

## Journey

FROM ZELDA KENNEDY, SENIOR ASSOCIATE FOR PASTORAL CARE

It isn't often that two people reared in different cultures and from different geographical areas share a uniquely intersecting journey. I believe this is the case with the Right Reverend Michael Curry and me.

My journey with Bishop Curry began during a visit to my late husband's family home in Baltimore, Maryland. It was the weekend of Palm Sunday, and I felt a strong need to attend church. I selected an Episcopal church from the yellow pages and ultimately arrived at St. James Church, where the Rev. Michael Curry was rector and preacher. During Michael's sermon, he encouraged the congregation to live a life of compassion, conviction and commitment to do God's work in a world sorely in need of God's unconditional love. I was deeply moved and inspired by his sermon, and felt a connection to Michael. During the coffee hour, I was delighted to find out that Michael and his family had roots in North Carolina. Although I didn't think I would see them again, I knew that I would never forget Michael's inspirational sermon.

Fast forward several years, with my husband now deceased, I made the decision to attend Yale Divinity School, where I learned that Michael Curry was a graduate. My senior year of seminary required attendance at diocesan convention. Imagine my surprise to discover that Michael was a candidate in the election for the new bishop of the Diocese of North Carolina. As the election process dragged on, the election committee decided on one final ballot. I decided to pray and to walk the labyrinth. As I was finishing my prayerful walk, the delegation announced the election of Michael Curry as the 11th bishop of the Diocese of North Carolina, on the 11th ballot, at 11 a.m. I would like to think that my prayers worked!

Having completed seminary and been ordained as a deacon, I was selected to serve as chaplain to the current bishop for the consecration of Michael Curry one week following my

ordination. What an experience! I marvel at the way my journey continued with my new bishop. I believe it was Michael who planted the seed in me to respond to God's call to ministry. It was such an honor also to serve as a priest with Bishop Curry for three years prior to my relocating to All Saints.

For many years my clergy residency remained in North Carolina, and throughout that time I made several attempts to invite Michael to All Saints. My efforts finally reached fruition ten years later, when he accepted an invitation to preach on a Pentecost Sunday. What a Sunday that was!!!! I still recall some of his words of his sermon in which he stated, "Because all religions have been taken hostages by extremists, it's time for a sensible center to rise up and bear witness." Bishop Curry went on to challenge us not to give up; not to get weary. We were to stand up for love; stand up for goodness; stand up for justice; and to stand up for Jesus and go forth and bear witness.

In a recent interview Bishop Curry shared, "We must join together in the Jesus Movement." He went on to explain, "The Jesus Movement is God's mission through Jesus and if we are following in Jesus' footsteps, living his teachings and living in his spirit, then it's not ours alone. And, all of the challenges before us, we can engage them; all of the difficulties we face, we can surmount them, and we can move forward because we are not moving on our own power, we're living and moving on the power of God's love, and nothing can stop God's love."

This November 1, All Saints Sunday, I will attend the installation of the Most Reverend Michael Bruce Curry as the new presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church in the United States. Thus, the journey continues. It is my belief that our new presiding bishop embodies and fully understands his words that "witness to Jesus makes a difference." It is my prayer that the Most Reverend Michael Curry continues to be an inspiration to me and to the Anglican Communion.

# November

## Foster Care Project Celebrates "Orphan Sunday"

Join All Saints' Foster Care Project and its partnering agency, Child S.H.A.R.E., Sunday, Nov. 8, at 12:30 p.m. in the Guild Room with a reception for families seeking information about the foster/adopt process. Staff members of Child S.H.A.R.E., an organization that finds and supports foster and adoptive families, will be available to answer questions at the FCP lawn table between services. At 12:45, Megan Harris, Child S.H.A.R.E. recruiter, and her staff will answer questions and help prospective parents take the first steps toward becoming foster/adopt resource families. Information = [inbox@fostercareproject.org](mailto:inbox@fostercareproject.org).

## CROP Walk

Join the All Saints Team for the 40th Pasadena Area Church World Service CROP Walk, Sunday, Nov. 8, 1:00-5:00 p.m. Church World Service is on the front lines in refugee resettlement, education, and development globally. One quarter of all funds raised directly benefits Friends in Deed, Bad Weather Shelter, and Foothill Unity—all close to All Saints' heart. Register online at [www.cropwalk.org](http://www.cropwalk.org) or contact Betty Cole, [encam@att.net](mailto:encam@att.net) or 626.356.4749.



## It's Almost that Time: Alternative Christmas Market

Reclaim the Christmas story with an alternative to the consumer frenzy that has overtaken the Christmas season on Sunday, Dec. 6, 8 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., when the Alternative Christmas Market brings together non-profit organizations that address a variety of social issues on a local, national, and international level to give you the opportunity to do much good on behalf of those on your gift list. Look for our shopping list and catalog online near the end of the month. If you'd like to volunteer at this festive event please contact [acm@allsaints-pas.org](mailto:acm@allsaints-pas.org).

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.

## Money Matters!

Thank you all who entered the Starbucks gift card contest to rename this new monthly feature. Many creative names were sent in and some even thought of more than one name. The most common response, however, was to keep the name Money Matters! And so, this month's Money Matters tips are all about saving on taxes.

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### 6 Tax-Smart Savings Tips:

- **Adjust your tax withholding.** The amount withheld from your paycheck should be very close to your actual tax liability. Withhold too little and you may have a big bill from the IRS in April. Withhold too much and you're giving the IRS a loan that could have been used to pay down debt or increase your charitable giving.
- **Increase your charitable giving.** When your charitable contributions exceed the standard deduction, you should consider itemizing your deductions. Just make sure that all contributions of \$250 or more have a bank or credit card statement or receipt from the charity. All Saints will provide your year-end statement in January.
- **Take full advantage of your company's 401(k) or 403(b) match.** If your company offers a 5% match, contribute 5% toward the plan so you automatically have 10% contributed annually.
- **Contribute the maximum allowed to your company's savings plan.** For 2015 the maximum you can contribute is \$18,000, and \$24,000 if you are age 50 or older. Like your pledge to All Saints, incremental increases each year can help you achieve your savings goal.
- **Contribute to an Individual Retirement Account (IRA).** There are two kinds. In a traditional IRA you can get a tax deduction now, while paying income taxes on withdrawals. In a Roth IRA, you make after-tax contributions so your withdrawals later are tax-free.
- **Consider opening a health savings account.** If your company's health plan has a high deductible, an HSA can help save money, particularly if you can afford to pay for current medical expenses out of pocket, while letting the HAS grow tax-free to pay for future expenses.

**Up next month:** ways to raise your credit score. Contact Jim Loduha in the Giving Office at [jloduha@allsaints-pas.org](mailto:jloduha@allsaints-pas.org) or 626.583.2736, with questions about giving or pledging.

## All Saints Sunday

On Sunday, Nov. 1, we will celebrate our parish feast day when we traditionally honor relatives and friends who have died within the past year. At all services our memorial book, containing the names of loved ones will be placed on the altar. You are invited to look in the memorial book for the name of the person you love. At the 9 & 11:15 a.m. services Coventry Choir and Chamber Orchestra will offer *Requiem* by Gabriel Fauré, a work of remarkable beauty and power. Incense will be used during the 9:00 & 11:15 a.m. services. The Guild Room will be an "Incense-Free" zone. Information = Debbie Daniels, 626.583.2750 or [ddaniels@allsaints-pas.org](mailto:ddaniels@allsaints-pas.org).

Also, the 9 a.m. Children's banner will lead to a beautiful *Dia de los Muertos* celebration in the Learning Center. All families are welcome as we honor the lives of loved ones lost. Please bring photos, stories and other reminders of your loved one to help us create our altar. Info = Jamie Hebert at [jhebert@allsaints-pas.org](mailto:jhebert@allsaints-pas.org).

## Zelda Kennedy on Sabbatical

Sabbatical time away for rest, study and renewal is a recognized prescription for vocational health for senior staff here at All Saints Church. Zelda Kennedy will be taking part of her sabbatical leave during the month of November, returning on the First Sunday of Advent, Nov. 29. Associate for Pastoral Care, Sally Howard will increase her hours and work with members of our clergy and lay pastoral care team during Zelda's absence. Please keep Zelda in your prayers for a time of renewal and refreshment during the month of November.

## Children's Advocacy Sunday: November 8

In conjunction with the Children's Defense Fund's annual "Children's Sabbath" project, we will observe Children's Advocacy Sunday at All Saints on November 8. The Rector's Forum will focus on Education with a stellar panel of experts: PUSD Superintendent Brian McDonald; former School Board President Renatta Cooper and Learning Works founder Mikala Rahn. At 9:00 & 11:15 our worship will include the 110 voices of our combined youth choirs and preacher Jon Dephouse. A social media action on the lawn will invite you to make your voice heard through a #ProtectChildren campaign. Information = Jamie Hebert at [jhebert@allsaints-pas.org](mailto:jhebert@allsaints-pas.org) or 626.583.2733.

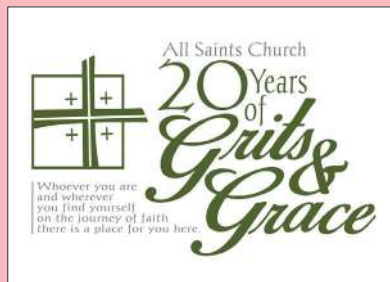
## Transition Life Happenings

### All Saints Is Changing...And So Am I

Calling a new rector is not the only change going on in our parish. Every day, each of us is faced with transitions--health issues, kids changing schools and going to college, illness of family members, job shifts, births, deaths, retirements, and always the press of our real limitations on personal time and energy. Join us on Sunday, Nov. 22, from 1:00-2:30 p.m. in the Forum, for a special contemplative gathering to explore your/our own life and what is going on within us right now. Using songs, silence, music, art, prayer and play, we will wind our way inward and take a long-loving look at where we are as individuals who are ever transforming into our true selves. Hosts will be Christopher McCauley, spiritual director and teacher, and Valerie Coachman-Moore, organizational and community development consultant. Come for a fun, intriguing and interactive gathering to discover your own wisdom and reclaim your faith. Information = Christopher McCauley at [cmccauley7100@gmail.com](mailto:cmccauley7100@gmail.com).

### 20 Years of Grits & Grace

The mural is back on November 1! Please visit the mural on the lawn and add your artistic vision to our celebration of 20 years of grits and grace! Find an image that speaks to you, grab a Sharpie, and add a bit more color to All Saints' already vibrant history! Volunteers are on the lawn ready to answer questions or help.



### Transformational Journeys to Manzanar & Death Valley

The TJ ministry invites you to visit the Manzanar Internment Camp, where thousands of Japanese Americans were held prisoner during World War II in the lonely Owens Valley. The Manzanar experience is one day, Saturday Nov. 7. This can also be combined with an overnight stay in Lone Pine and a day hike in beautiful Death Valley on Sunday, Nov. 8, as part of the preparation for a Transformational Journey that will walk the Camino de Santiago in Spain next year. Information = Ada Ramirez @ 626.583.2734 or [aramirez@allsaints-pas.org](mailto:aramirez@allsaints-pas.org).

### Dia de Los Santos y Fieles Difuntos Day of Saints and Faithful Departed

Sunday, Nov. 1, 5:00 p.m. in the Church. This is a festive and colorful celebration in which we honor our loved ones as they were when they were alive. We encourage you to bring photographs, garments, flowers, favorite foods, stories, or other reminders of your loved one. We will then gather these mementos together, along with our memories, in thanksgiving and prayer. So come, and let us celebrate! Information = Ada Ramirez, 626.583.2734 or [aramirez@allsaints-pas.org](mailto:aramirez@allsaints-pas.org).

### Contemplative Evening Eucharist

Sunday, Nov. 8, 5:00 p.m. in the church. Enjoy the meditative rhythm of choral and instrumental music, silence and the beauty of the church architecture. Open yourself to the blessings of joy, healing and peace. The homily is an instrumental piece played by Weicheng Zhao and the prayers are said silently, as each worshipper is invited to light a candle at the altar rail or transept — a wonderful way to center and replenish yourself. Coventry Choir offers music of Shank and Gjeilo; Ed Bacon celebrates. Child care is available. Information = Debbie Daniels, 626.583.2750 or [ddaniels@allsaints-pas.org](mailto:ddaniels@allsaints-pas.org).

**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](mailto:prayers@allsaints-pas.org).

## November Adult Education Sundays at 10:15 a.m.

**November 15**

### Funding Your Future

with Rob Floe

Our financial health is part of achieving overall well-being. Come learn how to successfully plan for retirement, save and invest wisely, and maximize financial planning techniques. Our guest speaker, Rob Floe, is founder and president of Floe Financial Partners, with more than 30 years experience helping people achieve financial security. You'll leave with helpful tools and information to help you achieve your long-term financial goals. Topics to be covered are retirement savings, investments, and financial planning. GUILD ROOM

**November 22**

### Understanding Holidays Blues

with Sally Howard

Throughout our lives, we have expectations of what the holidays "should be," rather than the realities we encounter. Often, the holidays bring emotional disappointments. Come to discover ways to turn your "blues" into colors reflecting joy, peace and hope. SWEETLAND HALL

**November 29**

### Searching for Sabbath in a Digital Age Out of Time

with Jon Dephouse

Drawing from the writings of Abraham Joshua Heschel and other contemporary authors, Jon will lead an exploration on the meaning and practice of Sabbath for our present time. GUILD ROOM

### All Saints Writers Will Read

Thursday, Nov. 12, 7–9 p.m. in the Guild Room. The Writers Group of All Saints Church will present an evening of original, eclectic works; from one-acts to poetry, personal memoirs and beyond. Be delighted and inspired by this distinguished group of talented writers! Free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served. Information = Keith Holeman at [kholeman@allsaints-pas.org](mailto:kholeman@allsaints-pas.org).

### Jazz Vespers with Graham Dechter

Sunday, November 15, 5:00 p.m. in the Chancel. An accomplished guitarist, composer and arranger, Graham Dechter plays with the kind of swinging authority and seasoned maturity that belies his young age. The 28-year-old Los Angeles native, a member of the Clayton-Hamilton Jazz Orchestra since he was 19, shows a deep reverence for the jazz guitar tradition in his warm-toned renditions of ballads, bossas, bebop and blues. Child care provided. Info = Melissa Hayes, 626.583.2725 or [mhayes@allsaints-pas.org](mailto:mhayes@allsaints-pas.org).

### Angel Tree Begins November 22

Each year All Saints Church provides Christmas gifts to over 700 children in foster care. You can make a difference in the life of a child this Christmas by choosing a red tag from the tree in Regas House beginning Sunday, Nov. 22, just in time for shopping on sale! Please return UNWRAPPED gifts before Dec. 18. Many children in foster care will only receive one gift during the holidays, so please make this part of your Christmas tradition and choose a tag that matches your giving ability. Information = Jamie, [jhebert@allsaints-pas.org](mailto:jhebert@allsaints-pas.org) or 626.583.2733.

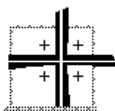
### Thanksgiving Eve Service

Wednesday, Nov. 25, 7:30 p.m. in the Church. Prepare for your holiday weekend with family and friends with a centering Eucharist on Thanksgiving Eve. Sally Howard will preach. Members of Canterbury and Coventry Choirs offer music. Child care provided. All are welcome to attend this beautiful, reflective service. Information = Debbie Daniels, 626.583.2750 or [ddaniels@allsaints-pas.org](mailto:ddaniels@allsaints-pas.org).

### Advent Evening Service, Potluck and Wreath Making

Sunday, Nov. 29, 5 p.m. in the Church. Minisingers, Mastersingers and Troubadours offer music, directed by Jenny Tisi. A potluck supper and Advent Wreath Making follow in Sweetland Hall. Information = Amanda McCormick, 626.583.2769 or [amccormick@allsaints-pas.org](mailto:amccormick@allsaints-pas.org).





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### Events and Opportunities

#### • Vroman's Events at All Saints this Fall •

- Cheryl Stayed, November 5
- Don Miguel Ruiz, November 10
- Alex Honnold, November 23

All programs begin at 7 p.m. These are ticketed Vroman's events – call Vroman's at 626.449.5320 for ticket information. A limited number of free tickets will be available to All Saints parishioners by emailing Debbie Daniels at [ddaniels@allsaints-pas.org](mailto:ddaniels@allsaints-pas.org).

• **Consumerism and the Limits to Imagination** • Conscientious Projector examines the history and effects of consumer capitalism on American life, economy and the environment

with a screening of *Consumerism & the Limits to Imagination* on Thursday, Nov. 12, 7:00 p.m. at Armory Center for the Arts, 145 N. Raymond, Old Pasadena. Admission is free and the facility is accessible to disabled persons. Information = Marty Coleman at 818.517.8878.

• **A Flea in Her Ear at A Noise Within** • Join our Theatre Ministry, Friday, Nov. 13, 8 p.m., at A Noise Within to see a new version of Georges Feydeau's farce by David Ives, *A Flea in Her Ear*. We will have a pre-show beverage & cheese reception. Tickets are \$35. Information = Debbie Daniels, 626.583.2750 or [ddaniels@allsaints-pas.org](mailto:ddaniels@allsaints-pas.org). Visit us at the Sign-Up Center Nov. 1 or 8 or purchase online at <http://qrs.ly/kn4t3co>.

• **Cooperative Communications** • Prepare for a happier Thanksgiving by taking the Cooperative Communications training **Monday, Nov. 16, 6:30-8:45 p.m. in the Guild Room**. Learn to manage your own feelings in responding to those of others' and have a good time in the process. A light supper (not turkey) will be served (\$5 donation appreciated). Please help us plan by contacting Anne Peterson at [apeterson@allsaints-pas.org](mailto:apeterson@allsaints-pas.org) or 626.583.2713.

#### • Fiction Fun! for November Reads *Stoner*

• Friday, Nov. 20, at 7:30 p.m. in the Guild Room. This month we are meeting on the third Friday to accommodate Thanksgiving. Everyone is welcome as we read and discuss John

William's novel *Stoner*. Copies are available at Vroman's Will Call desk for 20% off, if you mention Fiction Fun! Information = Rusty Harding, 323.252.2805.

#### • Dinner-in-the-Park 2015 •

Nov. 26, 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Central Park, 219 S. Fair Oaks Avenue, Pasadena. Give Thanks by Giving Back! For four decades, Union Station Homeless Services has hosted Holiday Dinners-in-the-Park on Thanksgiving and Christmas Day. This incredible community event provides thousands of holiday meals and hope for all who attend, including homeless men, women, children, seniors, very low-income families, and those with no place to go during the holidays. The im-

pact on the community is huge! For information about volunteering call 626.240.4550 x542, or sign up at <http://unionstationhs.org/event/dinner-in-the-park-2015/> after Nov. 1.

#### • Save the Date: World AIDS Day Candlelight Vigil, Tuesday, Dec. 1

• From 8:00 - 9:00 p.m., the Foothill AIDS Project, working with All Saints Church among other local groups, will hold a vigil on the All Saints lawn, one of four candlelight vigils occurring simultaneously across the San Gabriel Valley/Inland Empire, along with many others throughout Southern California.

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

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