

# The FisherKing

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## A View from the Pew

Mike Mullins

Shortly after the window was installed and looking at the window with the sun light shining through, I kept seeing this image through one of the

stained glass panels from our pew vantage point.

While checking out the water leak at church, I had my camera handy to "record" the work progress.

I decided to take a "shot" of the stained glass window....the time of day was the same as during 10 o'clock Sunday services



## Inside the Issue

By: Cathie Coppolino

Do you see the image of the cross in Mike's photo? It's not part of the window, but it is what can always be seen when THE LIGHT shines. Thanks to God.

Hear the "word" on Sacraments and then one person's perspective on the recent Adult Faith experience as well as what to look for this semester.

It's almost time for pancakes and gumbo. Mardi Gras is near and thus so is Ash Wednesday and the Lenten season. A very compelling Wednesday evening series is planned.

The book club read, the knitters knit, knot and craft and hikers hiked right down the road.

We've had some significant repairs around the campus and there's a story and pictures.

CASINO NIGHT— Such fun so mark your calendars for that!

A brief note about movies from Marsha and something to tickle your funny bone.

And Father Greg shares some insight on Lent.

Deadline for next month is Sunday March, 27 at 3:00PM

Blessings for your month.

## Word Up

Bob Coppolino

### Sacrament

Augustine of Hippo (354-430 AD) defined a sacrament as a “visible sign of an invisible reality”. The Catechism in the Book of Common Prayer says that “sacraments are outward and visible signs of inward and spiritual grace, given by Christ as sure and certain means by which we receive that grace”.

The number of particular “sacraments” recognized in the Christian Church varies by denomination. The Anglican tradition, in accordance with the Thirty-Nine Articles recognizes two, namely Holy Baptism and Holy Communion, since they were ordained directly by Jesus Christ. The Lutheran Church adds Confession/Absolution (aka Rec-

onciliation of a Penitent) as the third sacrament. The more ancient Roman Catholic, Eastern and Oriental Orthodox traditions recognize four additional sacraments, namely, confirmation (chrismation), ordination, holy matrimony, and unction (anointing of the sick). The latter five “rites” are recognized in the Anglican tradition as “sacramentals”, except in Anglo-Catholic circles which often follow the more ancient view of seven sacraments.

In his recent book entitled Encountering the Mystery, the present Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople, Bartholomew, views all creation as a sacrament. Also known as “the Green Patriarch”, Bartholomew elaborates upon this position to justify humanity’s responsibility to preserve the environment and foster a just global economy. Indeed if we

combine the Anglican position that sacraments were ordained directly by Jesus Christ with the Gospel of John, sacraments do not follow a “numbers game”, because:

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being.....*

*And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father’s only son, full of grace and truth.*

To quote Louis Armstrong :

What a wonderful world.

## Adult Faith in review

Marsha Van Valkenburg

If you were fortunate enough to have attended any of the last three Adult Faith forums, you have learned what a fabulous and far-reaching group the Episcopal Church is. From our own food pantry, to the multi-cultural needs of FIVE Southern California Counties, to the entire

United States (plus 14 other Dioceses outside the continental US that are part of our church), and to the International stage via the Episcopal Relief and Development group, we are so very blessed to have such responsible, compassionate and skilled volunteers within our midst. We are a cohesive group here at St. Andrew and St. Charles, and the

love we share here is seen and felt to the ends of the earth. Thank you to Canon Janet Wylie and Canon Bob Williams from the LA Diocese, and Susan Cornner here at home, for helping us to see outside ourselves – and see that we DO make a difference.

## Adult Faith in the future

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 speakers and members of our own congregation

for classes between the two Sunday Services.

After recent presentations on our Diocese and the National Church we are looking forward to further gatherings on Episcopal Relief and Development, The Anglican Covenant, our Altar Guild, and an extended series on Judgment.

Among our presenters are Susan Cornner, Patrick Coleman, Cathie Dunlop and Maria Rountree.

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 spread the word!!

## Mardi Gras—Fat Tuesday—Pancakes—Gumbo—Fun b4 Fast

David Gundrum

### Mardi Gras Is Coming!

Y'all come on down and party hearty at this year's annual Shrove Tuesday Mardi Gras Gumbo and Pancake Gala. Once again we will be serving up hearty bowls of seafood, chicken and sausage, and vegetable gumbo sure to stick to your ribs, I gar-on-tee!

For you traditionalists, we will have stacks of steaming pancakes that will please even the most finicky palette.

Tickets will be \$4 per person which is a deal that can't be beat for all this fantastic food.



So mark your calendars for Tuesday, March 8th from 6 to 8 PM and come join us for fun, festivities and great conversation as we have one last fling before we fast! See you there.

## Red Tent at the Getty Museum



Thanks to Cindy Young for the pictures.



## Red Tent Women visited Getty

Susan Cornner

Getty Center in Brentwood welcomed the women of the Red Tent on February 16, and despite predictions of rain and heavy 405 traffic, the day was clear and the freeway un-crowded.

Judy Boone was the group's leader, and she arranged a tour

of the "Highlights of the Getty." A soldier's portrait by Titian, an ornate Louis XIV chest, a watercolor of a ballet dancer by Degas, and the famous "Irises" by Van Gogh were discussed by a docent. The tour also allowed the group to see each of the Getty's major pavilions and its grounds.

After a quick lunch in the Cafete-

ria, each woman was encouraged to visit a favorite area. Most saw an exhibit of modern photographs from China and very early photographs of Asia by Felice Beato.

Red Tent meets next March 16 to view silent films and to learn more about the art of that era. All women of the parish are invited. Join us!

## Mark Your Calendars!!!

David Gundrum

"In a cavern, in a canyon,  
Excavating for a mine,  
Dwelt a miner, forty-niner,  
And his daughter Clementine."

Yep, pardners, it's time to put down the shovel and pick and bring your nuggets into town and celebrate your big strike. It's 1849 in California and you just hit the Mother Lode at your claim. So hurry down to the local saloon for a little fun and try your luck at a couple games of

chance. Wild Bill's Casino will be returning to this neck of the woods.

I hear tell that they will be rolling in for one night only on **Saturday, April 30th.**

I know it may be a ways off, but you'll have a chance to fill those last sacks of gold and git yerself over to the assay office before they get here.

Take your monthly bath, put on your finest overalls and come

join in on the fun. Just remember to check your firearms at the door.

Help sponsor the evening, by sharing a little of that gold. You can sponsor a table, or help upgrade the saloon's supply of watered down suds and whiskey. Or donate a cool prize that your neighbors may want to take a chance on. If you are interested in helping out, just drop a line to anyone in the vestry or contact Sheriff David Gundrum

## Book Club— A New Year a Few Changes

Cathie Coppolino

The book club met on February 15<sup>th</sup> at the West's home to discuss Daphne du Maurier's novel Rebecca.

A lively discussion was led by Mike Mouton, who encouraged the participants to give personal impressions from the viewpoint of selected characters in the story.

The March selection is Cutting for Stone by Abraham Verghese. We will meet at 7:30 PM at the home of Greg and Janice Frost on Tuesday March 15th. For information or directions please contact Janice Frost 818.886.0610

The books for 2011 are as follows:

April 26 Wolf Hall by Hilary Mantel.  
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.

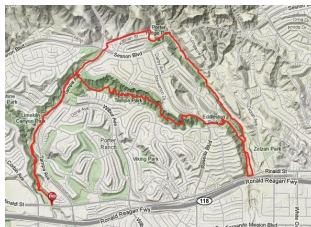
## Hiking Club

Jerry Larson

On January 22, members of the Hiking Club enjoyed a break from winter, with beautiful, sunny 70-degree weather. We met at the Rinaldi entrance to the Porter Ranch Loop hike.

Who would have thought such a scenic hike would be in the middle of Porter Ranch! It parallels Tampa down in a

gully and winds its way through a mini forest and crosses a stream. Everyone in the group agreed that it was a treat.



Our next hike is scheduled for Saturday, March 26 in Thousand Oaks. It is easy to get to from the 118 and 23. It's a difficulty level just above mild. We expect to see the wildflowers in bloom this time of year. More details to follow. If you're interested in hiking with us, please contact me at [jjlarson2@verizon.net](mailto:jjlarson2@verizon.net) or 818-363-4006.

## Lenten Program

Greg Frost

Have you had a dream where a deceased loved one visited you, only it seemed far more real than a regular dream? Have you ever met someone and feel so connected to them as if you had been very close in some way in a previous life? Do the dead communicate with us? What about NDEs (near death experiences)? Psychics?

Our annual Lenten program will cover these and other topics beginning March 16<sup>th</sup> to April 13<sup>th</sup>.

The programs begin at 7PM to 8PM in the Parish Hall.

We will not have dinners of soup and bread this year. On March 6<sup>th</sup> our guest co-presenter will be Bishop Mary Glasspool as we discuss the "communion of saints." Don't miss this unusual, provocative and interesting series!

A REMINDER for ASHES

Services for the

**Holy Eucharist**

and

**Imposition of Ashes**

Wednesday March 9

at

6:00 AM, 12:00 Noon

and 7:30 PM.

## Going Up?

*Thanks to Kate Nott for sharing:*

Lest we forget how difficult it is to master the English language, consider this list, collected by Air France employees, of signs from around the world:

- BUCHAREST (ROMANIA) HOTEL: The lift is being fixed for the next day. During that time we regret that you

will be unbearable.

- LEIPZIG (GERMANY) ELEVATOR: Do not enter the lift backwards, and only when lit up.
- BELGRADE (YUGOSLAVIA) ELEVATOR: To move the cabin, push button for wishing floor. If the cabin should enter more persons, each

one should press a number of wishing floor. Driving is then going alphabetically by national order.

- PARIS HOTEL ELEVATOR: Please leave your values at the front desk.

## A bit of this, a little of that

Marsha Van Valkenburg

### Movies with Marsha

It's a sad state of affairs when I can't get to the movies in the last two weeks before the Oscars, but there it is. However, watch this space next month for reviews of 'Black Swan', 'Biutiful', 'The Fighter' (maybe), and the ever-popular Oscar Night review.

Let the Mother-of-all-awards-shows begin!!!

### The Knit-Wits

Cindy Young & Maria Rountree

The knitting club meets every Saturday from 9:00 to 11:00 in St. Andrew's room. All Knitters, Knotters and Crafters of any medium are welcome and invited! If you have knitting, knotting or crafting supplies

laying around, consider donating them to the group BECAUSE . . . We are planning to hold a holiday craft boutique in the Parish Hall on Saturday, December 3, 2011. All we need now are the home-made 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).

## Your Pledge Dollars at work

Sue Mullins

Our church, like our homes, is not immune to sudden--and costly--maintenance emergencies. In mid-January, Heidi Cadwallader and Barbara Nelson, our observant administrator and parish secretary, called Mike Mullins, the Vestry's major property projects representative, about a suspicious stream of water that was flowing along the walkway on the west side of

the church building

--suspicious because the water kept flowing *after* the rain storms had ended!

After checking out the scene, Mike called Burwell Plumbing, who confirmed, yes, there was a leak--a major leak! Burwell reported that the leak was coming from "somewhere" under the driveway adjacent to the church building.

To find the "somewhere," a "leak finder"--yes, there *is* such a person-- was called to pinpoint its exact location. Once the leak was located, Burwell was able to complete the plumbing repairs. The culprit of it all: at the time the church was built, a joint in the major water line was not properly secured and, thirty years later, the pipes finally separated. The cost of the plumbing repairs: \$3,500.

## Concrete repair (continued)

As part of the plumbing repair process, Burwell needed to jack-hammer the walkway and part of the driveway.

After the plumbing, itself, was repaired, Mike, then, contacted GPM, contractors who made the necessary concrete and driveway repairs. At the same time, with safety in mind, Greg asked

if GPM could do something about the individual concrete pavers connecting the sidewalks from the church to the parish hall. Mike contacted GPM and their suggestion was to replace the pavers with a full concrete sidewalk. The concrete and driveway repairs were completed for a cost of \$2,400. The total costs of all repairs were

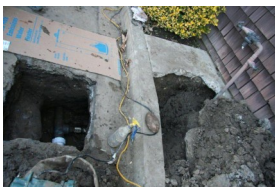
\$5,900. (Unfortunately, the Government did not provide Stimulus Funds to the church.) The upside to the original problem is greater safety to parishioners from taking falls along the sidewalk--and relief from those suspiciously high DWP water bills!

## And some pictures



The culprit

Repaired Pipe



West side concrete repair



New sidewalk

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

### Lent

Lent is the 40-day period of repentance and renewal preceding Easter. "Lent" is derived from the Middle English "Lente" which means springtime. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends with the Easter Service. Holy Week, the week starting with Palm Sunday and ending with Holy Saturday, commemorates Christ's last week of life on earth. It is the final, most important part of Lent.

In the early Church Lent was a time of preparation for baptism. Candidates for baptism prepared for Lent by meditation, prayer and penitential practices. During the Middle Ages strict 40-day fasts (abstinence from meat and other foods), not attending festivals and confession of sins were obligatory for Christians. Today, the emphasis has shifted from long periods of fasting to prayer, meditation and reflection on the meaning of Easter. The heart of Lent is inner penitence and reconciliation with God.

The best way to begin your Lenten discipline is with self-examination and inner healing. Frederick Buechner, one of my favorite spiritual authors, offers assistance for accomplishing this. Buechner sees Lent as a time for us to ask ourselves the following questions:

- If you had to bet everything you have on whether there is a God or whether there isn't which side would get your money and why?
- When you look at your face in the mirror, what do you see in it that you most like and what do you see in it that you most deplore?
- If you had only one last message to leave to the handful of people who are most important to you, what would it be in 25 words or less?
- Of all the things you have done in your life, which is the one you would most like to undo? Which is the one that makes you happiest to remember?
- Is there any person in the world, or any cause, that, if circumstances called for it, you would be willing to die for?

If this were the last day of your life, what would you do with it?

To hear yourself try to answer questions like these is to begin to hear something not only of who you are but of both what you are becoming and what you are failing to become. It can be a pretty depressing business in all, but if sackcloth and ashes are at the start of it, something like Easter may be at the end.

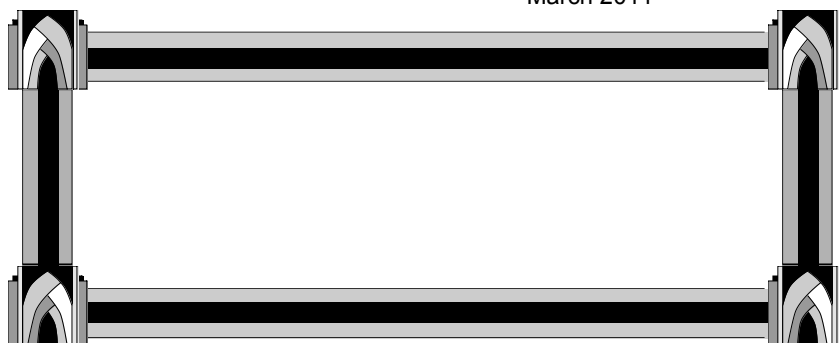
There are actually 46 days in the season of Lent. The 6 Sundays in Lent are not counted as part of Lent because every Sunday is a celebration of the Resurrection even in Lent. Therefore, the season is called the "40 days of Lent." 40 days.....that's it! 40 days to ask ourselves these questions as did Jesus in his 40 day trek into the desert. Use these days wisely. Use them as if they are the last days of your life.

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Adult Faith Formation 9:00 AM

Children's Chapel 10:00 AM

Sunday School 10:15 AM

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