

# The FisherKing

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## April Birthdays

Happy Birthday



Apr 05 Robert Clawson  
Apr 07 Caden Doyle  
Apr 09 Theo Johnson  
Apr 12 Sadie Velasquez  
Apr 13 Matthew Dederick  
Apr 13 Winona Roulston  
Apr 18 Karsen Langley  
Apr 19 Barbara Bowman  
Apr 19 Chandler Moonsinghe  
Apr 21 Jetri Abhayaratne  
Apr 22 Jess Blevens  
Apr 22 Holly Cohen  
Apr 27 Gina Wilson  
Apr 29 Taylor Easum  
Apr 30 Emily Easum

## Looking Forward to EASTER

### Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday: Distribution of Palms, Holy Eucharist: 8AM

Procession of the Palms, Holy Eucharist: 10AM

Monday: Holy Eucharist: 7:30PM

Tuesday: Holy Eucharist: 7:30PM

Wednesday: Holy Eucharist: 7:30PM

Maundy Thursday: Holy Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar: 7:30PM

Good Friday: Stations of the Cross: 11:30AM

Liturgy for Good Friday: 12:00PM

Liturgy for Good Friday: 7:30PM

Easter Day: Festival Holy Eucharist: 8AM

Festival Holy Eucharist: 10AM



Easter Egg Hunt: following 10AM service



## Inside the Issue

By: Cathie Coppolino

After having a fairly harsh winter, by southern California standards, we eagerly welcome spring and Easter. Bob Coppolino shares a word and our Lenten Wednesday program continues along with Adult Faith.

Susan Cornner has something to share and the Easter Bunny has a special request. There are a few

things to plan ahead for, Mother's Day being one of them. You can pick up your first quarter Pledge Report and save us postage. Please.

Casino Night! It's always fun and always a fun fund raiser! Don't miss it. Various clubs meet and met. See what's up with Books, Red Tent and Hiking and Kitting! Parishioner Jerry Larson

has another stimulating story about his activities with The Sunshine Kids and there are a few other note worthy notes :-). Please also look forward to May Fundraiser at Shakey's on May 17th. There will be more details in the May issue and in the bulletins. The deadline for the May issue is Sunday April 24th at 3:00 PM

## WORD UP— Creed

Bob Coppolino

The noun **creed** derives from the Latin verb **credere** (conjugated in the first person singular) "**credo**" meaning "**I believe**". A creed is a statement of belief, typically religious, which is often recited during a religious service. A creed or σύμβολο (symbolo), in the Greek context, signifies a "token" by which persons of like beliefs recognize one another.

Creeds are often quite brief, such as (1) "Hear, O Israel: the LORD our God, the LORD is one." (Judaism), and (2) "I bear witness that there is no god but God, and Muhammad is His prophet." (Islam). A creed may be lengthy and/or non-religious, as in the case of the American's creed by William Tyler Page, adopted by the U.S. House of Representatives in 1918. The American's creed begins with "I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, for the people; whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed"

The Nicene Creed (1<sup>st</sup> Council of Nicaea 325 AD, 1<sup>st</sup> Council of Constantinople 381 AD) is the established "token" by which "orthodox", "catholic", and "traditional" Christians recognize one another. Agreed upon by the majority of early Christian bishops, it clearly spells out the common belief in the Trinity, creation and salvation, the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and the relationship of these teachings to sacred scripture. The Nicene Creed is recited in the liturgies of the Anglican, Roman Catholic, Eastern and Oriental Orthodox churches, the Assyrian Church of the East, and many Protestant churches. While evangelical and fundamentalist bodies generally agree with the Nicene Creed's content, they do not explicitly state the creed due to their strict *Sola Scriptura* (aka Scripture Alone) "creedal" position.

The Apostles' Creed, generally used in the Baptismal liturgy is recognized only within the "western rite" churches, as its origin is Roman (probably from 5<sup>th</sup> century tradition). Interestingly enough, the

Apostles' Creed is acceptable to Unitarians, because it does not explicitly state the Trinitarian and Christological teachings spelled out in the Nicene Creed.

Several variations in the text of the Nicene Creed are widely used. The *Filioque* phrase "proceeds from ... the Son" is historically controversial in that it was inserted by the western church alone in 589 AD. It is to the credit of many leaders within Anglican, Roman Catholic and Orthodox circles that the *Filioque* controversy is no longer a serious impediment to Christian unity. The non-controversial "*We believe*" (**credimus**), in place of "*I believe*" (**credo**), in the 1979 Book of Common Prayer emphasizes its corporate acceptance by the Church faithful, therefore

***Credimus in unum Deum... We believe in one God....***

## Our Lenten Program Continues

Greg Frost

### Lenten Wednesday Evening Program: "Life After Life"

We are fortunate and blessed to have Bishop Mary Glasspool as our guest presenter at our Wednesday evening Lenten

Program on Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>. The theme of the evening will be the "communion of saints" and yet with an interesting twist. Is it possible for those loved ones who have preceded us in death to communicate with us in dreams, visions and through auditory senses? Is this heresy? Quackery? Or accepted

practice within our faith? Come and bring your friends as Fr. Greg and Bp Mary explore this provocative subject. Believers, skeptics and the deceased are all welcome.

## Adult Faith Formation

Merrill Malkerson

There will always be time to get your coffee first and get seated for the ten o'clock afterwards!

Adult Faith Formation continues to offer a stimulating semester calling upon both guest speak-

ers and members of our own congregation for classes between the two Sunday Services.

We are currently continuing the series on Judgment and other series you can look forward to will address The Anglican Covenant and our Altar Guild.

We will end this school year during June with a showing of a witty, Technicolor film adaptation of "The Importance of Being Earnest".

Come and join the group. It's interesting and fun.

## Annual Easter Egg Hunt—with a twist!

### The Easter Bunny

Last year we had a lot of fun watching our children hunt for brightly colored treat filled eggs. It was also a meaningful experience as we collected food for the hungry. The kids had a great time and learned that sharing our bounty is a rewarding experience in more ways than one. So following the encouragement of one of my assistants – we've decided to repeat the event.

All we need is the help of everyone! So by the power vested in me I hereby bunny-deputize ALL parents, Grand-parents, Aunts, Uncles etc. to make a donation to

the egg hunt and the food pantry hunt. Please bring plastic eggs (which can be filled) – a bag or two of wrapped treats AND a few cans of tuna, or chili, or soups or other non-perishable canned food. Please bring these on or before Palm Sunday, April 17th.

In addition, we are also asking each parent of participating children to bring on Easter Day - canned goods so that each child can place food in our Easter baskets for the hungry. As the children fill their Easter baskets with eggs, they also will fill Easter baskets for the hungry with food.

Now HOP to it!

Thank you, the Easter Bunny.

And lest we forget—

Our Food Pantry needs donations all the time. Every Thursday we fill bags of much needed groceries for those who hunger. Canned soups, macaroni, canned meats, canned fruit, boxes of cereal, peanut butter, jam—just about anything that is non-perishable AND practical for feeding those who may go without is appreciated. There are baskets in either narthex where you may bring your donations. And your donations become part of the offering each Sunday.

## Mother's Day—plan ahead

Marsha Van Valkenburg

Sunday May 8<sup>th</sup> we celebrate the 'mothers' in our lives – those who raised us, those who helped us raise our children, our sisters, our friends and our daughters who have become mothers themselves.

Mother's Day singing telegrams will again be a part of how you can honor the 'mother' in your life, by sending a lovely and lively song to your special person.

Songs are old and new, and you can send them for the low, LOW price of \$6.00 for local delivery, \$10.00 out of State, and \$20.00 outside the USA. Yes, that's right. A gift that will make you the FAVE, and you don't have to stop at a store or fight the crowds at a restaurant!

The telegrams will be sent by telephone, on Mother's Day between 8-9:30am, and between 12-1pm, before and after church.

Flyers will be available in each narthex

beginning April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Pick up a form, fill it out as asked, pick your song from the back (and 2<sup>nd</sup> page) and put the completed form (and your money – cash or check is acceptable) in the big envelope in the office marked "Mother's Day Telegrams".

If you have any questions, any special or unusual requests, OR if you would like to be part of the 'singing', please contact Marsha Van Valkenburg at 818-625-1042 or marshavanv@yahoo.com

## Pledge Reports

Wendy Shoga and Cathie Coppolino

A status report on your 2011 pledge is now available for pick up in the North Narthex. The report should reflect all contributions that you have made up to and including March 31, 2011. It would be very helpful to our

budget if you would stop in the narthex to pick up your report so that we can save a little on the postage. There will be two additional pledge progress reports made available to pledging parishioners during the year as well as your year-end statement. We will notify you when they come available. Meanwhile if

you're an "eastern narthexer" drop over to the north, say hello to the folks you meet there, and pick up your report envelope.

And to learn about how your most important gift to our community is needed, see the article on Your Pledge at Work.

## Casino Night

David Gundrum

This year, we are jumping back in time to the 1840's and heading off to the town of Grimy Gulch where a big gold strike is just starting to pay off. You have worked hard and filled several sacks with nuggets from your claim and are looking for a way to spend your new found wealth. Why not come down to the Grimy Gulch Saloon where, for one night only, Wild Bill's Traveling Casino can show you a good time. There will be fancy grub to fill your belly and plenty of spirits to put you in a good mood. I'm told that Wild

Bill is known for his pleasant dealers and big winners so why not try your luck. You can pull out your fancy duds if you like or just dress in some clean overalls for the evening. There will be some great prizes for those that win big at the tables!

We would like it if you could help out a little by donating some of the gold dust in your pockets to help keep the games honest and upgrade the saloon's normal supply of rot gut whiskey. We are looking for cash and prize donations to help offset the cost of the

evening. If you have a prized possession that someone else might find interesting, please let Sheriff David Gundrum or any member of the Town Counsel (Vestry) know about what you have in mind. All donations would be greatly appreciated.



This event is - Saturday, April 30th. Doors open at 6 PM. Tickets for the evening will be \$40 per person (in advance) and \$45 at the door. For this price, you get great grub and a generous stack of starter chips for the games.

## Book Club

Cathie [Coppolino](#)

Everyone loved it!

Last month the Book Club read [Cutting for Stone](#) by Abraham Verghese. The story was powerful and poignant and everyone who read it pretty much agreed it was one of the best books we've done in the club. So it is recommended to you even if you don't participate in the monthly book club. If you've

thought about reading it . . . DO.

The selection for April is [Wolf Hall](#) by Hilary Mantel. We will meet at the Coppolino home on Tuesday April 26<sup>th</sup> (a week later than usual due to Holy Week) at 7:30 PM for fellowship and discussion lead by Sheri Shaffer. If you have questions call Cathie Coppolino at 818.366.1714

The books for 2011 are as follows:

May 17 [The Glass Castle](#) by Jeannette Wall. June 21 [Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience and Redemption](#) by Laura Hillenbrand. July 18 [West with the Night](#) by Beryl Markham. Sept. 20 [Matterhorn: A Novel of the Vietnam War](#) by Karl Mariantes. Oct. 18 [Bookseller of Kabul](#) by Asne Seierstad. Nov. 15 [I Am the Messenger](#) by Markus Zusak. Dec. 13 [Duma Key](#) by Stephen King.

## Red Tent Activities

Cathie Coppolino

In March the ladies of the parish gathered in the parish hall for tea, muffins and a really fun class on how to make hand-crafted greeting cards. Lee West organized the ladies and we had a lot of fun, cutting and pasting the old fashioned way.



Carol Sherwood

Ladies, we will have a guided tour of the tranquil Japanese Garden at the Tillman Water Reclamation Plant just off Woodley. Enjoy beautiful plantings around a lake with fountains, waterfalls, and a tea house. Bring cameras. The paths are gentle and smooth enough for walkers and wheelchairs.



Please note that the date is a week earlier (2nd Wednesday) due to Holy Week. We will meet at the church at 9:45 for a 10 am departure. Lunch will be at a local restaurant. Admission is \$3 for adults, and \$2 for seniors; parking is free. If you did not sign up at the last Red Tent event, or for questions, contact Carol Sherwood at (818) 368-1984

## Jerry and the Sunshine Kids

Jerry Larson

On March 20 I had the privilege of being with the Sunshine Kids at the LA Marathon. These kids run or walk a relay mile and pass a torch to the next runner. This is repeated for each mile of the 26 mile course. This year, after the 14th mile, the director made the decision not to transport any more kids out to their relay mile because of the rain and cold weather. The kids and their chaperones were bused to the last eighth of a mile. Waiting for them was a special guest - the Los Angeles Police Department's Chief of Police, Charlie Beck. Chief Beck walked with the kids across the finish line and back to the bus. My

take on Chief Beck is that Los Angeles and the LAPD are in good hands.

This year, once again, I had the privilege of being with Jesse. He is 13 years old and has had cancer since he was seven. Jesse doesn't walk well, so I pushed him in his wheelchair until the last 50 yards. He wanted to walk across the finish line. Once back on the bus and headed to the Sunshine Kids base camp (Raleigh Studios) in Hollywood, another special treat awaited the kids. Six current and former Olympic athletes were on the bus, and each got up and told the story of their adversity of how they got to where they are today. What a treat.

What a day.

Whenever I am around these kids, I come away with something new. The Wait. In the morning of the marathon, the wait at the studio can be hours before they are transported to their relay mile. Once out at their designated mile, there is another wait before the relay torch is handed off to them. They, along with their parents and siblings, are accustomed to waiting - waiting for doctors, waiting for treatments, waiting for tests - always waiting for something. There was never a complaint. And they were always smiling.

Editors note: for more information on The Sunshine Kids go to [www.sunshinekids.org/](http://www.sunshinekids.org/)

## More News from the Knit-Wits

Maria Rountree & Cindy Young

The knitting club meets every Saturday from 9:00 to 11:00 in St. Andrew's room. All Knitters, needleworkers and Crafters of any medium are welcome and invited! If you have knitting, needle-work or crafting supplies laying around, consider donating them to the

group BECAUSE . . . We are planning to hold a three-day holiday craft boutique in the Parish Hall on December 9<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> 2011. We have enlisted the service of a professional craft show company, called Holiday Traditions Shows. To see what their shows look like visit [holidaytraditionsshows.com](http://holidaytraditionsshows.com)

With your support and participation, we anticipate this to be a strong fund-raiser for St. Andrew and St. Charles. All we need now are the homemade crafts to sell! If you or someone you know enjoy craft projects and would like to host a booth, please contact Maria Rountree at [treefamily@roadrunner.com](mailto:treefamily@roadrunner.com).

## Noteworthy

From Jerry Larson—we regret the cancellation of the March Hiking Club. The weather simply did not permit. Jerry says there will be other hikes planned possibly for April and May, so please watch the weekly bulletin for news and information. And let's thank God for the rain this year and the maybe we could plead ENOUGH!

And speaking of prayer . . .  
From Maria Rountree "Prayer cannot bring water to parched fields, or mend a broken bridge, or rebuild a ruined city; but prayer can water an arid soul, mend a broken heart, and rebuild a weakened will." – Abraham Joshua Heschel

Save the Date in May for a FUNd raiser at Shakey's Pizza in Northridge.

This will be a casual event, where Shakey's will donate back to the church a percentage of the patron's bill. Watch the FisherKing and/or the bulletins for further information.

## Your Pledge Dollars at work

And still no subsidy in sight

Sue Mullins

While he was monitoring the plumbing and concrete repairs (see the March 2011 FisherKing issue), Mike Mullins had his eyes focused on the ground most of the time. Then, one *very* windy day, he happened to look up and saw trees, many, many trees: tall cedar trees sweeping across the blue roofs of the classrooms; melaleucas whipping

from side to side; sycamores blocking the lights in the parking lot, smaller melaleucas drooping close to the tops of parked cars--all warnings of possible accidents and/or damage to our church. And thus he realized it was long past time for tree trimming.

Mike contacted the Harold R. Brazee Company, a company that had done reliable tree work for the parish in the past, and asked them for a

quote for the job. Their quote --which included a sizeable discount for the church--was \$3,150, and, so, the work began (and ended) on Thursday, March 17.

The entire job included pruning 12 melaleuca trees, lightly pruning (and re-staking as needed) 5 elm trees, pruning 5 large sycamore trees, 2 eucalyptus trees, 2 large deodor cedar trees, 1 jacaranda tree (so beautiful but so messy!), and 1 pear tree (fruitless, unfortunately!).

## Trimming continued . . .

In addition to pruning the 2 large deodor cedars, the workers also cleared ever-falling pine needles from the parish roof (a job done routinely, by the way, by our gardener, Octavio Carrillo).

Years ago, a sage--actually, it was my father-- once commented to me "*Sue, Here in California, we plant trees as if we never expect them to grow.*"

But, the trees on our church grounds definitely **do** grow! In the future, perhaps, we can

reduce the cost of an extensive hair cut job with more frequent "shaping." Again, thank you parishioners, all, for your contributions to the safety (and beauty) of our parish.

## And some pictures



Untrimmed Deodar

Trimmed Deodar



Untrimmed melaleucas



Trimmed melaleucas

## The Rector's Corner—Rev. Canon Greg Frost

There aren't any young people here!

A young couple with two young children recently visited our church. They loved our sense of warmth and friendliness, our liturgy and the sermon. And yet, in speaking with them after the service they said that they would not be coming back. In asking why, they said that their daughter was one of two in the pre-school class, and there were not a lot of people their age in the congregation. They were looking for a church (any church) that offered more people their own age.

Now, I have heard this a lot over my years in the ministry. And I used to fall for it, but I don't any longer. And here is why. Joining a faith community is not the same as joining a social organization. Certainly, there is a social aspect to a church community. However, we gather as a community of faith **first**. Growing, deepening our faith is the purpose of a church community. Faith is the reason we are all here; not age or color or ethnicity. Church is about being the body of Christ, which means being a member of a congregation is about sharing your gifts and talents with others in the church community. And I think we learn more from people who are different than we are rather than being just like us. If you want advice regarding raising children, it would be wise to speak with those persons who have already successfully (and not successfully) raised children unless you simply want someone with whom to complain and commiserate. We have been done in by mega-churches that offer full community services and segregate people into the teen group or 40's group or 70's group. Why is it okay in society to say that you want to be in a church of people your own age, but it is not okay to say that you want to be in a church of all white people? There is nothing one can do to change the color of one's skin any more than one can change one's age.

My point is that a church is the Body of Christ. If we gather to share, learn and deepen our faith, then this is best rendered with people who are of varied ages because faith develops and changes along with one's stages in life. Actually, we should be flocking to those who are older if for no other reason than to ask them why they still come to church and how have they been able to stick with it all these years.

We need people of all ages in our faith communities. We need to be disturbed during our church services with a crying baby in church as much as the whistling of a hearing aid. We need to be disturbed because we live in a pluralistic society which offers so much richness in its diversity. We need the older more experienced folks who tell us the truth through real life practice, and we need the fresh perspectives of those younger to keep from us from being in a rut. Above all, we need one another in order to be able to put together anywhere near the true portrait of Christ.

### ESTATE SALE

Beautiful 19th-century antiques as well as mid-century vintage items and collectibles will be offered at the estate sale of Lorraine True, Susan Cornner's mother. Hand-sewn table linens and hand towels, four sets of fine china, and a complete 12-place setting set of sterling silver will also be available. Other furniture and decorator items like flower arrangements and vases, bathroom towels and all sizes of sheets, kitchen items for cooking and baking will be sold. Some children's toys will be on sale also.

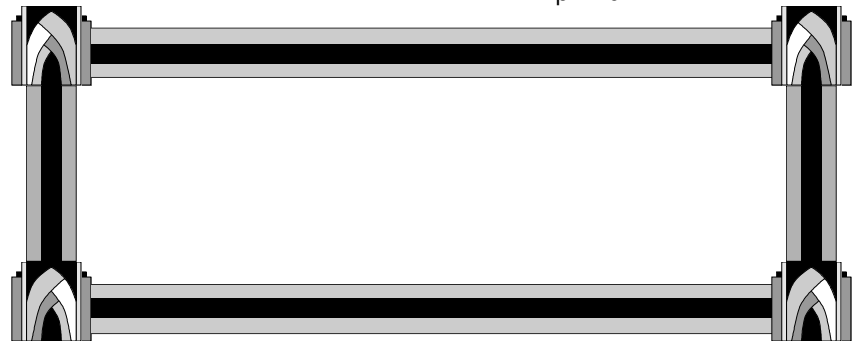
The estate sale is Friday April 8 and Saturday April 9 at 22334 Romar St. in Chatsworth, near the corner of Devonshire and Topanga Canyon. Questions? Call Susan at 818 772-5777.

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**Holy Eucharist Rite II**

Sundays 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM

Adult Faith Formation 9:00 AM

Children's Chapel 10:00 AM

Sunday School 10:15 AM

Nursery provided

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