeting, 8 AM
11/05: St. Clare's Parents Gathering, 9 AM, Rm. 4
11/05: Deanery Assembly, 1 PM, Parker Hall
11/05: Messiah Rehearsal, 1 PM (See p 3)
11/05: Upper Room "Escape," 4:30 PM (See p 5)
11/12: Global Opportunity Day, 9 AM
11/12: Messiah Rehearsal, 1 PM
11/12: OSL Evensong and Healing Service
11/17: Sociable Seniors Bus to LACMA, 9:30 AM
11/19: Messiah Rehearsal, 1 PM
11/19: Chef Christine Cooking Class, 5 PM, P. Hall
11/23—11/24: Office Closed (Thanksgiving)
11/25: Messiah Rehearsal, 9 AM
11/26: Messiah Sing-Along, 3 PM
11/29: Laundry Love, 7 PM, Clean Scene Laundry

Welcome to Hope

After our regular services on Sunday, November 5, we are happy to welcome the Hope Sandwich Company Food Truck. The truck is a social enterprise ministry of St. John's Church in San Bernardino. For every meal sold, they provide a meal to someone in need. That's something you can sink your teeth into!

Read the page 1 story for more information about this wonderful ministry and opportunity. We look forward to hosting them here at St. Cross, and to being able to spend more time together!



Rev. Robin's Ordination

ST. CROSS

History

There are two rooms on the south side of the church with the names "Sacristy" and "Vestry" on their doors.

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Do you know what goes on in those rooms and why they have been given those names?

Answer on page 6

of a Gourmet Sandwich, Chips, Drink, Cookie and two mints and is \$11.50 per lunch (Cost for adults and children are the same). You can pay by cash or credit card.

Thank you for joining in the Journey to Generosity!

St. Cross Giving Tree

The St. Cross Giving Tree Ministry, which offers parishioners the chance to provide Christmas gifts to children in need this holiday season, launches on Sunday, November 19th. The Giving Tree signup boards will be available Sunday, November 19th as well as Sunday, Nov. 26th and Sun., Dec. 3rd. All wrapped presents must be returned either Sunday, Dec 3rd or at the latest, Sunday, Dec. 19th.

St. Cross also provides each

family with a grocery gift card and we enthusiastically accept monetary donations to help us provide these gift cards. We look forward to seeing you in Parker Hall. Help us give some families a helping hand this holiday season.

Messiah Sing-Along

It's our 8th year performing a sing-along of Handel's *Messiah*, and we want to make this one bigger and better than ever, with your help! **This year we will have Bishop John Taylor to narrate the Handel story.**

Rehearsals in November:

Sundays, 11/5, 12, 19: 1—3 PM
Saturday, 11/25: 9 AM—Noon

Performance: Sunday, 11/26
3 PM—Call Time at 1 PM

Contact: Patrick Bridges, email
pbridgesnyc@verizon.net

Ministry Notes



Farewell to the St. Cross Las Familias Ministry

Earlier this year, we saw a fantastic ministry of St. Cross come to a close. Bill Soper offers a poetic tribute to the memory of the St. Cross Las Familias ministry on our website at stcross.org/lasfamilias. Not mentioned in his poem are the many years of work Bill himself put into this ministry; our parish joins the children and parents of Las Familias in saying Thank You to Bill!



Blessing of the Animals

Parents Gathering

Nov. 5, 9-10 AM in Rm. 4

St. Clare's Community of parents is a group that welcomes parents of any age children. If you are a parent, we would love to have you join us! The group provides support and friendship for St. Cross families. We participate in child-friendly family events at St. Cross, and connect through God's love. The goal of our group is to truly support and love one another through this journey and to gain deeper friendships because of it. St. Clare's typically meets on the first Sunday of the month at 9 a.m. in Room 4.

Please join us for our November Parents Gathering on November 5 from 9-10 a.m. in Room 4 while the kids are in Sunday School, or in the nursery for birth to 3 years. We will meet for an informal gathering in a quiet, safe space where we can support one another as parents, and just socialize and catch up! Light refreshments will be served. Please call Jeanne Ogar at (310) 853-0318 for more information. Hope to see you there!

Church Women United

Nov. 3, 10:30 AM at Mt. Sinai Baptist Church

World Community Day, our last meeting of the year, will be held on November 3rd at the Mount Sinai Baptist Church. Sponsored by Church Women United - the theme will be "Kindling New Fires for Peace." The program begins at 10:30 with lunch following. Carpooling will be arranged so contact Amy Hanrahan or Margy Harrell or check the posting in Parker Hall for more details.



Cooking Class Nov. 19

Chef Christine is back for another fantastic cooking class! Sunday, Nov 19 from 5—7:30 PM. \$40.00 per person. The theme is Holiday Hors D' Oeuvre—delicious hors d' oeuvre that you can make ahead so that you can be with your guests!

Recipe demonstrations, food tasting, wine and non-alcoholic beverages, and 'Stump the Chef' with cooking questions. Purchase tickets in Parker Hall Nov 5 & 12.

Christmas Dinner

Sunday, Dec. 3, 6 PM

The St. Cross Men's Fellowship Group hosts their Annual Christmas Dinner on December 3rd. Those who have attended before will be sure to tell you what a wonderful holiday feast this is! Featuring mouth-watering Prime Rib, Yorkshire Pudding, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Veggies and a delectable dessert – you won't want to miss it!

Ah, but there's a catch! Only eighty guests (that's 80) can be accommodated, and you must purchase your ticket(s) in advance!



Tickets are just \$15.00 and will be on sale in Parker Hall on Sunday, November 12th & November 19th. We look forward to sharing this feast and fellowship with you!

Worship Service Note!

This year, the 4th Sunday of Advent falls on Christmas Eve. **We will have a special morning service time on this Sunday, and later in the day we will celebrate Christmas Eve.**

Fourth Sunday of Advent: Dec. 24

One Morning Service at 9:00 AM

Christmas Eve Services: Dec. 24

4 PM Eucharist

9 PM Carols with Eucharist to Follow at 9:30

Christmas Day Service

One Service at 10 AM

Alpha and Omega

Ordained

The Rev. Robin Denney



In Memoriam

Mary Madeleine

Christmas Pageant is Coming Soon!

I am learning that the Christmas Pageant at St. Cross is a fabulous and well-known event. For those who are new, like me, know that all of the youth and children are invited to participate. We also need adult volunteers to help with lights, sound, set up, costumes, and makeup. So if you have done this before, or are willing to help, please let me know!

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Mark your calendars:

- **Dec 3, and Dec 10, 9am** – Pageant casting, during Sunday School
- **Dec 14, 6pm** – Pageant set up (staging, light and sound) volunteers, no actors
- **Dec 16, 9am** - Pageant rehearsal – for those with acting parts, and volunteers (no chorus)
- **Dec 17, 9am** – Pageant rehearsal (during Sunday School hour) all parts
- **Dec 17, before 3pm** – Costuming is done by grade/part, completed by 3pm
- **Dec 17, 3pm** – Pageant dress rehearsal all parts



The Upper Room: Escape!

The November 5, Upper Room (youth group, grades 6-12) will be an “escape room” outing and dinner. The cost will be \$20 each, with scholarships available. Carpool from the church at 4:30pm or meet at the location, returning by 7:30pm. RSVP and more info, contact Rev. Robin rdenney@stcross.org

Ministry Spotlight: Family Promise

What is Family Promise of the South Bay?

Family Promise of the South Bay (FPSB) is a community-based approach to solving homelessness, engaging both the local community as well as houses of faith in an effort to combat family homelessness. Families receive a full complement of resources, services and training as they work towards their own stability and self-reliance.

Families entering the emergency shelter program stay as the guests of congregations throughout the South Bay. As a support congregation, St. Cross is paired with Good Shep-

ard Lutheran Church (Torrance), which serves as the host church. Sup-

port Congregations strengthen the network by providing volunteers for host sites and the Family Day Center, supplies and food for the families, and in some cases, financial support for families when they graduate from the program.

Learn more about St. Cross and Family Promise at stcross.org/south-bay-family-promise.



Pastoral Care Corner

THE REV. WILLIAM STANLEY

We all like feeling connected. And for many of us, church is that place where we connect: with God and one another. Participating in communal worship each Sunday is the foundation of our lives as Episcopalian Christians. Other programs, groups, and ministries flow out of this core. Sometimes we can experience seasons where our attendance at worship ebbs. There may be a host of reasons for this, yet often it can feel like it's just as hard to get back in the habit of attending. Wherever you and your family might be, I hope you join us! As we say each Sunday: "This is the Table of the Lord. It is made for those who love God and for those who want to love God more. So come: you who have much faith and you who have little...you who have been here often and you who have not been for long...you who have tried to follow and you who have failed."



Others amongst us have a harder time being with us on Sundays, so on behalf of all of the people of St. Cross, Lay Eucharistic Visitors (LEV's) bring communion often to these folks. Each of them are LONGtime members of this community and we're grateful to our LEV's (we just doubled in size thanks to newly trained and integrated members) for their ministry of presence each month. In addition to their work, I'd like to invite you to reach out to these folks every so often, to remind them of our love for them and that they remain vital members of our part of the Body of Christ. Their names are: Muriel Plummer, Emma King, Joe Thompson, Connie Schorer and Reg Barkes. You can contact the office for their contact information if you do not already have access to it!

All the best, Will+

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You Make a Difference

Thank you for the donation of T-shirts to help the homeless! Your generosity really makes a difference to those in need.

Lava Mae, Los Angeles

ST. CROSS *History*

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Sacristy comes from the Latin meaning "sacred" and is the room that the Altar Guild uses to store the vestments, altar linens and vessels, oils, cleaning materials, etc. for preparing the church for services. The Vestry is the room where the clergy vest and keep their vestments. Its name came from the old days when the room was used for meetings of the vestry (church board of trustees/directors) as well as the vesting of the clergy. Today sometimes small groups meet in our Vestry.

Thank You!

I am so grateful for the outpouring of prayers, support, well wishes and love from this congregation on the occasion of my ordination to the priesthood. The music was incredible: thanks to the choir, Dan, Laurel, and John. Rev. Rachel, Rev. Will, Dave and Trudy worked so hard on all the logistics. The altar guild and ushers did a fantastic job. St. Monica's guild put together a beautiful reception.

It was so moving to me to be surrounded by my St. Cross community, and my family and friends. Thank you also for the outpouring of generosity for the offering, which will go to support Episcopal organizations doing amazing work in South Sudan and El Salvador, as well as local charitable causes. Thank you all!

Rev. Robin

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Parish Life

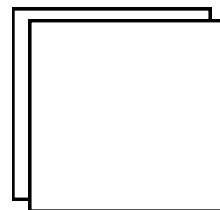
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Messiah Sing-Along Nov. 26

A wonderful tradition continues!

Messiah Sing-Along on Sunday,
November 26 at 3 PM

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