

The Epistle

Newsletter of St. Paul's Church
A Parish in the Diocese of San Joaquin
Anglican Church of the Southern Cone of America

June, 2009

Memorial Day Weekend

Sunday, May 24, 2009

8:00 am – Holy Communion, Rite I

9:30 am – NO Sunday School Classes

10:30 – Holy Communion, Rite II

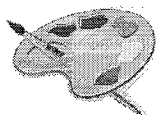
St. Paul's Anglican Church

Fine Arts Festival

Pentecost Sunday, May 31
in Rivera Hall

On display will be all types of art, including photography, oil paintings, watercolors, screen printings and lithography, sculptures, woodworking, brass rubbings, jewelry and decorative candles.

All artwork has been produced by members of St. Paul's Anglican Church, and are being displayed free of charge.



For additional information, contact
Lawrence Chan
or Kris Bratton

The Feast of Pentecost

According to the Acts of the Apostles, it was during the Jewish Feast of Pentecost, when the disciples were gathered for worship, that Jesus sent his Holy Spirit to the disciples in a special way, empowering them to preach the good news of Jesus Christ to all nations.

From this time on, the disciples had a new perspective. Fear and anxiety were replaced by confidence and enthusiasm. Timid disciples became bold witnesses, and the power of God was manifested through them in both word and deed. It is for these reasons that the Feast of Pentecost is sometimes referred to as the birthday of the Church.

Thus Pentecost is an important feast because it celebrates both the beginning of the Church's mission and the Holy Spirit's guidance and power in fulfilling that mission. By celebrating Pentecost we again open ourselves up to the Holy Spirit, making possible his working through us. By celebrating Pentecost we again focus on the role of the Holy Spirit in giving power to the people of God so that the truth and love of Jesus may be known throughout the world.

This year Pentecost is Sunday, May 31. It is my hope that parishioners will not only fill the church on Pentecost, but that they will also allow their hearts to be filled anew with the Holy Spirit. In this way, we will be able to fulfill our rightful role in the life of the Church as those who continue to make known the good news of God, as known in and through Jesus Christ our Lord.



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Summer Office Hours
Monday-Thursday – 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM
Fridays – 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Summer Worship Schedule
Sundays at 8:00 and 10:00 AM
Wednesdays at 9:30 AM

Clergy and Staff
The Very Rev. Richard I. James, Rector
The Rev. Tancredo R. Pastores, Assistant
Antoinette Horsting, Financial Secretary
Elaine McKinney, Parish Secretary
Melvin Morris, Sexton

Members of the Vestry

2009

Kathy Bernardi, Kris Bratton,
Randy Hammond, Kim Robinson,
Chet Smeds

2010

Amy Gunn, Mary Murray
Jack Ramirez, Kashy Rowland-Smith,
William Winn

2011

David Francis, Monica Norton
John Peters, Harry Tow, Larry Wilds

Delegates to Diocesan Convention

Kathy Bernardi, Betty Blackmon,
Kim Robinson, Chet Smeds

Alternates to Diocesan Convention

Amy Gunn, Bill Nebe, Nancy Salmon



**St. Paul's Summer Schedule
(Beginning June 7)**

Sunday Mornings

8:00 – Holy Communion, Rite I
9:15 – Sunday School for all ages
10:00 – Holy Communion, Rite II
Child care provided all morning.

Wednesday Mornings

9:30 – Holy Communion with
Laying on of Hands for Healing
10:15 – Adult Bible Study

Office Hours

Monday-Thursday – 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM
Fridays – 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Coffee Hour Teams

Thanks are due to the following persons who have volunteered to be on a coffee hour team this month:

8:00 AM

7 Don & Louise Ford
Mark & Amy Cave

14 Ellie Dennis
Barbara Melton

21 Dave & Cathy Francis
Inez Morse

28 John Parker
Mel Morris

10:30 AM

Tom & Monica Norton
Ross and Sarah Bailey

Franco & Kathy Bernardi
Tom & Pam Brisson

William & Paula Linihan
Kevin & Jill Geaney

Glen & Betty Blackmon
Larry Akey



Anyone willing to help with coffee hours during the summer months is asked to call the church office.

CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

Summer Sunday School

Sunday School classes will be held from 9:15 to 9:45 each week during the month of June. There will be no classes in July and August.

Children's Chapel

A Children's Chapel service is offered for the younger children of the parish throughout the summer at 10:00 am.

Held in the west end of the Henry White Building, the service is designed for young children, with Bible stories, singing and prayer. After chapel, the children are led into the church to join their families during the passing of the Peace.

Anyone with questions about the service, and anyone able to assist with it, is asked to speak with Kathie Shannon.

Youth Group Bible Study

All middle school and high school students are invited to be a part of the parish's youth group. A number of special activities and events have already been planned, and more are under consideration.

Also, regular meetings for Bible study and fellowship have been scheduled. June's meetings will be held in the youth room in the basement as follows:

- ▶ 3:30 PM, Sunday, June 7
- ▶ 3:30 PM, Sunday, June 21

For more information, speak with Fr. Tancredo Pastores at 732-4821.

Camp H2O Scheduled

Camp H2O is scheduled for July 19-25 at ECCO. This is a summer camp for high school students interested in becoming leaders among their friends, their church, or their school. Cost: \$325.

For more information, please speak with Fr. Pastores at 732-4821, or Daniel Marker in the diocesan office at 244-4828.

Camp San Joaquin

Two special camps are available for the parish's youth this summer at Camp San Joaquin. Each camp will have its own program and leadership.



Art Science Ecology Camp July 27 - August 1
Grades 7th through 12th

Enrichment Camp July 29 - August 1
Grades 4th through 8th

Brochures and application forms are available from the church office.

Camp San Joaquin Day

Camp San Joaquin Day is an opportunity to enjoy beautiful scenery, cool weather, recreational activities and great food at no cost whatsoever. This year Camp San Joaquin Day is Saturday, August 1.

Additional details will be provided in future newsletters, but parishioners are encouraged to mark the date on their calendars so as not to miss this great annual event.

Summer School at St. Paul's School



Every summer, St. Paul's School offers a variety of week-long classes for the students in the community.

These classes are open to all, and are intended to provide opportunities for the students to explore new topics and to learn in a fun and engaging way.

There will be five separate one-week sessions, each with a variety of topics being offered. Catalogs with a description of the course offerings are available from the school which is located at 6101 W. Goshen Avenue. Their number is 739-1619.

- Session 1 – June 8-12
- Session 2 – June 15-19
- Session 3 – June 22-26
- Session 4 – July 6-10
- Session 5 – July 13-17



Sister Ursula's Kitchen

St. Paul's Church continues its ministry to the poor by helping prepare and serve meals at the Good News Center on the second and fourth Fridays of each month. And, of course, parishioners help clean up afterwards!

Additional help is needed with this ministry, so anyone willing to be a part of it is asked to contact Don or Lousie Ford or Fr. Tancredo Pastores.

Lost and Found

Lost: Pink tablecloth from the Guild Room
"Boom box" from the youth room

Found: Silver-rimmed prescription glasses

Altar Flowers

Anyone wishing to help provide Altar flowers for Pentecost Sunday, or for the first Sunday of June, July or August is asked to call the church office at 732-4821.

Donations are always appreciated, and the flowers help to beautify the church's worship.

Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who helped to make our *Celebrate America* Summer Celebration a huge success. We appreciate everyone who helped set up, decorate, prepare the food, contribute raffle items, clean-up, and our talented youth who entertained us.

Thanks to our parish's generosity, we will be able to contribute to worthwhile and deserving organizations in our community.

Announcements

Directory Additions and Changes

Bill and Judy Beckman
1480 N. M Street
Tulare, CA 93274

Mel Morris
309 N. Westfield Street
Visalia, CA 93291

Addition to the Family

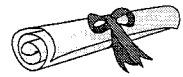
Rozalia Anne Longbottom (7lb. 15oz./21") was born Sunday, May 17, 2009, to Fr. Rob and Ameer Longbottom.

The Longbottoms' address is 503 Franklin Street, Ogdensburg, NY 13669.

Congratulations Graduates!



The clergy and people of St. Paul's Church
congratulate members of the parish who graduate this year,
and we offer our prayers for a bright and successful "next step"
whether it is toward more education or a place in the work force.



Graduates will be recognized during the 10:30 service on Sunday, May 31.

Middle School

Cayla Fox, St. Paul's	Mt. Whitney
Stephanie Gates, St. Paul's	Redwood
Travis Jacobson (Gordon and Betty Smith's grandson), St. Paul's	Redwood
Jarrett Haas, St. Paul's	Redwood
Alexandra Keyes, Valley Oak	Golden West
Miriam Sanders, La Joya	El Diamante

High School

James Bird, Mt. Whitney	College of the Sequoias
Justin Gambini, Central Valley Christian	College of the Sequoias
Sarah Gularte, El Diamante	College of the Sequoias
Parker Hallberg, El Diamante	College of the Sequoias
Spencer Hodgins, Redwood	California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo
Melina Jahnigan, Redwood	College of the Sequoias
David Hunter (Darryl Smithey's Nephew), Monache	Porterville College
Natalie Nebe, El Diamante	California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo
Luke Utsler, El Diamante	College of the Sequoias
Teddy Voshall, Tulare Western	University of California, Berkeley

Colleges, Universities, and Graduate Schools

Erin Fox	B.A. (Liberal Studies) Chapman University
John Higgins	Ph.D. (Earth and Planetary Science) Harvard University
Meytal Higgins	Ph.D. (Earth and Planetary Science) Harvard University
Heather Norton	B.A. (Communicative Disorders – Speech Language Pathology) California State University, Fresno
Suzanne Robinson	B.S. (Animal Science) California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo
Sarah Sanders	B.S. (Speech Language Pathology) California State University, East Bay
Danielle Smithey (Darryl Smithey's Niece)	B.A. (Social Work) California State University, Fresno

Additions or corrections to this list are invited – please call the church office at 732-4821.

Youth Mission Project in Goshen

by Fr. Tancredo Pastores

On June 16-20, 2009, our youth will be partnering with St. Columba's Anglican Church in Fresno and St. Paul's Anglican Church in Bakersfield to work on a small Pentecostal church in Goshen.

The church's name is Amistad Cristiana, and there are about thirty people in attendance on a Sunday morning. Most of the members are laborers at the dairies around Goshen. Consequently, the church is quite poor. Their pastor's name is Rev. Heraclio Perez.

The main part of the church building is the sanctuary, which is about 30 ft. x 45 ft. This part appears to be structurally sound, as are the two bathrooms that have been added on in the past few years. There is also an addition made up of two rooms that are used for Sunday School and storage. This part of the church has sagging floors and sheet rock that is starting to fall from the ceiling.

Here's a list of some of the potential projects:

- replace peeling linoleum in entranceway
- put down new carpet in sanctuary
- paint interior of the worship area
- install a new floor in storage room
- install a new ceiling in Sunday School rooms
- install new doors
- build an overhang for the front porch (approximately 10 ft x15 ft.)
- pour a sidewalk from the front porch to the church gate (approximately 60 ft.)
- build a wheelchair ramp leading up to the main entrance
- shampoo or steam-clean upholstery on pews.

Also, the church could use a new sign, and there is a lot of refuse behind the church that could be hauled away. In addition, there is a colony of bees living in the back wall of the church that will need to be destroyed before we begin work.

An adult youth leader from St. Columba's suggested that the best place for us to start may be anything that will make the church more aesthetically pleasing and accessible to new people. That would be things like fixing the wheel chair ramp and painting and cleaning inside.

There is more than enough work to keep our youth busy that could give this church a pretty significant make-over. If you would like to volunteer to help, youth or not, please call me at 732-4821.

P.S. The youth from Fresno and Bakersfield will be staying at St. Paul's at night. We will be providing meals for them, and helping with Bible studies and other activities. It should be a great time for everyone!

St. Paul's Anglican Church invites
adult parishioners and friends to a

Friendship and Fellowship Gathering

Saturday, May 30
6:30 p.m.

at Dennis and Brooke Mack's home
31402 Fritz Drive, Exeter

Bring an appetizer to share with others
and your favorite beverage for yourself!
Coffee and dessert will be provided.

Call Dennis or Brooke
for directions.

