



St. Paul's Epistle



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What's this "3S" Thing?

"3S" is the moniker for the new worship service begun at St. Paul's. Why?

1. **It sounds cool.** We live in a day of branding, after all. When we reply to our virtual friends on social media, it's not, "Ha! That was so funny!" but, "lol." It's not, "What would Jesus do?" but, "WWJD?" Or, if you're into motorcycles (like I am), it's not "Dual Clutch Transmission" but "DCT."

Besides, what would you rather say to a friend: "Hey, come check out our new, informal, kid-friendly, come-as-you-are, alternative liturgy, a Saturday night service that only takes place once a month, on the third Saturday, at 6pm (you might even see the rector play the guitar)?" or, "Why not come check out my church's new service, '3S'?"

2. **It's easy to remember.** Every time you hear the name "3S" you remember that the service takes place on the third (3) Saturday (S) of the month. So asking the question, "Hey, Father Tim, when is the next 3S again?" is kind of like asking a kid, "Hey, Emmett, what's your name again?"

3. **It promotes creativity.** To aid your memory further, you can have a lot of fun with stringing three Ss together. Here are just a few examples: Saturday Sundown Service; Saturday Six o'clock Service; Singing Snazzy Songs; Supping with the Savior and his Servants; and Squelching Solipsism Squarely. What can you come up with? (Maybe we should have a contest.)

Anyway, why not come check it out? The next one will take place on, you guessed it, the third Saturday of October (the 17th) at 6pm. But what you may not guess is that it will take place outside, in the courtyard, followed by a potluck picnic—Lord and weather willing, of course. Invite your friends and neighbors to come as they are (Shorts, t-Shirts, and Sandals—another string of Ss!).

Seeking, Serving, Sharing,
Father Tim †



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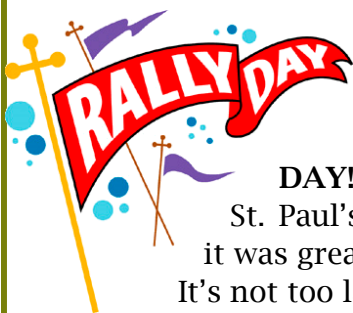
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Have you noticed the homeless people asking for handouts in front of Wal-Mart, various drug stores and most any street corner? It's hard to just drive by, maybe avoiding their eyes, knowing that you must not give them money. So ~ let's give them a Blessing Bag!

Would you please bring the "stuffin's" and place them in the Blessing Bags tub in the narthex ~ items such as energy bars, raisins, Vienna sausage, snack crackers, cheese sticks, peanut butter bars ~ even socks ~ and sanitary items such as travel-size toiletries (shampoo, conditioner, lotion), brush & comb sets, handiwipes, chapstick, and toothbrush & toothpaste kits. Your Outreach team will provide bottles of water and the bags.

Then please set aside a bit of time after the service on October 11th (*the Diocesan Day of Service*), and we will fill the bags and spread hope to those less fortunate.



On September 13th, St. Paul's held a Ministry RALLY DAY! Highlighting all of St. Paul's various ministries, it was great! If you missed it . . . It's not too late to get involved!



Prayers with Pat



Prayers & Squares



"Wrapped in Love" Baby Blankets



Hand Bells



Outreach



Acolytes



DOGS, CATS, & MORE - OH MY!!

In remembrance of St. Francis of Assisi's love for all creatures, St. Paul's will hold a Blessing of the Animals on Saturday, Oct. 3rd at 10 a.m. in the church courtyard.

The bond between person and pet is like no other relationship, because the communication between fellow creatures is at its most basic.

No wonder people enjoy the opportunity to take their animal companions to church for a special blessing. Church is the place where

the bond of creation is celebrated, and who knows what spiritual benefits may result?

The love we give to a pet, and receive from a pet, can draw us more deeply into the larger circle of life, into the wonder of our common relationship to our Creator.

All polite pets are welcome; dogs on leashes, cats on leashes or in carriers, and other pets appropriately contained.



Blessing of the Animals



We will accept a free will offering to benefit the Humane Society of Yuma.



A CHRISTIAN'S SURVIVAL KIT

Toothpick † Rubber Band
† Band Aid † Pencil †
Eraser † Mint †
Chewing Gum † Candy Kiss
† Tea Bag



HERE'S WHY:

Toothpick ~ to remind you to pick out the good qualities in others. (Matt 7:1)

Rubber Band ~ to remind you to be flexible, things might not always go the way you want, but it will work out. (Romans 8:28)

Band Aid ~ to remind you to heal hurt feelings, yours or someone else's. (Col. 3:12-14)

Pencil ~ to remind you to list your blessings everyday. (Eph 1:3)

Eraser ~ to remind you that everyone makes mistakes, and it's okay. (Gen. 50:15-21)

Chewing Gum ~ to remind you to stick with it and you can accomplish anything. (Phil 4:13)

Mint ~ to remind you that you are worth a mint to your heavenly father. (John 3:16-17)

Candy Kiss ~ to remind you that everyone needs a kiss or a hug everyday. (1 John 4:7)

Tea Bag ~ to remind you to relax daily and go over that list of God's blessings. (1 Thess 5:18)



WHAT'S HAPPENING

October 3rd: Blessing of the Animals

October 17th: 38th Worship Service

October 22nd- 25th: Fall Cursillo
(Pray for our Candidate - Bob Jungers)

October 31st: Halloween

November 14th: Silent Auction

November 26th: Thanksgiving
Service at 10:00

November 29th: Advent Sunday

CHURCH
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A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.

The Choir invites any member of the congregation who enjoys sinning to join the choir.

Bible Study will be held Thursday morning at 10. Everyone is invited to lunch in the Fellowship Hall after the B.S. is done.

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It is a good chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Glory of God to all and peace to his people on earth.



Study the Bible with us



Sunday School
For ALL ages!
9 am every Sunday:
Childrens Class & Adult Forum

Fr. Paul's Bible Study
W eekly on Sunday evenings
6:30—7:30pm! Join the
 discussion and fellowship!

Prayers with Pat

M eets every other Sunday from
 2pm to 4 pm! at Deacon
 Pat's home at the Lighthouse! See
 Deacon Pat for more information.



D on't let your worries get
 the best of you; remember,
Moses started out as a basket case.



**The following statement from
 Bishop Mathes will appear in all
 church bulletins & newsletters
 in the Diocese of San Diego:**

Report Sexual Misconduct

As part of our ongoing commitment to creating a safe haven for everyone, please remember that our diocese values the tenet of our baptismal covenant to "respect the dignity of every human being." Part of the way we live into that is to train people in the prevention of sexual misconduct and to encourage all to report any misconduct. All reported incidences are taken seriously and investigated thoroughly and confidentially. If you believe you have experienced sexual misconduct of any kind, please contact Mr. John Seitman immediately:

Cell: 619-559-4746

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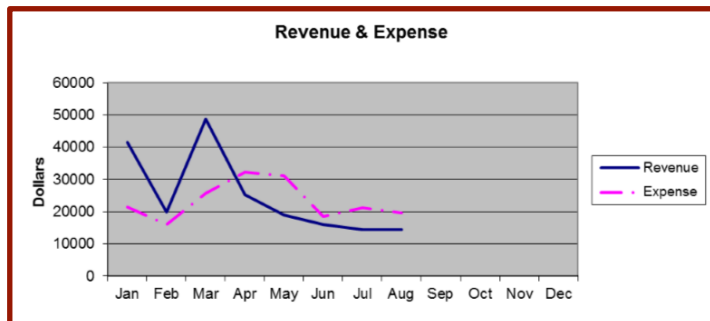


3S Worship Service

"3S" This is shorthand for our **NEW "Third Saturday Worship Service"**! It's very informal and family friendly, and will be held the third Saturday of each month at 6:00 pm. Please join us and bring the whole family!

Treasurer's Corner

W hile anxiously awaiting cooler weather, we welcome back our St. Paul's family that has managed to spend time in cooler climes. Beginning this month some exciting things have happened, such as: Sunday School and Adult Forum at 9:00 Sunday morning, Prayers with Pat Sunday afternoon, Fr. Paul's Bible study group Sunday evening, and a Saturday evening family Eucharist the third Saturday of the month. All these activities, plus those ministries that did not take a summer break were showcased at our successful Rally Day held earlier this month. Every ministry listed, and those not mentioned here, require the use of Time, Talent, and Treasure.

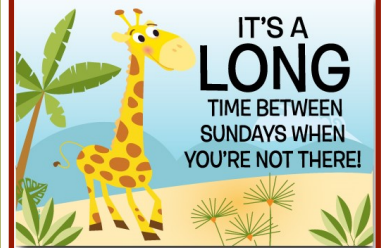


Let us thank God for His many blessings as we prayerfully consider our response to the 2016 Stewardship Campaign.

~ Rochelle Thompson



W elcome Back
 to our Winter
 Visitors! If you're still on
 your way . . . Travel safely!



Our mission statement reads:

✠ We are servants of Jesus Christ, putting His love into action by:
Magnifying God's Name • Proclaiming God's Word • Equipping God's People for Ministry • Caring for God's World • We are seeking, serving and sharing Christ.

Do you know who wrote our mission statement? Our late Fr. Bill.

- ✠ Fr. Tim True will be officially installed, as our new Rector, on December 16th. Save the date!
- ✠ The finance committee, Karen Johnson, Jenifer Whaley, Rochelle Thompson, Kay Malone, and Chairperson Vicki Bardo will be giving a presentation to the congregation as to what it actually costs just to keep the church doors open. They have also been working on a new brochure for stewardship. Marilyn Vickrey is Chairperson of the Stewardship committee and working very hard.
- ✠ Sr. Warden, Shelly Gregory and Jr. Warden, Mary Jo Smith are working on a policies manual for the church.
- ✠ Devon McPherson is chairperson of a committee for a "silent auction" to be held in November.
- ✠ There will be a river trip/picnic on April 16, 2016!
- ✠ The next vestry meeting has been changed to October 13th (the second Tuesday of the month) at 5:30 P.M. in the Kinsolving Room.
- ✠ Fr. Tim is a busy man. He will be "on the road" on the following days:

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| † October 5-7 | Clergy conference in Temecula |
| † October 14-17 | Vacation |
| † October 20-21 | CAT training in San Diego |
| † October 26- November 6 | Fellowship in Sewanee |
| † November 7 | Diocesan Convention in San Diego |



Our Parish Annual Meeting will be on Sunday, January 31, 2016 after services. We will be electing four new Vestry members – be thinking of who you would like to nominate to serve on the Vestry . . . or maybe you would be interested yourself?

~ Kay Malone

Celebrated Clergy

The following article appeared in the "Messenger", the newsletter of the San Diego Diocese. *Way to go Fr. Tim!*



Yuma Rector Awarded Fellowship for Fiction

In June the 2015, The School of Theology at Sewanee awarded the Rev. Timothy True, rector of St. Paul's, Yuma, with a fellowship. For two weeks, October 26 - November 6, Father True will research and write a work of fiction about the ghost lore of Sewanee. His finished product "will have significant theological undertones surrounding last rites, body and soul, and our final rest." He looks forward to being in the seminary community again, and worshipping with his two daughters who are undergrads there. **Congratulations!**



Happy Halloween



The Episcopal Church Women

ECW Meetings are resuming! All Meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month.

October 15th is a lunch meeting at Noon, November 19th will be an evening meeting at 6pm. They will alternate between noon & 6pm through May. Mark your calendar's!

All meetings are Potluck, and take place in the Kinsolving Room.



St. Paul's Thanksgiving Harvest Silent Auction & Dinner

Saturday, November 14th – 4:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Tickets are \$10.00 per person

To donate items for the Silent Auction contact Peggy Ogram at 210-3694

To volunteer, or for tickets contact

Devon McPherson [928-919-1380](tel:928-919-1380)

Tickets sold presale only!!!



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SUNDAY SERVICES

10:00 am ~ Holy Eucharist Service
12:30 pm ~ Español Eucaristía Servicio
Nursery is offered at 9 am
Sunday School (all ages) at 9 am
SATURDAY EVE SERVICE
(3rd Sat. of the month)
6 P.M. ~ Holy Eucharist

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