

Sr Warden's Report December 2021

Formation

We concluded our participation in Adult Formation with All Saints Vista – *Luke the Liberator*. Two Holy Cross members and one friend of Holy Cross participated. The possible Advent program with Mtr. Susan Astarita did not come to fruition due to timing. Godly Play resumed December 5th – the leaders contacted past Godly Play families to make sure they knew and to make sure they knew about Brian being appointed as Clergy-in-Charge. The Ho family kids were the only children to participate.

Outreach

Wounded Warriors continues to deliver healthy snacks monthly under Tom Mauro's faithful leadership. All Saints Cemetery Clean-up continues under Katie Ho's faithful leadership.

Operation Secret Santa, our Advent Outreach program, benefiting the children of the Wounded Warrior Battalion - West based at Camp Pendleton, was a great success. Tom estimates there were close to 1,000 gifts donated by Holy Cross and several neighboring organizations and Holy Cross donated 500 of those - wow!!!!

Visioning Ministry

The Visioning Ministry team meet on Sunday, December 12th and the various teams reported on their progress. The Drafting Group shared their work on the Mission, Vision and Values – after much discussion they had lots of feedback for continued work. We meet again January 23rd with an additional assignment for three newly formed groups to create a "Cover Story Vision" of Holy Cross 5 years in the future.

Stewardship

Our 2022 pledge campaign, *Forward Together*, ended on November 14th. received 26 of the 60 pledge cards mailed with pledges totaling \$97,268 towards our goal of \$185,000. Since the campaign ended, we have received a few additional pledges and have ended with a total of \$104,729. Our gratitude to Mike Collier for chairing this year's campaign.

Worship

Ordination of Brian Petersen to the Sacred Order of Deacons – December 18th

Christmas Eve – December 24th

Christmas Day – December 25th Morning Prayer

Newcomers: 1 visitor outside of those who attended the ordination service

ASA - 31:

- In-person: 30
- Online.church: 7
- YouTube: 8
- EVP: 3
- Christmas Eve: In-person – 19; online – 8
- Christmas Day: In-person – 5; online – 12
- Ordination: In-person – 55; online - 13

Transition

Mtr. Susan Astarita continued as interim supply during the month for all Sundays except the 19th. The Rev Dr. Lark Stephenson Diaz supplied on the 19th and in the moment stepped in and delivered a short unplanned homily to those attending in-person as our entire livestream system and computers crashed that Sunday! The Rev. Deacon Brian Petersen served his first services with us on Christmas Eve and Day. Mtr. Susan will conclude her supply service with us next month on Jan 16th, Brian's+ first Sunday with us.

Rota of supply through June:

- Nov 21- Jan 16; Rev Susan Astarita (Canon Gwynn Lynch Nov 28)
- Jan 23-Feb 20: Rev Steven Schuneman
- Feb 27 – May (excluding March 13): Rev Cristina Borges
- March 13: Fr Fred Thayer
- June 5 & 12: Rev Steven Schuneman

Annual Meeting & BC Transition Issues

Treasurer: All individuals approached so far have graciously said no thank you. So far, my exploration with sister churches in North County, hasn't been fruitful. I will have additional conversation with Jeff Martinhawk after the first of the year to explore additional options, but we should be prepared that we may need to hire a CPA.

Clerk: Robyn has graciously said she will be available if we are unable to find someone local to serve.

BC vacancies: We need to be encouraging individuals who might be a good fit for BC to prayerfully consider standing for election.

Upcoming Special Events/Services

- Annual Meeting: Feb 20th, following worship service
- Ash Wednesday: March 2nd
- Holy Week: April 10 – 17

Note: I will be away March 3-14. With Ryan and Brian+ on board, I plan to be "offline" as much as possible.

Respectfully submitted
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