



The People of God

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A Message From Fr. Tom



Building a Christian life, part 3: Sharing our faith.

This is the third and final piece I'm writing about *Building a Christian Life*. Two months ago, I wrote about developing Holy Habits. And then last month, I wrote about spending time with God. This week I am writing about sharing our faith.

Every year during the Ash Wednesday service, we recite a Litany of Penitence in which we repent for the wrongs we have done. We confess our past unfaithfulness, pride, hypocrisy and impatience. We confess being self-indulgent and negligent in our prayer and worship. We confess various other things we have done which we ought not to have done. One of the things we confess to the Lord is "**our failure to commend the faith that is in us.**" (BCP p. 268). And every year as I recite the litany, I think about my own failure to commend the faith that is in me. Obviously, as a priest I have many opportunities to share my faith in the context of ministry. But I think commending my faith is different.

What the Litany suggests, I believe, is that we do not do a good job of expressing to others the joy, love and meaning we find in God and Jesus Christ. And I agree that we don't share our enthusiasm with God very well. We are not good evangelists.

I know many people look at Evangelism as something outside of their comfort zone, or even as something suspect. And this is especially true if you think of evangelism as convincing people to leave their church and go to your church. But Evangelism, I think, is actually much more about commending our faith, and not about forcing it on others.

Commending your faith could be a moment where you say to someone: "I'll be praying for you. God has carried me through hard times too." That's a great way to share your faith as a source of hope. Commending your faith might mean inviting a neighbor or family member

to church or a church program with warmth, telling them, "Come and see. You're always welcome." You are presenting your faith as something worth sharing. It might be a wonderful way to commend your faith by telling someone about how faith carried you through a real challenging moment. We are not preaching at them but inviting them into the living experience of God that we have had. You might say, "When I was in the hospital, I felt terrified, but prayer gave me a peace I can't explain." Or "After my father died, my faith community surrounded me. They held me up when I couldn't stand on my own."

When you commend your faith, people don't necessarily want to know what your church's theology is, how exactly people worship at your church and what your church's music is like on Sundays. People want to know about you, and how faith has shaped your life. They want to hear how prayer gives you peace when life is chaotic. And they want to hear how forgiveness has freed you from resentment. They want to hear how following Christ has given you courage to face the unknown, or how worship fills you with joy. In other words, when you commend your faith, you're not giving them a lecture but you are opening for them window and saying, "*This is how God has been real for me.*" And that is very compelling for people who can use a boost.

The church grows not primarily by ideas on paper, but by stories of lives changed. People long for a faith that touches ordinary life in places like the kitchen table, or the hospital room, or the schoolyard, or the workplace. And when you share your story honestly and humbly, you commend your faith in a way that is both gentle and irresistible.

I imagine that if you are open to it, God will give you an opportunity soon to commend your faith to someone, and that it could make a huge difference for them.

Blessings. I hope to see you at church soon. Keep the faith! Share the faith!

Tom



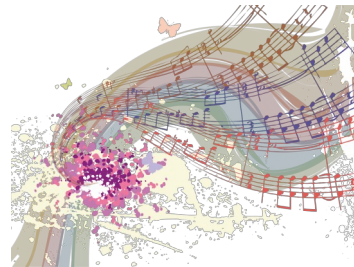
Music Ministry

Soon To Be In Full Swing

It has been a long, recently hot and hopefully restful summer. I am really anxious and ready to begin the fall season of our wonderful music ministry, and I know that the choir members are too. We have lots of things planned this fall. The choir will sing most every Sunday as always and we will also participate in the annual Interfaith Thanksgiving service in November, which will be held at Trinity. December will be busy as usual with our lovely Advent Procession taking place on December 14th. There will be local concerts by the Center Chorale and the San Luis Rey Chorale the weekend of December 5th through the 7th, as well as a performance by the Genesis Opera Company of Amahl and the Night Visitors ... right in our own sanctuary the weekend of December 19th through the 21st. Last month I asked you to consider joining the choir this fall. *Did you do that?* While we have a good sized, talented and committed ensemble of singers we always need new voices. We have made a tremendous effort all these years to keep up our musical standards (with only a few transgressions) and to sing a substantial amount of traditional "Anglican" music. We are one of the very few churches left who have been successful in

"hanging on". This makes us a special choir to be a part of. While the ability to read music at a beginning level is important, we are more than happy to teach anyone with a nice voice a new skill. Choir rehearsals will "officially" begin on Wednesday, September 17th at 7:00 in the church. We usually go to about 8:30 or so, depending on how panicked I get. There may be a bit of adjustment to that start date, give or take a week, as I have to be out of town for about ten days sometime in September ... so listen up and watch your Sunday bulletins. If you are interested in joining us, even just to give it a try, email me at directordavid@gmail.com or call me at 619-537-9040. See you all in church ... singing or not!

David Lewis - Director of Music



Creation Care

Thank you for continuing to bring your plastic CA CRV bottles and aluminum cans to church for our fundraising project. As you know, we are no longer collecting glass CA CRV bottles, but please recycle them or redeem them on your own.

A kind note to remind you to separate your plastic and aluminum so that we don't have to do so. Also, make sure they are empty. And, most importantly, make sure that they are only CA CRV containers. DO recycle the other plastics in your blue bins at home, or you can even bring them to our blue bin here. Those are not

redeemable, however, and require that we dig through our bins and remove them.

Our slow and steady total at this point is \$805.00. Every little bit helps! As Carolyn Richardson reminded us in one of her amazing sermons, "Our little acts are blessed and multiplied into God's greater purpose."

Thank you!

Kim Billman, Vestry Member





Trini-tea - September 7th

Trini-tea for Newcomers picks up again in September. This time, however, it will be in the Parish Hall following coffee hour, rather than at the Stein-Cartford home. For those of you holding out for a gathering that you don't have to drive to, this is the one for you.

Please RSVP to Patty Stein at 760-975-7997 or Jonathan Cartford.

Hope to see you there!

Patty

Date: Sunday, September 7, 2025

Time: ~12:30pm (following coffee hour)
until ~2:30pm

Location: Trinity's parish hall



Holy Curiosity
September 2025
9am in the Parish Hall

Sep 7 - What is the history of the Psalms?

Sep 14 - Is war ever just?

Sep 21 - Breakfast (no meeting)

Sep 28 - How can I learn to listen for God's voice?



Samaritan Team Ministries

Happy September to everyone! A new school year is almost here, and with that a new season of church activity. That is certainly true for The Samaritan Team. Here are some of our highlights:

- **LET'S TALK! The Samaritan Team wants to hear from all of YOU! Each Sunday from August 31 through September 14**, the members of the Samaritan Team will be serving as a personal “channel” for *your* ideas and inputs to the Team as we plan for the new church year that begins in the Fall (see the next bullet item for details on this). What this means is that on **these Sundays**, you can **approach ANY member of the Samaritan Team** and tell us about your ideas for potential projects or ministries for service and outreach. Specifically, we want to hear new ways or ministries that will allow Trinity to better serve our neighbors and those who are in need in our community. And we mean *any* neighbors, and *any* part of our community. Don't worry about how “wild” you think your idea might be – we'd like to hear your creative thinking. ***So how will you know who to talk to?*** Each of those Sundays, the **members of The Samaritan Team will be wearing a black shirt and a tag** that says **“I'm a Samaritan! Talk to Me!”** You can “buttonhole” any Samaritan Team member at coffee hour, before church, when you're mingling in the narthex or outside on the portico, wherever. Give us as much as you can. *We can't promise that we will enact every idea we hear*, but we will take them all in, and we'll consider them in our strategizing for the coming year. After all, many heads are better than a few, and most importantly ... we are ALL Samaritans.
- **Samaritan Team Planning “Retreat” is coming on September 21.** The Samaritan Team will be gathering to do some planning and setting of priorities and our ministry calendar for the next church year. The Samaritans are ready to build on our very successful on-going ministries and projects, and we hope to take things “to the next level” in making our community service and advocacy work even stronger than it is today. We especially are interested in *increasing participation by*

Trinity folks in our Ministries. This retreat will be important in helping us be the most effective hands and feet of Christ in our community. Anyone is welcome to join this session who is interested in the Samaritan Team or in helping us figure out how we can serve Trinity and our community even better. We'll meet on **September 21**, starting after church at about **noon**, and going until about **4:00 PM**. We'll include a **“working lunch” as we do our planning**. The exact room is still **TBD**, but we will be meeting at Trinity. Note: If you plan to attend and aren't part of the Samaritan Team already, please let Jan McDaniel or Helen Joline know ASAP so that we can ensure we have enough snacks and food and supplies for everyone.

- The **Turk Center Dinner Ministry** continues twice a month, **on the second and last Thursday of each month** For **September**, our “dinner and dessert” dates are **September 11 and September 25**. If you are interested in this Ministry, or think you might want to volunteer, get on our email list! Getting our sign-up email doesn't obligate you to volunteer, but you can't even think about it if you don't get the email! We promise, no spam. So, contact Jan McDaniel at jan.mcdaniel@gmail.com or call 760-670-7455, and we'll get you connected!
- **“Sack Lunch Sunday”** is still happening every month, usually on the first Sunday of each month. For **September**, the date is **Sunday, September 7**. It's a really fun time, and goes fast! So, stay around **at Coffee Hour on September 7** and get in on the fun of making sack lunches – you'll be glad you did. If you have any questions or want to help, contact one of our organizers: **Faith Much, Cindy Kratz, and Sandra Robinson**, all members of our Samaritan Team.

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Samaritan Team Ministries (con't)

- And as for **the Samaritan Team** itself, we *usually* meet on the **third Sunday of every month right after church**, in the Dove Library (starts at about 11:30, ends in one hour). **PLEASE NOTE: In September, we'll be having our planning retreat on the third Sunday, September 21. This will be instead of our regular meeting for September.** We'll resume our regular third Sunday team meetings in October. Everyone is welcome to come join our regular meetings and learn more about the on-going Ministries and projects that serve our neighbors in need. Just grab your coffee and bring your curiosity and your IDEAS to the library with us!

For any questions or more info, feel free to contact Jan or Helen.

Jan McDaniel and Helen Joline
Coordinators for The Samaritan Team

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Sunday School

Trinity Sunday School will begin again on Sunday, September 7, 2025. Children from 6 to 11 years old are invited. They will meet their teachers in the Sunday School Room before the church service begins.

This year we will learn about people in the Bible such as Moses, David and Goliath and Abraham, etc. Prizes will be given for memorizing Bible Verses. We will sing songs and participate in arts and crafts. Children will be recognized for perfect attendance.

For more information, please contact Lynda Pflueger at lyndapflueger@gmail.com



ICS Food of the Month - Please bring any non-perishable food to Trinity. The need is especially urgent.
This month's highlighted item: **cereal**



Do You Know Sheldon & Mary Glass?

We have lived in Escondido since 2002 and will have been attending Trinity for a year in September. From the very first moment, we were both struck by the open, welcoming atmosphere. Joe Stanford making sure we stayed for coffee hour, Father Tom's smile and welcome. Ruth Barry making sure to wish us peace. Wow! It really felt like a spiritual community, not just a group of folks who went to the same church.

It was easy to get roped into Toymakers. It really is fun. Joe is a natural supervisor and keeps us all moving forward. But I digress. The garden plots called out from the very beginning. I am honored and proud to call Sandra Scott sister. We find ourselves wanting to help as much as we can because of all the good people here.

Holy Curiosity and the Thursday evening series have opened new areas of thought and study. We both read a lot, all sorts of things, all the time but the focus and structure are very helpful to us.

We met while we were working for Pacific Bell as TSPS operators. If you dialed 0, you might get one of us. This was in Orange County, in Fullerton. I had been in the area since I was eight and transplanted from Iowa. Sheldon lived in Riverside and did a commute in. We were both 20, being born about six weeks apart. Sheldon in November, me on Christmas. I thought I was a savvy young woman until Sheldon made me gob smacked amazed at his awesomeness.

We worked and we went to Community college at night. We bicycled over 20 miles a day when our car broke down and we got bikes to save for another car. I was in the best shape in my life. Of course, I then got pregnant. Sheldon, thanks to some college courses, great mentors, a crazy amount of technical books and self-learning was in a job that allowed me to stay home with my boys until Ben was in kindergarten. I had used all my savings for his first computer. A very wise investment on my part.

The next few years were filled with library story hours, trips to the Santa Ana Zoo, soccer, Cub Scouts, camping trips and such happenings. My folks lived less than 10 miles away and every vacation was to Oregon to see Sheldon's mother and siblings.

But nothing gold can stay. In 1991, my best friend, Robert died and then my dad died in 1992. My mom moved to Carlsbad and Sheldon got a job with SDSU. We moved to Poway and lived there until moving to Escondido. I worked at Target and then in insurance for 27 years.

Our son Kevin lives in Las Vegas. Our son Ben lives in Eugene OR and works for the Postal Service. He is getting married August 20th and we will be there as witnesses. We are pretty excited about that! I have been retired since March and am loving my work free life. I read, garden and cook like a queen now. Should also be hiking more but mostly just walk the dog. I am trying to inspire the urge to retire in Sheldon.

Our time at Trinity has meant a great deal to both of us. The many options and ministries that are active are a true reflection of the spirit of Trinity. It feels good to be affiliated with that.





Trinity Episcopal Church presents this fall..

Heresies and Heretics!



Thursdays

September 11, 25
October 2, 9, 16, 23

6:30 pm

(refreshments at 6:00)

An enjoyable
History of
Christian
Heresies

Examining
What
makes a
heretic...

Who
decides
what is a
Heresy...

And why...

Covering Greatest
Heresy hits, including...
Docetism
Arianism
Nestorianism
Monophysitism
Adoptinism
Modalism
Pelagianism
Semi-Pelagianism
and, of course ,
Gnosticism

Financial Report

Annual Budget: - Balanced - 0

July 2025:

Income (YTD)		\$
Expenses (YTD)		\$
YTD Net Income		\$



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MILESTONES

Birthdays

- 1 Allie Snyder, Liz Murtland
- 4 Spencer Dee
- 6 Hilary Dabasinskas, Joey Rodriguez, Ryan Chartrand
- 9 Raelena Jefferson
- 12 Julianna Hunt
- 18 Jane Sapper, Autumn Sharpe
- 21 Kaisone Lucent, Jared Jessup
- 22 Isabelle Delano, Nathaniel Krieger
- 23 Jonathan Dabasinskas, Joshua Dabasinskas
- 25 Scott Putnicki
- 27 Leila Sackfield, Molly Smith, Jeremy Lieurance, Rosemary Haraldsson
- 29 Katie Halouchits, Bryan Tridle-Engleman

Anniversaries

- 1 John & Dyanne Nonomura
- 4 Ron & Molly Smith, Tom & Stephanie Tobin
- 11 Ray & Sylvia Gibbs
- 28 Dare & Everett DeLano



If you don't see your special date listed here, please contact the office at 760.743.1629 or office@trinityescondido.org to give us the details.

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VESTRY

Senior Warden
Leila Sackfield ('25)

Junior Warden
Ron Smith ('26)

Pat Bavender ('28)
Kimberly Billman ('27)
Jonathan Cartford ('26)
Beatrice Gadzekpo ('28)
Helen Joline ('27)
Joe Stanford ('26)
Tim Thomas ('28)
Tasha Thompson ('27)
Mel Waterhouse ('27)

Molly Smith
Clerk

Treasurer
Ange Dee

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Dave Cowles

Trinity Bells
Joe Stanford

Altar Servers
Megan Smith

SUNDAY SERVICE

Morning Service 10:00am
In Person and Live Stream

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