

# The FisherKing

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## And thus endeth the Summer

Cathie Coppolino

And what a lovely summer it was—at least for me. Much needed time with family AND with the beauty of God’s creation left me with a pile of laundry and many happy memories.

And now we return to our normal programming. A few things popped up during the Summer here at STAC and of course the biggest event was the annual Summer Breakfasts. Once again our world-famous Breakfast Club delighted our hunger with delicious fare which appeals to all. Generally a photo

is shared here of the BC hard at work, but this time Kate Nott wishes to share the following:

Jake Brodey, age 9, has volunteered twice at the Sunday morning summer breakfast to help the Breakfast Club prepare the wonderful meal that is provided each Sunday during our summer months. This means getting up at 6:00 a.m. to arrive at church by 7:00 a.m.

Last year, Jake took cooking lessons at camp and he loves to cook. So this summer he shared his new skills by chopping sweet peppers and green onions, as well as distributing the condiments to the tables, put-

ting out the juice and milk, scooping marmalade and jam into bowls, and various other chores.

Jake enjoys being part of the Breakfast Club when he can, and always shows a smile and willingness to do whatever is asked of him.

Thank you Jake!



## Inside the Issue

By: Cathie Coppolino

As can be expected there is a lot of new activity in store for September. Hollywood Bowl is right on the horizon, then we’ll have fun and fellowship at the annual Rectory party followed by some FUND raising fun as we solve the murder at midnight. The Red Tent ladies have put together a new schedule and its sounds interesting and entertaining.

School is back in session with new curriculum for Adults and youngsters alike. And the Choir is getting ready to pitch harmonious melodies. And we’ll bring in some new Acolytes and a new co-chair person to help direct them.

We will honor the memorable date of September 11th in a special adult Faith class and during the service as well.

An article within provides information on various improvements to the church and rectory which were completed over the summer and Marsha is back with her movie reviews.

The Food Pantry has bigger and immediate needs

Greg takes a stroll down memory lane to bring us back to the future in the Rectors Corner.

Welcome home everyone. ♥

## Adult Faith Formation

Marsha VanValkenburg

We have LOTS of great topics planned for the coming year. We will continue to meet during the 9am hour in the St. Andrew room, and all are invited to attend. Child care is available, classes normally run 45 minutes, and you're welcome to bring in your coffee and doughnuts.

### Beginning September 18<sup>th</sup> 9AM

(September 11<sup>th</sup> will be saved for a 9/11 memorial hour – see separate article) we will discuss the book 'The Lemon Tree', about two people, one Arab and one Israeli, and the house that is home to a lemon

tree. One of them fled the house when he was a child, the other is part of the family that moved into the home. The story puts a face on the conflict – two human faces to be exact. It is a personal story to help us understand why the conflict remains unresolved, and why it continues to dominate the region. Several teachers are lined up for this 4-week series. Purchase of the book is not required, but it is available on Amazon and at the Cathedral Bookstore, if you're interested.

Upcoming classes include Mary of Magdalene, Halloween (When the Saints Go Marching In), Convention

Resolutions, Feast on the Word (a curriculum that focuses on the readings of the day), "The Big Thirst-The Secret Life and Turbulent Future of Water" (a book and projects for conservation of our natural resource), and learning more about the differences between the Old and New Testaments.

We will have a Wednesday evening Lenten Program beginning early March, and are considering offering classes after church on alternate Sundays, other evening programs offered once per week or month. Your input, ideas and participation will be welcomed!!!

## September 11, 2011

Marsha VanValkenburg

On Sunday, September 11, 2011, we will all remember the tragic events of 10-years earlier that altered a people and a nation.

Here at St. Andrew & St. Charles Church, we will take some time during the 9am hour, in the St. Andrew classroom, to reflect on

the tragedy, the journey since then, the strength that gets us through the darkest hours, and the hope that shines through the darkness. Please join us for a solemn, sharing and remembering hour on this very special day.

On Sunday, September 11, 2011, a free concert will be offered by the Angeles Chorale at 4:30m at Our Lady of the Angeles Cathedral in downtown LA. The Faure requiem and three contemporary a cappella pieces will be performed. It's easy to get there on the red line, and if you drive the parking is free. This is a beautiful location from which to remember and honor those who lost their lives on that tragic day. Contact Marsha Van Valkenburg for more details at 818-625-1042.

## Junior/Senior High Christian Education

Greg Frost

Huzzah! Class is starting up again on **September 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:45AM to 1:00PM.** Fr. Greg will again attempt to keep all of you out of eternal damnation by offering instruction about our faith

from his vast warehouses of knowledge. Friends, pets, parents, and extraterrestrials are all invited to attend along with you.

Knowing many of you need to be bribed in order to attend, lunch will be served and get out of

school notes for religious holidays will be handed out throughout the year.

And, oh, yes, our guest in September will be Bigfoot discussing "How Christ Changed My Life". **See you on September 11<sup>th</sup>!**

## Party at the Rectory Sept 18th.

Greg and Janice Frost

Last year's fall party at the home of Janice and Greg Frost was so much fun that we have decided to do it again.

So, on **Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> from 4PM to 8PM** we will gather at 18354 Superior Street, Northridge, 91325 (the rectory) for fun, fellowship and food.

The party is a backyard affair with great food, a jumpy for the kids, musical entertainment, tattoo artists and a caricature artist.

All of this is free! Pinch me I think I'm dreaming! This is a fellowship event in which we gather and celebrate being members and friends of St. Andrew and St. Charles. Thus, ALL are welcome! Bring your friends to share Episcopal hospitality. Especially invited are families with children because we have a big, fenced-in backyard and some fun activities planned for the children. So, save the date!

Please telephone the Parish Office at 818 366 7541 to let us know how many will be in your party.

And on another note:

HOLLYWOOD BOWL –

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2011 – 6:30 PICNIC/8:30 CONCERT

TICKETS (\$32.00) ARE STILL AVAILABLE FOR THE SUMMER FINALE, TCHAIKOVSKY FIREWORKS SPECTACULAR.

CONTACT MARSHA VAN VALKENBURG AT 818-625-1042 FOR ADDITIONAL INFO.

## Murder Plays a Sour Note

Tina Scott

It will be 6 p.m., September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2011 in Granada Hills. But for this year's sleuths it will be Midnight, New Year's Eve, 1954, in the Windy City. Roxy Romano will welcome you to the famous supper club, The Pitz, where Sammy Fenetra will be crooning to the dulcet tones of Lou Gunbardo and his Royal geraniums.

Sounds delightful BUT 1955 will arrive with... MURDER!!

Is the culprit underworld figure Giovanni Fishi? Maybe even Mayor Dalley?

Wear your New Year's finest and join in an adult evening of good food, merriment, and a challenging mystery for only \$30 per person or \$50 per couple.

Tickets will go on Sale the first Sunday in September. There will be a limited number of tickets sold (only eight tables), so please purchase your tickets early. No tickets will be sold at the door (unless we don't meet the maximum.).

## Red Tent

The Red Tent Ladies have set a tentative schedule for the 2011/2012 season.

Kate Nott hosts an outing to the Andres Pico Adobe in Mission Hills on **Sept. 21**. The San Fernando Valley Historical Society is caretaker of this home which is one of the oldest in the City of

Los Angeles, and is a cultural historical landmark. The tour is free and lunch follows at Buon Gusto (\$12-15 per person) Please contact Kate at 818.224.3964 to RSVP. Also check the weekly bulletin



for details.

Save October 19th for a Subway Tour hosted by Judy Boone and then watch this space and the weekly bulletins and our Facebook page for the planned outings for the season. Red Tent is reserved for all women of the

## Acoloyte Program

David Dean

It's that time of year again when we welcome our young people approaching the double digits of ten years of age to join and participate in St Andrew and St Charles Acoloyte Program. This is a very special year because we also are most fortunate to welcome Alan Roulston to co-lead our acolytes. Alan will

co-lead with David Dean to work with the acolytes and help prepare our new acolytes to take on the support of our regular 10:00 am, Sunday Eucharist Service and all our special services.

It all starts at 7:00 pm, Thursday evening, September 8, 2011, when all our acolytes and our new acolytes will get together to learn more about the service, the various acolyte

duties and will naturally have to share in a robust pizza dinner.

St Andrew and St Charles depends on our acolytes to maintain our tradition and support our regular worship and celebration as a parish family. Please remember to stop and talk to any of our acolytes on a Sunday morning just to say hello or thanks.

## Choir sings a new song

John Scott

The St. Andrew and St. Charles Choir will return after the summer vacation on Sunday, September 11. Any singers who wish to make this commitment to participate in our worship are welcome to participate, and the

choir is especially in need of tenors and bases. The choir meets at 9:30 a.m. prior to the 10 a.m. service, and then rehearses after the service, usually from about 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For further information, speak to Choirmaster John Scott, Organist Michael Griffin, or any choir member.

**\*\* A note from the Editor \*\***

I missed the choir procession at the 10 AM services during the summer. But it was really nice to hear individual choir-member voices from the pews. I like the diversity we offer at St. Andrew and St. Charles and the fact that we are quite comfortable even singing A Cappella when necessary. On Sunday Aug 28th John and Robin helped us carry our tunes with guitar and oboe (respectively) I thought we sounded darn good and I am sure God heard our joyful noise. But it will be good to have the choir back!

## Pantry update

Lanny West

Every Thursday morning there are folks, representing at least twenty families, patiently waiting at the door of our Food Pantry for our 9:30 AM opening. By the time the doors close 90 minutes later, our volunteers have packed and distributed at least 36 bags filled with 12 nourishing with grocery items. Needless to say, this increased demand is the result of the region's growing eco-

nomie pressures felt by more and more area families. Our policy allows only one bag per family and only every other week. With this in mind, over the course of one month at least 140 to 150 bags are being distributed to needy families in our area.

This continues to place a growing demand on our pantry stocks. A major shopping trip is required each week to supplement the weekly donations of

parishioners to keep the shelves stocked to meet this need. There is a list the items and package sizes always needed by the Pantry. These lists can be found on the bulletin boards in each narthex. Also, there are also baskets in each narthex where donations of these items can be placed. A large barrel has been placed inside the Parish Hall door for large cartons of these items. Contributions to this extremely worthwhile outreach of our parish are always very much appreciated.

## Movies with Marsha

### THE HELP

This is the best movie I've seen all year (OK – I haven't seen very many this year) – Viola Davis who plays Aibileen **will win** an Oscar for her performance. Even when she isn't speaking, her face expresses more emotion than her speech ever could. Most of you have heard about or read the book, written by a young white woman raised in the South, by a black maid, who returns from College and is a little more learned about the ways of the rest of the world. She hears how the white

women 'employers' talk about the racial divides and their rude and superior ways in front of their black employees. These employers let their maids raise their children, change their diapers and maybe nurse their babies, but they do not allow the maids to use the same toilet. The young woman asks the maids to tell their stories so the rest of the world can hear their voices. At first they are afraid- this work is all they know, and they need their jobs. After Medger Evers is killed, the women are less afraid and agree

to tell their stories. I was filled with white-guilt, with compassion for both sides and with a sense of honor that the human race has heroes as were some of these women. I recommend you RUN – don't walk – to the nearest theater and do not miss this great film.

#### \*\* Editors Note

Our book club will remember this book and our feelings about it. The movie is really a great one! I concur with our resident critic/ reviewer Marsha—don't miss it!

## Cowboys and Aliens

### COWBOYS AND ALIENS

James Bond (Daniel Craig-the new Bond) and Indiana Jones (Harrison Ford) meet in the old west, and have to join forces to fight the aliens that have landed and are syphoning off all the gold they can find – including that around people's necks and in

their teeth. It's gory, VIOLENT, and yet another movie about how all aliens are bad and out to get us. (Where have you gone, ET?) .....But it is a classic western, and the format works whether the enemy is Indians or bad white guys or aliens. It's just a lot more disgusting (to me) than most west-

erns. Meacham is the preacher in the movie -- "God don't care what you were – God cares what you are" – and other great quotes were also entertaining. Please, please – don't let your young children watch this movie.

## Larry Crowne

### LARRY CROWNE

Tom Hanks, Julia Roberts. Need I say more? I know the other reviews weren't great, but thought I would love just watching these two in a movie. Turns out I loved watching the rest of

the ensemble even more!! This movie is a delight. Larry Crowne is a Wal-Mart type manager who LOVES his job and is great at it, and is in his early 50's. He gets downsized out, can't get hired anywhere else, has to move out of his big house, and decides to go back

to school. Julia Roberts is his teacher – adult education with a teacher who is no longer interested in teaching. It's funny, cute, emotional, and just a dang nice way to spend a couple hours. Great one to watch in your living room.

## Your Pledge Dollars at work—Sue Mullins

Though some members of our congregation have been vacationing this summer, your pledge dollars have remained working and, so, it's time for another installment of "Your Pledge Dollars At Work"! During the past few months, your dollars have been working at both the church facilities and the rectory. Please take note of the "face lift" around the facilities:

Repainting of all the entrance doors and the west side porch railing	\$ 700
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Patching and painting of the parish hall walls and baseboards; patching and repairing of the Mediation Room walls, hallway ceiling, and small area in the kitchen ceiling (remember those roof leaks last winter!)	\$1,200
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Repairing and repainting of the pillars on the south-west side and entrance to the "Bum's" room, and the railing and cap on the short wall above the stairwell (the price included materials)	\$ 700
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Window and screen washing for the entire church complex	<u>\$ 750</u>
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TOTAL COST	\$3,350
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Trees had grown at the rectory, as well as the church, so the following trimming (and other landscaping) was done this summer:

General tree trimming and replanting of one large and three small

Fichus trees	\$1,500
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Additional tree trimming, i.e., the Mulberry and Chinese elm trees	\$1,200
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General landscaping:

Modifying four back flower beds, replacing the existing sprinkler system with a drip water system

Retraining several bougainvillea plants growing on the walls

Replacing the annuals in a flower bed with succulents and drought-resistant plants

Raising the Hydrangeas cluster bed to avoid sprinkler water

collection in the back corner of the wall	<u>\$1,200</u>
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TOTAL COST	\$3.900
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GRAND TOTAL	\$7,250
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Once again, our parishioners have been "there" for us all, and we thank you for your part in maintaining the upkeep of our church facilities.

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

### The New Evangelism

At the diocesan spring clergy conference, we were held captive for an hour presentation on the latest electronic social network necessities. We learned about texting, facebooking, tweeting, tottering and tooting (the last two by some of our more elderly clergy). Clergy were threatened with having to give up our first born child to the diocesan Altar Guild if we didn't sign up for Facebook and befriend the diocese. Look, I text but don't tweet. I don't facebook, but we do have a church Facebook page and an updated, active church website. I possess an iPhone and an iPad, have read *I, Claudius* and survived the Me generation. I am hip, down with that dog, bumped fists, roamed with the homies, and have had my picture taken with my arm around Fergie. So, I am down with the juvies. Ya know what I am sayin'? I speak Spanish, a bit of Italian (yo, Tone, got any sorpressata), jive, Southern (Go Dawgs) and *Downton Abbey*. In other words, I can relate to the younger generations. The vestry is considering live texting of my sermons for those persons worshipping God at Starbucks and those driving our freeways. But again, the Episcopal Church is behind the proverbial curve in all this. We are wasting precious resources on emerging churches and chasing younger generations who have very little interest in church all the while ignoring one of the largest groups of people in this here U, S of A. And that group is the baby boomers. By 2012 there will be 100 million in the United States 50 years of age or older. In 1930 there were only 7 million. This is the generation that "tuned in, turned on and dropped out." This generation wanted nothing to do with religion. Remember? Religion was the opiate of the people, which was promulgated by people who smoked opiates. Well, a funny thing happened on the way to the forum, as the boomer generation aged, it realized that there is something to this religion stuff. Of course, the hard core Garcia groupies are still trying to squeeze their expanding waistlines into Landlubber jeans and tune their hearing aids to Sgt Pepper to see if Paul is still really dead, but the remainder think there actually might be something to this God thing. The hip term is spirituality. That's cool. I'm down with that. I just might tweet it. My point is with people living a lot longer than before we can expect another 20 to 30 years out of baby boomers, who are free from children, earning the most income, enjoying paid off mortgages, who are healthier and more active than ever and are at a point in life where they are closer to death and thus are more open to a faith in God than ever before. Why in God's name are we not evangelizing this group? Why aren't we putting gobs of money into recruiting them? It seems to me our Church ought to break out and be the first to try to incorporate this group into the church. Why join Facebook when it would be more beneficial to hang around passing out flyers of our church in front of Whole Foods? Let's advertise more on cruise lines or at Lexus dealers and bicycle stores or hiking trails. I jest....but just a bit. Seriously, we have a huge untapped group ripe for the picking, and we are ignoring them because.....because? It is because we are infatuated with youth, and we fear old age and death. I say let's vigorously pursue this group. Besides, they are the future because they hold the key to the future----our grandchildren, whose parents don't attend church. Grandparents bringing their grandchildren to church is the new wave of church growth. More on this in the next issue. Until then, *here come old flattop he come grooving up slowly; he got joo-joo eyeball he one holy roller, he got hair down to his knees, got to be a joker he just do what he please.....*Understand? Then come to church for more.

If you are a Baby Boomer (or a child or grandchild of one) who is NOT technologically challenged—then please do visit the St. Andrew and St. Charles Facebook page. It is a very casual place right now, but one where you are invited to post to the Wall or comment on Wall posts. We aren't accepting photos at this time (unless you contact the admin) You don't have to be friends with other people who "like" our page in order to enjoy the occasional update to your news feed. Just go ahead and LIKE the page. :-)

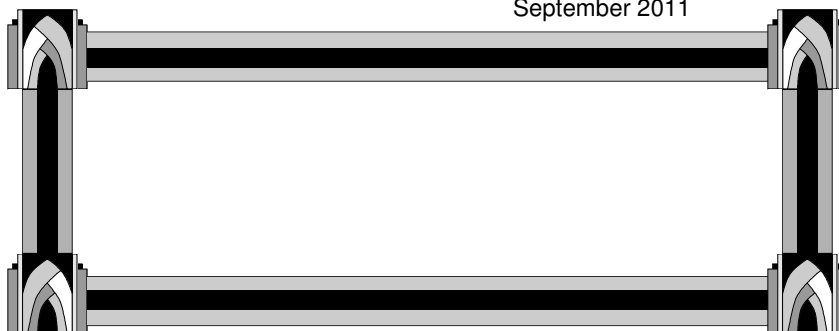
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