

Clergy-in-Charge Report
August 23, 2022

July was a transitional month for Holy Cross as we came to the end of our time at Oceanside Sanctuary and made preparations for our move to JCo. The Visioning Team completed their work and shared this work with the congregation at our first congregational meeting at JCo on July 17th. There was a strong sense of excitement and energy among the members of the congregation around the new space and around the vision and plans for the future of Holy Cross. Throughout this transition, my focus has been on maintaining that energy and harnessing it in order for us to hit the ground running as we return to south Carlsbad. Even with the move, our numbers remain small but the enthusiasm and dedication shown by our core membership bode well for the future of the church.

We completed the physical move following our last Sunday at OSC on the 24th. Due to the hard work of many of our members, we were able to save a significant amount of money on moving costs with a “DIY” move. We were also able to move several items into our storage unit and into my new office space at St. Andrew’s in Encinitas. Much work remains to be done in downsizing our storage units, and our Relocation Team continues to address this so that we can reduce our storage footprint and costs.

The Beach Mass on July 31st was well-attended considering the fact that many of our members were out on vacation that week, and provided a great bookend to our time in Oceanside. The service also provided some ideas for how we might retain a presence in Oceanside in anticipation of supporting the new church plant there beginning next year.

Another highlight for July was the San Diego Pride Parade on July 16th. Holy Cross was represented among the congregations of the diocese, who joined together to march in the parade. It was a beautiful and fun event, and I found it particularly rewarding to participate for the first time as a priest.

With the move to JCo completed, I look forward to finally being able to settle into the new space and neighborhood and to get started laying the groundwork for the action items in Holy Cross’ strategic plan. It feels as though a new chapter is beginning in the congregation’s life, with a time of waiting and discerning now in the past and a time of action and growth ahead of us.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Brian Petersen