

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 14, 2024 8:00 a.m. • Rite I Holy Eucharist (spoken)

The Rev. Lester V. Mackenzie, AHC Presider & Preacher

WELCOME

Welcome! We are glad you are here.

Here in the Episcopal Church, we truly welcome everyone. Please sign a visitor's card (or scan the QR code below) and introduce yourself to Fr. Lester after the service.

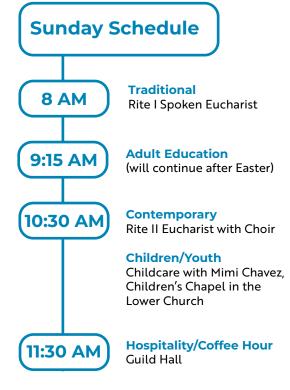
If you'd like more information on joining St. Mary's, membership, baptism, serving as a youth acolyte, confirmation, etc., contact the Parish Office at 949-494-3542 or email parishoffice@stmaryslb.org.

Thank you for worshiping with us today!



Our Mission: To be open to God's love and Guidance. To embrace all in the name of Christ.

Our Vision: To be an inclusive community called to serve, heal, and love our neighbors in the Light of God.

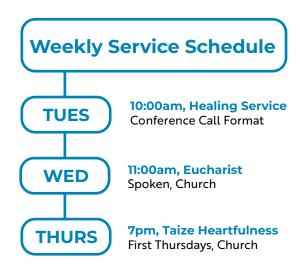




New to St. Mary's?

Candida R. TerBush leads our Welcome and Engagement ministries at St. Mary's and she would love the opportunity to connect and answer any questions you may have.

Contact her at candidarivera25@yahoo.com



Ways to Give

Gratitude for your financial support of St. Mary's. Please consider giving to help us continue our ministry here in Laguna Beach and beyond.







Online through Give Lively platform



Ministry Schedule

If you are unable to serve when you are scheduled, or made a change to the schedule, please mark the schedule in the Narthex and also contact the Parish Office.

We can always use more volunteers to help out with our Sunday liturgies! If you would like to help with being a reader, acolyte, usher, hospitality, etc., please contact the Parish Office.

This Sunday, April 14, 10:30 am

First Reader Cristina Calderone Second Reader Philippe Guggenheim

Crucifer Tammi Ford Chalice Ben Brown

Ushers Julianna van den Berg &

Susan Moore

Hospitality Cristina Calderone &

Maureen Ortiz

Next Sunday, April 21, 10:30 am

First Reader Christopher Gilbertson

Second Reader Karen Zfaty
Crucifer Ben Brown
Chalice Pat August

Ushers Larry & Marjorie Gorum Hospitality Mike & Stephanie Metzler



Next Sunday's Lessons

Acts 4:5-12, 1 John 3:16-24, John 10:11-18, Psalm 23

This Week at St. Mary's

Sunday, April 14

8AM Rite I Holy Eucharist spoken 10:30AM Rite II Holy Eucharist with Choir

Hospitality Hour following
Baptism of Harper Martial

Monday, April 15

12PM

7PM AA Men's Group Meeting, Guild Hall

Tuesday, April 16

Healing Service, Conference Call Format
 AA Women's Group Meeting, Guild Hall
 L.B. Chamber Singers, Church

Parish Prayer List

For the departed

Colette Marsaud, Nancy Guthrie, Ralph Root, Blake Franklin, Bill Ford, Jose Chavez, John Lever, Steven Perryman

For healing, comfort and other requests

Lorett G., Betty K, Lie, Bettina, Pinkie M, JoAnn, Kayla K, Mary H, Josephine, Pamela, Joe, Terry, Sara, Jerry, Terrie, Nancy, Carol, Phoebe, Ralph, Hampton, Mimi, Francesca, Grace, Josh, John P., Tanya, Daniel, Tom, Jan, Karen, Lynn, Gregory, Naomi, Bill & Sara, Nick J, Cynthia, Don, Barbara, Erin, Ashley, Kady, Beau and Erika, Mike L, Erin, Tina, Milana, Linda, Kenedy, , Jill, John, Chris, Richard, Sarah, Corrie, Pat, Lauren, Judy, Jan

For all others in need

Those affected by natural & environmental disasters especially Japan, all in fear in Ukraine, Ethiopia, Sudan, Kongo, Israel and Palestine.

For our City of Laguna Beach and the Diocese of Los Angeles

Prayer cards can be found in the Narthex or scan the QR Code here:

Wednesday, April 17

10AM Parish Staff Meeting NO WEDNESDAY EUCHARIST TODAY

7PM AA Men's Group Meeting, Guild Hall

Thursday, April 18

8AM Men's Bible Study, Office Library 6:30PM Toastmasters Meeting, Guild Hall

Friday, April 19

1PM Women's Bible Study, Office Library

Saturday, April 20

12PM Michelle Burt Art Masterclass, Guild Hall 8PM AA Living Sober Group Meeting, Guild Hall

Your Parish Leadership

Parish Staff

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Parish Office Information

The Parish Office is open Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. each week.

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Your Vestry

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Mike Metzler · Class of 2024

Candida Rivera TerBush · Class of 2024

Pat August · Class of 2025

Hoyt Bacon · Class of 2025

Carrie Joyce · Class of 2025

Ben Brown • Class of 2025

Janet Chisholm · Class of 2026

Glen Roske · Class of 2026

John Kilpatrick · Class of 2026

Marc Mullendore · Class of 2026

The Vestry meets the Fourth Sunday of each Month at 12:00 p.m.

A Few Reminders

WORSHIP

Follow along starting on page 9. Responses are in bold.

COMMUNION

From whatever tradition you come, you are always welcome at the Lord's table. We are currently receiving Communion at the Altar Rail.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

There will not be childcare service with Mimi Chavez this morning. There are "Youth Bulletins" with crayons in the back of the church. All Youth are invited to help participate during our Family Service (1st Sunday at 10:30am) as readers or acolytes. Contact Fr. Lester.

RESTROOMS

These facilities are located on our lower level, beneath the choir. For wheelchair access, please ask an usher for assistance.

HOSPITALITY / COFFEE HOUR

Following today's 10:30am Service, all are welcome to our Guild Hall for fellowship, coffee and light refreshments.

NEWCOMERS

Welcome to St. Mary's! Introduce yourself to Fr. Lester and complete a Newcomer Card. There is a QR code on page 3 of this bulletin to also fill out online. We are glad that you are here to join us in this faith forward journey.

You are always velcome here.



Calling all Youth to help serve as an Acolyte at Church!

If interested in being an acolyte during the 10:30am service, contact Fr. Lester.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I

Rite I | St. Mary's Episcopal Church



Altar Flower Dedication

The Altar Flowers this Sunday are given to the Glory of God from **Pat August.**

"To the glory of God and with thanksgiving for my loving family and friends."



FAITH FORWARD JOURNEY

UNITY IN COMMUNITY - WALKING TOGETHER - ROOTED IN JESUS

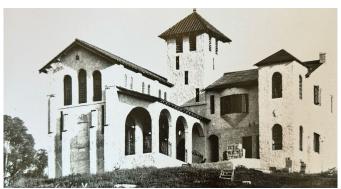
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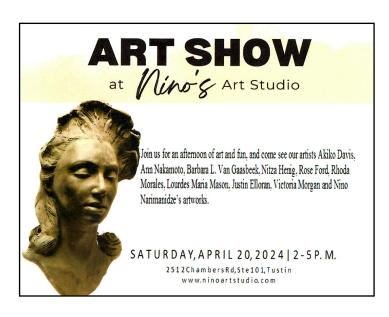
This photograph shows the back of the original Church during construction in 1925. The buttresses, open cloister and design of the tower show the influence of St. Francis Basilica. Surmounting the tower was a six foot, six inch cross, covered with gold leaf and electrically illuminated, "a cross of dazzling electricity that will shine out to the heathen lands across the sea" (Laguna Life newspaper).



the Past"

A "Blast from







Calling All Youth, Ages 8-11 to join a NEW Children's Choir at St. Mary's!

We are in the process of forming a new Children's Choir in Laguna Beach, under the direction of Patricia Shanks.

If you have a child, grandchild, or know a family that would be interested, have them contact either Carol White: cf_white@comcast.net or Karen Zfaty: kzfaty@aol.com.

Rehearsals will begin soon.





YOU ARE INVITED TO E.C.W.'S

LINE DANCING

TO CELEBRATE CINCO DE MAYO

SUNDAY, MAY 5

12:00 PM, GUILD HALL

\$20 - ADULTS
YOUTH 12 & UNDER - FREE
TICKETS INCLUDE CINCO DE MAYO
LUNCH, SOFT DRINK & LINE DANCING

BEER & WINE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

TICKETS ARE ON SALE!

SEE A DESIGNATED ECW MEMBER FOR MORE INFORMATION.







Episcopal Church Women (ECW) Clothing Collection Drive for Working Wardrobes

Donate Your Gently Used Clothing!

When:

Date: March-April

Location: Bring to St. Mary's

What to Donate:

- Quality Clothing: Clean and gently used items on hangers.
- Accessories: We accept accessories too!

Why Donate?

- · Your donations help individuals overcome barriers to gainful employment.
- 100% of retail profits fund Working Wardrobes' career readiness services.

How to Participate:

- Select and Clean: Gather your best-quality clothing and put them on hangers.
- 2. **Spread the Word:** Tell everyone about our need for all types of donations.

Contact Us:

· Contact Marjorie: 949 497-8549-h; 714 322-0567-c or email: marlar4@cox.net

Important Safety Guidelines:

Donated clothes must be CLEAN and ON HANGERS.

Thank you for supporting Working Wardrobes! Your contributions make a difference in the lives of those striving for meaningful employment.

For more information, visit the Working Wardrobes Donation Center.



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Final Report and a Big Thank You!

St Mary's gathered in 32 boxes and bags full of food, clothing and toiletries for Orange County Rescue Mission. The donations were delivered to the Mission in Tustin two Sundays ago. One of the workers at the Mission who received the items expressed his gratitude and told of his journey from incarceration, drugs and homelessness to his present situation, working for the Mission, looking healthy and at peace with himself, and thankful for the Mission's wonderful work, which gave him the strength and resolve to get back on his feet and move forward with his life.

By donating all that you did, you are ensuring the Mission continues to reach out to those in need, and to move forward with their faithful work. Special thanks to Mark Clymer, Amelia, and Carol and Dennis White, for helping to box up all the many items and pack them into the car for delivery to the Mission, and deepest thanks to you all for your generosity.

Blessings and Happy Easter!



THE HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I

Rite I | St. Mary's Episcopal Church



The Holy Eucharist: Rite One

The Third Sunday of Easter

For the Holy Eucharist Rite One, we will be utilizing the Book of Common Prayer, found in the pews. Anytime you see the abbreviation *BCP*, please refer to the Book of Common Prayer.



OPENING ACCLAMATION, GLORIA • BCP 323-324

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you. People And with thy spirit.

Presider Let us pray. O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to

his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,

now and for ever. Amen.

Before the service, we speak to God. During the service, God speaks to us.

The people stand.

The Word of God

THE FIRST LESSON • Acts 3:12-19

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. "And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

The people **sit** for the Word of God.

The book of the Acts of the Apostles recounts the early growth of the Christian Church. One of the major features of Acts is Luke's use of speeches by principal figures to provide reflection upon and analysis of events. These speeches demonstrate the basic preaching pattern of the apostolic Church to different audiences as the Church moves from the Jewish to the Gentile world. Today's reading is taken from the second of these discourses.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I April 14, 2024 | The Third Sunday of Easter

From the depths of his troubles, the psalmist expresses his trust in God as helper. He knows that God will always help and answer his pleas, and this awareness brings peace. Because God is his Savior, he can rest securely and warn others to trust in God alone.

Today's reading takes up the theme of Christians and sin, in the context of their adoption as "children of God" (v 1). This special relationship to God was formerly extended to Israel as a people and especially to the king as Israel's representative. In Hebrew idiom, "to be the child of" meant to exhibit the characteristics of one's father. Christians are truly God's children, yet they are still in the process of growing into resemblance to God by imitating Christ in their behavior.

THE PSALM • Psalm 4 (Spoken Responsively By Whole Verse)

- Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; you set me free when I am hard-pressed; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.
- 2 "You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; how long will you worship dumb idols and run after false gods?"
- 3 Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful; when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.
- 4 Tremble, then, and do not sin; speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.
- 5 Offer the appointed sacrifices and put your trust in the Lord.
- 6 Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!" Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.
- 7 You have put gladness in my heart, more than when grain and wine and oil increase.
- 8 I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

THE EPISTLE • 1 John 3:1-7

A reading from The First Letter of John

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL • Luke 24:36-48

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

SERMON • The Reverend Lester V. Mackenzie, AHC

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader In hope and silence, let us pray to God, the Creator of all.

That our risen Savior may fill us with the joy of his glorious and

life-giving resurrection, we pray to the living God.

People Hear our prayer.

Leader That those who serve in the Church throughout the world -

especially Michael our Presiding Bishop; John our Diocese

Bishop may be refreshed and encouraged by Christ's victory, we

pray to the living God.

People Hear our prayer.

The people **stand** for the Holy Gospel.

By showing the marks of the crucifixion, the risen Christ identifies himself as the earthly Jesus. He shows himself to be "real," not a vision or a ghost. The account displays the Hebrew understanding of the person as particular and embodied, in contrast to the Greek sense of the person as merely the "soul." As in the Emmaus story, the disciples recognize Jesus in the context of a meal and in the exposition of the scriptures.

The people sit for the Sermon.

Please stand as you are able.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I April 14, 2024 | The Third Sunday of Easter

In the Great Thanksgiving, we do what Jesus himself asked us to do: thank God and recall all that God has done for us in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. The Great Thanksgiving, or Eucharistic Prayer, is a long prayer with four parts. Each of these four parts corresponds to a different action of Jesus at the Last Supper, where he took, blessed, broke, and gave bread and wine as sacraments of his body and blood. We begin the Great Thanksgiving with the Sursum corda, meaning "Lift up your hearts."

When it is time for you to go forward to the altar rail, an usher will direct your row. Proceed to the altar rail and you may stand or kneel. Fold your right hand on top of your left, palms facing up, and receive the wafer. You may immediately eat the wafer or wait for the wine and take communion by intinction*. To sip the wine from the chalice, guide it to your lips with your hand on the base of the chalice. Receiving just the bread or wine alone is considered full communion.

Leader That the members of this congregation, and all who gather with us in prayer and song, may embrace and embody the good news

of the resurrection, we pray to the living God.

People Hear our prayer.

Leader That the people of this nation and those to whom we look for

governance may be subject to one another in Christian love, we

pray to the living God.

People Hear our prayer.

Leader That war, famine, and disaster may cease in all the world, we

pray to the living God.

People Hear our prayer.

Leader That those in need of sustenance, shelter, healing, or

accompaniment may be blessed with provision, we pray to the

living God.

People Hear our prayer.

Leader That, according to God's promises, all who have died in the

faith of the resurrection may be raised on the last day, we pray

to the living God.

People Hear our prayer.

Leader Gracious God, keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in

the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at the feet of your beloved Son; for he is alive and

reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People Amen.

THE PEACE & OFFERTORY

EUCHARIST PRAYER BCP PG. 340

THE LORD'S PRAYER BCP PG. 336

PRAYER FOR HUMBLE ACCESS BCP PG. 337

POST COMMUNION PRAYER BCP PG. 339

THE BLESSING & THE DISMISSAL

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