

Helping the Homeless in Pasadena

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Most of us have encountered persons who are homeless in our community and we may find our sense of justice compelling us to do something and questioning: What can we do? What should we do? Congregations, like All Saints, often struggle with finding ways to serve the immediate needs of homeless persons while continuously seeing people on their facilities even after trying to connect them to local service providers. In fact, it may even seem like the numbers of homeless persons are increasing in Pasadena.

Pasadena conducts a point-in-time homeless count on a yearly basis so that the data can establish benchmarks for ending the homeless experience of many. There are 632 persons (582 adults and 50 children) who are homeless on a given day in Pasadena according to the 2015 City of Pasadena Homeless Count and Survey. This represents a 5% decrease when compared to the number of sheltered and unsheltered persons who were counted last year and a 48% decrease when compared to the 1,216 sheltered and unsheltered persons counted in 2011.

There is a lot that the City, community and faith community can do to help eradicate homelessness in Pasadena and several service providers and coalitions are actively working on this issue, including the Pasadena Partnership to End Homelessness. We must acknowledge that the most effective way to help homeless persons exit life on the streets is to support local agencies that provide housing and services to assist homeless persons rebuild their lives. And if you are

a landlord or property owner and can commit one unit to efforts to end homelessness in Pasadena, you can be part of the movement to end homelessness by providing supportive housing to individuals and families in need. Although we encourage you not to give money to homeless persons directly, we do encourage you to give respect. Acknowledging people (within your comfort level) can provide a helpful human connection.

We should know that even when persons are connected to services, there is a process of engagement that does not automatically result in resources offered to or received by a person experiencing homelessness. Professional workers know that it takes time and trust to build a relationship that is predicated on a dignified approach. There are also safety concerns as sometimes persons experiencing homelessness may present a danger to others or to themselves. Realistically, agencies cannot respond every time a congregation calls to engage homeless persons not following rules. In such instances a congregation should contact law enforcement, especially if you find that a person is not respecting property and/or you feel unsafe due to their behavior. If you are concerned about the well-being of a homeless person you may also contact the Pasadena Police Homeless Outreach and Psychiatric Evaluation (HOPE) teams. HOPE teams respond to calls that are homeless or mental health related and find appropriate resolution/placement. The HOPE Team on duty may be reached through Pasadena Police dispatch at 626.744.4241.

August

Children, Youth & Families Ministries and Choir Registration Day

Mark your calendars for registration day! On Sunday, Sept. 13, 8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m., stop by the Guild Room to learn more about Sunday School, Youth Group, Seekers, Acolytes, Parent Culture, and Children's & Youth Choirs and to register your children for the program year. We will also present options for adults to engage in the work of nurturing and mentoring our children and youth. Bring your calendars, checkbooks and medical/insurance info. so you are ready to fill out forms. For more information, please contact Jamie Hebert at jhebert@allsaints-pas.org or 626.583.2733.

My All Saints FAQs

Launched in early July, *My All Saints* is your personalized portal to your All Saints life – allowing you to connect more easily with fellow small group members, serving teams and ministries. You can see and communicate with members from the various groups to which you belong – including New Member classes, committees, congregational dinner groups, etc. You can also view your pledge and giving information, update your personal information and submit a “head shot” to accompany your profile in the data base. Putting a face to a name in a large parish like All Saints is so important as we work to build and deepen our community connections – and especially as we think ahead to welcoming a new rector in just a few months! Items on the “next steps list” for *My All Saints* include signing up for groups, classes and events as well as volunteer opportunities. For a full list of FAQ's regarding *My All Saints* please go to <http://bit.ly/1HZ5bqZ>, pick up a hard copy on Sunday at the Sign Up Center or contact Amanda McCormick at amcormick@allsaints-pas.org.

God, My Parents and Me Reunion

The children are off to college and the moms met in the Guild Room to connect once again. As these mothers went around the circle, their check-ins were still centered on children and how much support and love they had felt from this group as they started the parenting journey together.

God, My Parents and Me meets every Thursday morning at 10 a.m. If you are the parent of a young child, please join us for spiritual fellowship and practical support! For more information, contact Laura Thornton, LThornton@allsaints-pas.org or 626.583.



God, My Parents and Me in 2001



God, My Parents and Me Reunion in 2015

Staff Transitions



Juliana Serrano has agreed to step into a new position, Senior Associate for Peace & Justice and the Office of Creative Connections. This will combine the direction of both P&J and OCC into one office. Juliana will also join Christina Honchell, Zelda Kennedy, and as part of the rector's Executive Staff team. Juliana has in her 5 years on our staff established herself in the Pasadena and All Saints communities as a stellar strategic, organizational and relational representative of All Saints' values and mission and we are confident that the critically important work of our P&J prophetic ministries will become even more fruitful under her leadership.



We are expanding the scope of work of **Isaac Ruelas**. Isaac has been an effective minister in our Children, Youth, and Families ministries, particularly with our Youth ministries. He has also proven to be an inspiring leader in our Multicultural ministries as well. Now he will become a full time member of our staff, maintaining his work in Youth Ministry as well as becoming the Coordinator of Multiculturalism. He will work directly under Juliana's supervision to strengthen our work in Multicultural ministries as we participate in the challenge of changing our narrative about race in the United States.



Antonio Gallardo has been appointed as the new pastor for the Spanish-speaking worship community. A postulant for holy orders who went through his discernment process here at All Saints, Antonio is a very active member of the All Saints community, a long-time member of the Spanish-speaking community at All Saints, and has been serving as chair of the Latino/Hispanic Ministry. A native of Venezuela, Antonio holds a Ph.D. in Business and Economics runs his own management consulting business and teaches management at the UCLA Extension.

Middle East Ministry Summer Movie Series

Sat., Aug. 8, 7 p.m. *It's Better to Jump*: A film about the ancient walled city of Akka, inhabited by Muslims, Christians, Jews, and Baha'i, as the city undergoes economic pressures and vast social change that wreak havoc with a rich 1,000-year-old culture.

Sat., Aug. 22, 7 p.m. *In the Image: Palestinian Women Saturday Capture the Occupation*: A film that explores the daily lives of Palestinian women living in the occupied West Bank, through video footage captured by the women themselves.

Sat., Sept. 12, 7 p.m. *Parts Unknown: Jerusalem*: Acclaimed chef and travel writer Anthony Bourdain shows the rich cultural heritage of the area around Jerusalem, including the West Bank and Gaza. Foodies will delight!

All screenings are in the All Saints Forum; free will offering; refreshments available; brief discussions follow. Sponsored by All Saints' Middle East Ministry.

August Adult Education Sundays at 10:15 a.m.

August 2

Are You Spiritual or Religious?

with Rick Thyne

We've read time and again in recent months that more and more people, especially among that group from 18 to 35 we call Millennials, are leaving religious institutions and taking up spiritual practices outside the boundaries of traditional faiths. They are developing practices of mindfulness meditation, yoga breathing, and a devotion to the illusive, seductive notion of consciousness.

For three Sundays in August we'll focus on our Sacred Stories, our Sacred Families, and our Sacred Death. And we'll try together to find solid ground to stand upon as we sort through our religious and/or spiritual convictions. SWEETLAND HALL

God as Generation of Diversity: Unity by Embracing Differences

with Claudia Owens Shields

This two-part offering will examine the often invisible necessity of moving beyond political correctness and "color blindness" in order to form authentic relationships across racial, cultural and religious lines. The presentation will expose the ways in which the belief that "we are all the same" can actually be damaging to intergroup relations and offer skills for needed for intergroup reconciliation, building empathy, and creating trust across lines of human diversity. GUILD ROOM

August 9

Are You Spiritual or Religious? (Part 2 of 3 parts)

with Rick Thyne

See August 2 above. SWEETLAND HALL

The Magic of Curiosity

with Anne Breck Peterson

The poet Pablo Neruda said familiarity was the enemy of intimacy. In his long marriage he retained a sense of curiosity about his wife, who she was and who she was becoming. We barely know who we are. How could we possibly fully know another? The desire to know things, to explore things—this curiosity builds bridges between people who differ, helps one get unstuck from a problem, and allows one to plumb the depths of one's own being. Explore new possibilities in your own life. GUILD ROOM

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Me and My Shadow

with Anthony Glenn Miller and Robert Cornell

Richard Rohr writes in his books about the importance of "Shadow Work" and "Shadow Boxing." What is he talking about and why does he consider it so important as part of spiritual practice? Join us for an interesting exploration of the Shadow and how we can work with it in integral spiritual practice. GUILD ROOM

August 23

Responding to the Climate Change Crisis

with the ASC Climate Change Working Group

The Climate Change Crisis Committee at All Saints is a group of scientists from our parish community who have come together to help articulate an effective response to the pressing climate issues we face today, rooted in scientific analysis and in our theological and faith tradition. Join the conversation and plan as it develops! SWEETLAND HALL

Cultivate Joy

with Anne Breck Peterson

Is the experience of joy a random one or can it be cultivated? According to seven short articles in *Psychology Today*, joyous, happy individuals exhibit three characteristics: a generous spirit which enables them to rejoice in the good fortune of others; a sense

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of purpose; and a curiosity toward the world and other people. Dealing with one's self is a journey of a lifetime. This interactive session offers helpful tools for your trip. GUILD ROOM

August 30

Modern Atheism and How Not to See God

with David Albertson

The attempt to see and to understand the invisible God is central to Christian faith. Ancient Christians even defined eternal life as the vision of God. 'For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face' (1 Cor. 13:12). Modern Christians should not work harder to see God, name God, grasp God. Instead, we need strategies for abiding within God's invisibility more faithfully. David will share how leading intellectuals are rethinking the being of God, the potential of mystical vision, and the meaning of icons for faith in the 21st century. SWEETLAND HALL

A Spirituality of Struggle

with Jamie Barnett

According to best-selling author Joan D. Chittister, "We are living in an era more in need of a spirituality of struggle than perhaps any other time in history." What if we could learn to see it as a function of the Spirit -- a soul-stretching process with transformative possibilities for our self and for the world? Join this discussion of Chittister's book *Scarred By Struggle, Transformed By Hope*, and examine ways in which the eruptive changes in life might actually motivate us to begin again doing our part to make the world a more just, caring, loving place. GUILD ROOM

Summertime Giving

Are you making plans for vacations and time away this summer? If so, make sure that you include continuing contributions toward your pledge. Our staff can help you find ways to maintain your generous giving while away. Contact Jim Loduha in the Giving Office at 626.583.2736 or JLoduha@allsaints-pas.org with questions, or visit www.allsaints-pas.org/support/donate to make online pledge payments and contributions (maybe even while you're streaming on the website on Sunday mornings!). And, as always, thank you for your inspiring generosity!

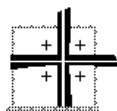
Not Too Late to Sign-Up for Education for Ministry Program

EFM will help you "dig deeper into the Christian faith. Theologian Karl Barth advised that we "read the Bible in one hand with today's newspaper in the other." Learn about church history, theological ideas and reflect on connecting faith with life experiences. Stretch your imagination and open a new world of insights as you probe scripture and tradition. Classes begin in September. Registration is limited. We have a few spots left in the Tuesday morning 10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. class led by Terry Moore, trgmoore@gmail.com or call 323.254.3972 and in the Tuesday evening, 7:00-9:30 p.m. class. For more information, please contact Gary Leonard at tofr@pacbell.net or 626.644.9104.

Zero Waste: To Everything There Is a Repurpose

"Reduce, reuse and recycle" are longstanding watchwords of environmentalism. This month's Conscientious Projector selection *Racing to Zero: In Pursuit of Zero Waste* invites us as citizens and communities to take these essential practices even further by considering what we throw away as "resources" rather than "garbage" and finding new solutions to the global problem of waste. The documentary focuses on San Francisco's innovative zero waste program, which is on schedule to meet its goal of a 100% waste-free city by 2020. It will screen on Thursday, August 13, 7:00 p.m. at Armory Center for the Arts, 145 N. Raymond in Old Pasadena. Admission is free and the facility is accessible to disabled persons. More information = Marty Coleman at 818.517.8878 or martycoleman@pacbell.net or visit www.racingtozero.com.

Save the Date for **DIOCESAN DODGER NIGHT**: Friday, September 18, 7:10 p.m. vs. the Pirates. More info soon – mark your calendars!



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Events and Opportunities

• Summer Choir •

This exciting adventure continues through September 6. All tune-ful voices are welcome to sing any or all of the Sundays. Simply come to the Choir Room (downstairs in Regas House) promptly at 10:00 a.m. to prepare for the 11:15 a.m. service. For more information call Debbie Daniels in the Music Office, 626.583.2750 or ddaniels@allsaints-pas.org.

• Where's My Name Button? •

Our button box is bursting with unclaimed name buttons. When you request a name button, we make it for you that week, and it is available the next Sunday at the Welcome Table. Please pick up

your buttons and take them home to keep them from rusting, and please wear them when you come to church! If you need a new one, please fill out a name button request form at the Welcome Table.

Altar flowers are a beautiful way to remember a loved one, celebrate a special event, or to give thanks for someone who has touched your life. To donate flowers for the altars, please call 626.796.1172.

Have you included All Saints in your will or estate plan? Let us know! If you'd like to learn more about making a pledge or planned gift, call the Giving Office at 626.583.2736

August Preachers at All Saints at 7:30, 9 and 11:15 a.m.

August 2—Jon Dephouse



August 9 & August 30—Zelda Kennedy



August 16—Janine Schenone



August 23—Sally Howard



At the 1:00 p.m. Spanish Service

August 2—Susan Russell



August 9 & August 23—Janine Schenone



August 30—Antonio Gallardo



Praying for Others

If you are interested in praying for others, please call the Prayer Line at 626.583.2707 or prayers@allsaints-pas.org.