



The People of God

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A Message From Fr. Tom



A message for those who have not been to church for a while.

The earliest Christians referred to their movement as "The Way." When I think about Christianity as "The Way," I have an image of people walking together behind Jesus, all heading in a certain direction, perhaps not even knowing where they are going, just knowing that they are following Jesus heading in the

right direction together. It is a comforting and inspiring image, and I know in my own life I have walked that way with people and with Jesus, and it has been good.

But I also know that in my life I have drifted from "The Way" from time to time. And there have been times when I have stopped participating in the community and stopped doing those things that help me draw closer to God. There have been times in my life when prayer is hard, and God feels distant, and I don't want to kneel to pray to Jesus or connect to God at all.

And at times like this, I have set out to go my own way. And so, for a while I go my own way. And usually after I have been going my own way for a while, I feel something which I can only describe as a disconnect. I respond, my being responds, when I am not doing something "spiritual" in my life. How do I describe what happens to me? I feel more anxious. I feel less secure and less certain about things. I feel more irritable and judgmental. And after a while, I feel that I am just doing things in life automatically without that greater sense of grace or peace I get from God and Jesus.

I thought about this recently when I was coming back to Trinity after having been on vacation for a few weeks. I spent a few weeks without church, just barely praying, not really taking time for Jesus on my vacation but just having fun and trying to forget about eve-

rything. But toward the end, I felt that I was missing something of God's grace and God's presence in my life. I think I was missing being part of "The Way."

If you have been part of the church and the faith but you are no longer attending regularly, this message is for you. If it's been a while since you have been to Trinity, this message is for you. I know it can be hard to go it alone out there. There is a reason why community exists. There is a reason why throughout history people have gathered together to support and care for each other with a common purpose united behind God. It's because it's easier together, and things go better when people are facing life together. And with God in the equation, we are more deeply connected with the powers of life and happiness and goodness and meaning and peace. And this is the way.

If it has been a while since you have been to church, **please consider coming back to Trinity this October.** Please know that "The Way" awaits your return, and you don't need to show up afraid or hesitant or awkward about anything at all. You just show up on a Sunday and start again to follow Jesus, walking behind him with the crowd that includes everyone else who has also at times drifted off and become lost and turned away from the path. I have been there. We have all been there. And we know how great it can be to return.

I encourage you to try it out, one Sunday in October. If you like, call me or email. I would love to hear from you. I can meet you beforehand. I want to be of support.

God bless and keep you. I hope to see you soon. Know you are in my prayers, and in the hearts of all at Trinity,

Faithfully,
Tom+





Confirmation and Reception at Trinity

It has been a while since Trinity has had confirmations, and we are excited to be preparing for them again this fall. Bishop Susan will be here on November 17th, and as part of her visit she will confirm people and also receive people into the Episcopal Church.

Confirmation is a sacrament which reaffirms a person's mature commitment to their faith. Generally confirmation happens with younger teens who have been active in the church, or with adults who have never been confirmed. This fall we have adapted our Thursday evening program to include people being confirmed, and the Thursday evening gatherings will prepare people to

be confirmed. It is not too late to participate, but please speak with Father Tom.

When the Bishop is here, she will also receive people into the Episcopal church. Reception is a way for people who are new to the Episcopal Church to be recognized as members of this branch of the faith. The Bishop officially recognizes people who have come from other churches during the service of confirmation. You don't need to take classes to be received, but you do need to talk with Father Tom if you are interested.

Haven House/Turk Center Dinner Ministry

For **October 2024** we will be serving dinner and providing dessert at the Turk Center on **our usual second and last Thursday of the month**. That means our dinners this month are on **October 10th** and **October 31st**. You might think, uh oh, that last one is Halloween. Yes, it is. But we start at 4:00 PM and are typically all done and heading home by about 5:30 PM, so that leaves plenty of time to take part afterwards in Halloween festivities with family and friends.

We want to give a special thanks to all those anonymous donors who have donated monies for us to purchase desserts to go with our dinners. And thanks also of course to our "dessert ladies" (Gail, Molly, Jana, and Petey) who so faithfully provide desserts as well! The desserts mean so much to the residents we serve. A little "sweet" at the end of their meal provides a bright spot and a bit of tasty pleasure to end their day. **THANK YOU ALL!**

Mark your calendars for the dates in October noted above (**October 10 and 31**), and watch for the sign-up notice to come out 5-6 days prior to the dinner date.

We use a sign-up process via an *email invitation* to access a Google Drive for signing up. The sign-up email directs you to the sign-up sheet on the shared google-drive. Most of our "regulars" are on the distribution list for the sign-up sheet. If you think you *even might* want to participate in any way, please send me your email (my email is below), or call me to provide it (cell # below). You don't have to actually participate at all, but if you get the email, you'll have the option at least. You can't even consider signing up unless you receive the sign-up email, so please, contact me to add your email to the distribution! Plus, you'll be able to keep up with all the news and happenings in our Haven House/Turk Center dinner ministry.

And thanks to all of Trinity for continuing to support this very worthwhile Ministry!

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Trinity Neighborhood Garden

As we head into the fall and cooler months our garden is bursting with crops ready to harvest. Congratulations to all our gardeners who have provided excess produce to Interfaith this year.

We are NOT going to have a harvest party this year in preparation for the pouring of our slab for our gazebo. We are working on an event in the Spring. We are waiting for the City of Escondido to determine if we need building permits and if we do, the wait for said permits could be as long as 5 months. That's a disappointment but good things take time.

We now have the funds to pay for the slab and there have been two recent generous donations to help us cover expenses and incidentals that may come up regarding our build. Our Wardens have indicated we should be able to put together a team to actually build the gazebo after the concrete has cured. So, if you are handy with your hands and would like to help with our "Barn (Gazebo) Raising" please let Fr/ Tom know. We'll make it fun, promise!!

We have solved our "Raffle" issue, and we will be starting up our "Opportunity Drawing" mid-September. One quilt was purchased outright, and you now have the option to purchase "Opportunity" tickets for \$5.00 each or you may make a cash offer to purchase the quilt of your choice. We are asking you to consider a minimum purchase price of \$250.00. Please reach out to Sandra Scott if you have questions about this option. Remember the goal is to fund the building of the gazebo.

On November 2 from 7:00am to 1:00pm we will be having a parking lot sale on the lot that faces Chestnut. WE MUST HAVE AT LEAST 10 FAMILIES PARTICIPATE FOR THE EVENT TO BE A SUCCESS. All you have to do is start your holiday clean-up early, load your trunk with your items, pull into a parking space, open your trunk and sell your items. All proceeds will benefit the garden ministry. The sign-up sheet is in the Narthax. You can't miss it. The sign is rainbow colors and there are price sheets to get you started. If you have any questions, please contact Sandra Scott @ 858-602-7639.

We are down to 2 4X12 in-ground plots available, 1 table and 12 4x4 boxes. We are running a special right now. Rent your space between now and November 1st and you will receive the balance of this year and all of 2025 for just \$50.00 (including water). Also, fees will be going up on 1-1-25 from \$45.00 to \$50.00 per plot, box, table. This modest increase is due to our fixed expenses going up this last year.

It's such a pleasure to serve our gardeners and our church with this wonderful ministry.

Sandra Scott
Garden Manager

*Nurture a garden is to feed
Not just a garden but a soul*

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



Do You Know Andrea Evering



I came straight from Jamaica to San Diego in 1987. It was rainy and cold. I was so shocked at how cold it was. I was raised in the Anglican faith and confirmed in the faith also. Most of my maternal family are Anglicans. However, my maternal grandfather later became a preacher in Jamaica. I was brought up with the motto, you can party all weekend as long as you take time to go to a church on Saturday or Sunday. I also have family members that are Seven Days Adventist. I am the middle child

for my mother and only girl (two brothers). My Dad has four stepchildren (three stepbrothers and one step sister). I have a bachelor's degree from San Diego State University.

Currently, I work as an analyst for the California Department of Public Health (17 years), and before that I worked as a healthcare assistant for 15 years at Palomar/Pomerado Hospital. I am single and live here in

Escondido. I loved to read romance books in my spare time. I love music (oldies and goodies, soft rock and gospel and reggae music), but do not ask me to sing. I cannot carry a tune.

Before Covid, I was attending a non-denomination evangelical church in San Diego for approximately 20 years. However, after the pandemic, I wanted to return to my church roots. I researched the denomination that was closest to my Anglican faith. I found the Episcopal church. Then I researched for one close to my home. Thus, I found Trinity. I started to attend a little over a year ago and so far, have no regrets. I remember the first person to greet me with such a warm smile and welcome was Dave. Thanks Dave. Trinity is such a welcoming church even when they did not have a regular Father.

I have helped twice with preparing sandwiches for the homeless and attended Wednesday evening bible study with Father Tom. If you have not attended, please do. They are so informative and fun. I have been so blessed hearing such awesome messages from the altar. Trinity has some great ministers preaching the word.

Sugar Skulls - the Sweet Life

Sugar Skulls (*calaveritas*) abound when it is time to celebrate the Day of the Dead. These whimsical skull decorations are often made of sugar to remind us of how sweet life is. They bring together life (sugar, colors, decorations) and death (skulls). Death doesn't have to be bitter; it can be sweet. In decorating the sugar skull, the creator remembers a specific person, perhaps even attaching a paper with the person's name to the skull.

At Trinity, we will be **decorating sugar skulls at coffee hour on Sunday, October 27**. But don't take them home – leave them at church. They will be part of our **Day of the Dead service on Saturday, November 2 at 3:00pm**. Join us as we remember our loved ones.

Ange Dee, Vestry Member





Samaritan Team Ministry

Your Trinity **Samaritan Team** has an action-packed Fall planned! Here are some of the on-going projects and new activities we have underway:

- **Making Sack Lunches for Interfaith** – We have had three very successful sandwich and sack lunch making events so far, and this has been adopted as an *on-going ministry* for Trinity. We will hold sack-lunch making events once a month, usually on the first Sunday of each month, in the Parish Hall after church. Our next **sack lunch “party”** will be **Sunday, October 6**. As always, we need Trinity folks to help out with donating food items to put into the sacks, and also some of the “hard goods” to hold the sandwiches and lunch items (paper bags, etc.). Please contact **Faith Much (760-809-2016)** to find out what is needed each time. And also, we need YOU to take part in the sandwich and sack lunch “assembly line”. So come join in the fun! It’s quick and easy, and good fellowship.
- **Hygiene Items for Interfaith** – The Samaritan Team is joining forces with the Daughters of the King to collect hygiene items to donate to ICS. These items will be either made into hygiene “kits” or just given out by Interfaith to whoever needs them among their clients. Things like travel size shampoo and other toiletries, feminine hygiene items (pads and tampons), toothbrushes, etc., are being collected. Look for a basket and a sign in the **narthex** to get info on what to bring, and to drop off your items. **Leslie Castillo (619-300-0459)** of the Samaritan Team, and **Eileen Arterburn (714-401-6077)** of DOK are heading up this drive, so contact either of them to get more information.
- **Little Free Pantry** – Thanks to the persistence of many on the Samaritan Team, and the Trinity Vestry, particularly Kim Billman, the Little Free Pantry for food items that has “lived” near our 9th Ave driveway for several years, is back alive and being

restored! The Little Pantry is a place where anyone - neighbors, Trinity folks, anybody - has been able to bring or take non-perishable food items. Because the Little Food Pantry had fallen into disrepair and neglect, the Vestry considered removing it. After much investigation, we determined that the Little Pantry is definitely being used by our community and neighbors, and would surely be missed if taken down. So it will stay, and be restored to glory, so that all can use it. **Andrea Nelson**, daughter of our late, beloved parishioners Mary and Don Nelson, is **donating her time and talent to rebuild the Little Pantry**. Other Trinity folks have already donated the needed materials. And Kim Billman will take the role of monitoring the Little Free Pantry to ensure it stays in good shape and is used properly. A huge **Thank you** to **Andrea**, and **Kim**, and **all the others who have made this possible!**

- Lastly, **the Samaritan Team** – If you’d like to be part of planning, leading or taking part in Ministry projects with us, come join in the fun! Our Trinity Samaritan Team welcomes anyone with an interest or ideas for sharing Christ’s love through outreach and service ministries in our community. Our next **meeting will be Sunday, October 20th**, in the Dove Library **right after church**. We have a lot of exciting new projects on the horizon, particularly for our Advent and Christmas seasons. So come see what it’s all about! After all..... we are ALL Samaritans.

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Do You Speak Episcopalian??

THE MASCALY CROSS

When I first came to Trinity, I just couldn't believe the big "piece of art" that was hanging in the altar area was a cross. Didn't look like any church cross I had ever seen. In fact, it kind of bothered me at first. But then, with time, I got used to it and now it's part of the whole altar and all that is Trinity. So, imagine my delight when I ran across the whole story of our cross. And in case any of you have ever wondered, I will share it with you now.

An ancient kind of cross is suspended from a beam in the ceiling. It is a mosaic cross predominately green, and gold designed by Horace Judson of Rancho Benardo. Although it weighs 200 pounds, it looks delicate. The frame, not originally in the design was added to ensure its stability.

The unique shape of the five squares forming the cross and the unusual name probably came from the Hebrew word MASCHILS, meaning attentive, contemplative, or meditative. This cross symbolizes the oneness of God within the mystery of Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

At the top is the hand, symbolic of creativity protection and fellowship, which refers to eternal might, eternal care, and generosity and eternal love of the Creator. The hand with three extended fingers, the Holy Trinity, while the two closed fingers denote the twofold nature of the Son. The hand symbolizes God the Father and His concern for man whom He has created and blessed. The hand is superimposed on the triangle within the circle which denotes the eternity of the Trinity.

The central mosaic the Lamb (the Redeemer) with rays of light radiating from it from each direction. The

Lamb is no longer wounded but it is standing with the banner of victory suggesting the victorious nature of His Sacrifice.

Below the Lamb is the Dove representing the Holy Spirit and the presence of God hovering over the water at creation and above Jesus at His time of Baptism. The symbol also includes the three rayed nimbus. The symbol of sanctity, the Lord of Life.

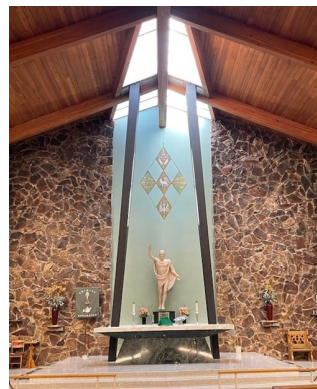
The square used in the Mascaly Cross symbolizes the sacramental use of matter – The four elements of earth, air, and water. The five squares bring to mind the passion of our Lord's five wounds which again are always a part of the Altar itself and its fair linen. The five squares forming the cross can be divided forming equilateral triangles keeping with the symbol of the Holy Trinity. The square divided also expresses the union of the Divine and human in the incarnation, plus the Old Testament truth of soul and body as one.

Our mosaic cross of contemplation held high above the Altar of Christ's sacrifice, sings a song of praise to the Holy Trinity and is particularly appropriate for Trinity Church.

The Cross was given by Mae Hutchcraft. (I'll try to find some information about her.)

NOTE: After reading that the Cross needed to be framed to ensure stability. I pictured it without the frame and immediately saw the cross shape I'm so used to. I wish I had seen it like that the first time I looked at it – makes me smile now to think about my thoughts and feelings back then.

Marilyn Merideth





Thanks To the Breakfast Sunday Team

Many thanks to Pam and Scott Putnicki and their team for a most delicious breakfast in September. They Hatched up some mighty fine eat'n'.

Trinity breakfast is planned for October 20th this month. It's a wonderful opportunity to gather and get to know each other better. Mark your calendar and join in the fun.

Be bold and step out — let **Paul DesForges** know you're interested. You'll have a great time.



Vestry Meeting Update

The Vestry met on September 10th and approved the annual audit, reviewed the proposed insurance plan for the year, and approved the salary of the new Bookkeeper who will start at the end of September. The group reviewed the ministries of Coffee Hour and Breakfast, Newcomers and Visitors, Buildings and Grounds, as well as the ongoing work of the Samaritan team and ministries related to worship and communications. They discussed Vestry members leaving at the end of the term in January, and were asked to consider new people to be invited to serve.

The Treasurer's report showed that the cash on hand for the month was low, but that the pledging has been fairly steady, which is great considering that we have been in the summer. The budget continues to have a deficit but it is not as big as that which had been budgeted at the beginning of the year. We are grateful for the careful spending as well as for the enthusiasm of the congregation and the support of new members who have been supporting Trinity financially.

Tom+

Financial Report

Annual Budget: -\$24,158

August 2024:

Income (YTD)	\$201,247.14
Expenses (YTD)	\$217,201.38
YTD Net Income	\$-15,954.24



MILESTONES

October Birthdays

- 1 Jim McDaniel
- 3 Joe Stanford, Levi Schaffner, John Krieger
- 4 Lynda Pflueger
- 5 Eric Turrentine
- 8 Arie Taupier
- 11 Cliff Surko
- 12 Cathy Corr
- 13 Douglas Sampson
- 15 David Lewis
- 16 Daniel Tobin, Stephen Tobin, Kimberly Godfrey
- 17 Andy Shamel, Jim Murtland
- 18 Alan Barry
- 19 Jan Kerdu
- 20 Michael Collings
- 21 Pat Webber
- 22 Sue Miller
- 23 Annette Rico
- 25 David Putnicki
- 26 Louis Shamel, Emily Dicker
- 27 Georgina McKee
- 29 Matt Witman, Marilyn Merideth, Diane Kitson-Clark

October Anniversaries

- 9 Hudson & Laura Elliott
- 10 Mike & Sarah Picolletti
- 15 Dylan & Julianna Hunt



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

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VESTRY

- Senior Warden
Leila Sackfield ('25)
- Junior Warden
Ron Smith ('26)
- Kimberly Billman ('27)
- Boatema Boateng ('25)
- Gail Human ('25)
- Helen Joline ('27)
- Tim Miley ('25)
- Joe Stanford ('26)
- Tasha Thompson ('27)
- Mel Waterhouse ('27)
- Jonathan Cartford ('26)

SUNDAY SERVICE

Morning Service 10:00am
In Person and Live Stream

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