



# Saints Alive

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# Get Ready for the Adventure

from Rector Mike Kinman

It's 2020. A new year. A new decade.

It's 2020 ... a year that by its very number invites us to consider how clearly we are seeing the world around us.

The world that is.

The world that is becoming.

God always calls us neither to discard nor cling to the past. God always calls us to take the best of who we have been and find new ways to express it as the world changes.

That is the work before us now.

All Saints Church has been a powerful force for healing and transformation in the past ... and we want to be just as powerful a force in the future. That is why we this year we will be taking a learning journey together. Discerning a vision, a way of being and becoming for All Saints Church that will allow us to be as powerful a beacon of our mission in the future as we have been throughout our history.

In the last year, we have done incredible work on our foundational goal of clarifying our values, mission and vision. We identified four values that express the core of who we have always been as All Saints Church:

**Radical Inclusion**  
**Courageous Justice**  
**Joyful Spirituality**  
**Ethical Stewardship**

Then we wove those values into a mission statement that not only says who we are but why:

***We are an Episcopal Church, walking with a revolutionary Jesus***

***Loving without judgment***  
***Doing justice courageously***  
***Embracing life joyfully***

***Reverently inviting all faiths and peoples into relationship***  
***For the healing and transformation of ourselves, our community and the world.***

Now comes the fun. Now comes the adventure.

What does it mean – specifically, tangibly – to live this out today and tomorrow?

What is our vision for what All Saints Church is called to be and do in the world that is ... and the world that is becoming?

It is an amazing, exciting and challenging time to be charting a course for the future of All Saints Church. Tectonic shifts are happening in world and nation, church and society. Huge questions are before us. Questions like:

\*As the effects of climate change become more and more impactful, what trends are likely to determine the quality and sustainability of life ... and how will we as All Saints Church respond?

\*As we become both more diverse and more segregated as a nation what new ways will we as All Saints Church discover to come together to encounter and embrace one another?

\*As the cost of living goes up and automation increasingly impacts the job market, how do we as All Saints Church discover new ways to create community, security and meaning for all?



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\*As the educational, artistic and spiritual landscape shift, how do we as All Saints Church shift as well to continue our tradition of being a center for human thriving and public theology?

For each of these questions there are dozens more. And across all of them cut questions of how our answers, and even how we define the inquiries, intersect our values and mission. Across all of them cut questions not just of strategy but theology.

How will we discern a vision that prepares us for the future, to be a force for healing and transformation for ourselves, our community and the world in 2025 and 2035 ... rather than in 2005 and 1995?

As we continue the work on all of our four foundational goals – of clarifying our values, vision and mission, and of equipping and restructuring staffing, discerning the future of our buildings and coming together and identifying leadership for the future – these questions are going to come more and more to the fore of our common life.

It is a learning journey that we will be taking together this year. And as I write this, your vestry, other parish leaders and I are figuring out what this journey our entire All Saints family is embarking on will look like and how it will be structured. And as we do that, we are clear about three things:

\*We, as a parish community, will take this journey together.

\*We will dive deeply into both our best data and our most powerful dreams.

\*We will seek wisdom from within our community, from brilliant thinkers in the world, from the depths of our scripture and theological tradition and from the sacred story of our lives.

There is no church I know that is better equipped to do this work of visioning, no family I would rather take this journey of learning with than All Saints Church.

So start asking yourself:

What do you notice about the world that is changing?

What new opportunities do new challenges hold?

What joy is your heart ... are the hearts of those you know ... longing for?

2020 is a year for clear vision.

The future will not be like the past.

Have no fear.

Get ready for the adventure.

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# In the Borderlands

by Sally Howard

*The skin of the earth is seamless.  
The sea cannot be fenced,  
El mar does not stop at the borders  
Gloria Anzaldua*

In early October, I had the joy of taking All Saints Church on the road to a conference in Boston, to an audience far beyond our church walls. This conference, called “Psychology and the Other,” is committed to recognizing and honoring difference, and non-Western, non-binary, non-white ways of thinking about healing. Attending were theologians, philosophers, psychoanalysts, and mental health practitioners gathered to re-examine the western idea of individual health. At this conference, no one discipline holds the center. There is no one-way to think about what it means to be a well and whole human being.

I attended a day long workshop on queer experience and theory. I was befriended among others, by a queer Lebanese Muslim psychologist. We all shared our experiences. I felt challenged and sometimes disoriented in a world of various disciplines and differences — where my usual signposts didn’t help me navigate the space with the ease I often, by virtue of my social location, am privileged to do.

I felt myself to be in a borderland, such as the borderlands Chicana lesbian writer and activist Gloria Anzaldua identified in her seminal work, *Borderlands/La Frontera*. She wrote, “Borders are not a simple divide between here and there, us and them, but a spiritual, social and cultural terrain that we inhabit, that also inhabits us.” In the borderlands, cultures edge each other, and people of different colors, sexual and gender identities, and classes occupy the same territory. It gets harder to say where one land begins and another ends. Borderlands are places of holy disturbance and disorientation that can lead to healing and gratitude, but they can also be places of colonization of difference and violence towards those we consider other than us.

I had the opportunity to present two papers, one on our All Saints Trauma-Informed Community-Based Care Project, led by Dr. Brinell Anderson. The second described the relationship between inner peace and outer peace, in particular the experience of inner peace that can come from dwelling in God’s loving presence through prayer and contemplation. This experience of secure relationship to God can increase our capacity to tolerate the discomfort of dismantling privilege and empower us to create peace in the world external to ourselves. As I presented these papers, I identified myself as Christian and an Episcopal priest.

The responses to those words and the ways they have been weaponized to harm and exclude others were very present. One person said, “the U.S. will never be anything but Christian”, as though Christian was a dirty word—and I understood what she meant. There has been and there is so

much violence done in the name of Jesus! I wanted to cry out, that’s not my church, that’s not me, that’s not who my faith community thinks God is!

Most of the audience was open. Some expressed curiosity about me—a psychoanalyst priest and how I brought those two worlds together in healing presence. But they were most interested our community —our values of radical love and inclusion; courageous justice; spirituality grounded in Loving Presence; and our sense of completion not competition, with other faith traditions—things they did not associate with Christians.

I realized something else. I hadn’t identified with the colonizing version of Christianity and I didn’t want to be seen as that kind of person. My focus had become on what I didn’t want to identify with, rather than choosing to descend into the borderlands myself to recognize the ways that I am part of the story I don’t like.

I am shaped in unconscious ways that serve my power as a white, cis-gendered, well-educated woman. For example, I used to think that my academic success was the result of good luck and hard work. I wasn’t aware of schools that didn’t have the same resources, of the ways my education itself matched who I was as a middle class white child. Yes, I was the first person to get doctorates in my family. It was a lot of work, and I worked outside of school to support myself and pay for my education. But I wasn’t aware of the fact that the ease with which I got work and student loans was in part because I was favored by the color of my skin.

Borderlands for me, is recognizing that there is a complex story to why I succeeded in school, and also to why I feel comfortable here, part of which is because I am well educated and respectable enough to people in our well resourced church — the majority of whom still to this day share my whiteness. I am only partially aware of the worries I don’t have to carry, and the burdens I don’t have bare. God calls me to know that the ease with which I move here, in my beloved church has a complex story, so that all people will find ease in their place at the table. I need to know that complex story for my own healing and for the greater healing of our community and the world.

God always calls us into holy disorientation, to dwell with God’s love in the borderlands for our healing and transformation, and for the healing and transformation of the world.



# Intersectionality and Trauma: Restoring, Reclaiming and Resourcing Traumatized Communities

by Brinell Anderson



The second training on trauma-informed community-based care, over MLK weekend, Friday, Jan. 17 – Sunday, Jan. 19, will involve an immersion into understanding the psychological impact of the Maafa - ‘the great disaster’ of the transatlantic enslavement trade of people of African descent in America. This immersion, and in-depth trauma training will offer participants several things, including:

- an opportunity to learn about the cultural worldviews which underlie the historical harms committed during the Maafa
- an understanding of personality within an African-centered cultural perspective
- the ability to have a more sophisticated analysis of how contemporary racial and cultural dynamics are rooted in

the collective trauma of the Maafa

- the space to consider how to apply the content training to the participants’ community, with a special consideration for equipping participants to support and engage in the All Saints Trauma-Informed Community Based Care Project of Northwest Pasadena.

The training will be sensitive to the complexity of thoughts and feelings which are evoked when exploring the impact of the Maafa by especially creating spaces of safety and healing for persons of African-descent.

This weekend-long training is open to the public and will provide an overview of trauma — identifying different types of trauma and exploring the whole person impact of trauma across race, culture, gender, and sexuality. Join us in this exciting journey of radical liberation and courageous justice, that will equip us to be even greater agents of healing in our world.

Fees range from \$60-\$120, depending on ability to pay. Scholarships are available. Register at: <https://allsaints-pas.org/sign-up-center/>. Information = Ana Camacho, 626.583.2737 or [acamacho@allsaints-pas.org](mailto:acamacho@allsaints-pas.org).

## Jazz Vespers for January: Russell Ferrante

Sunday, Jan. 12, 5:00 p.m. on the Chancel. All Saints Parishioner and founding member of the YellowJackets **Russell Ferrante** offers music. He will be joined by **Steve Schaeffer** on drums and **Michael Valerio** on bass. Russ has performed with Jimmy Witherspoon, Jim Pepper, Joe Farrell, Joni Mitchell, Bobby McFerrin, Robben Ford, Al Jarreau, Marilyn Scott, Kevyn Lettau, Ernie Watts, Sadao Watanabe, GRP, Big Band, Lee Ritenour, Tom Scott, Take 6, Michael Franks, Eric Marienthal, and Brenda Russell. He currently teaches in the Jazz Studies department at USC.

Validated parking is available at Plaza las Fuentes. Information = Melissa Hayes at [mhayes@allsaints-pas.org](mailto:mhayes@allsaints-pas.org) or 626.583.2725.



**Spotlight** by Nancy Naecker

# Carlos Mendoza Martinez

Carlos Mendoza and his family arrived at All Saints Church after a journey sustained by his faith and commitment to worship. Carlos was one of the founding members of the All Saints Church 1PM Spanish Language Service, and has been a faithful member of our church community ever since.

Carlos immigrated from Mexico in 1976 at the age of 24. Carlos first lived in Hollywood, where he plied his trade as a tailor, working long 12 hour days. He met his wife Maria Mendoza in 1984, and the couple moved to Pasadena, where they raised their family together. Carlos and Maria's children – two girls and a boy – all attended Pasadena public schools.

Carlos opened his own tailor shop in San Marino, and eventually his family started attending St. Elizabeth's in Altadena. They moved their church home to the Messiah Lutheran Church on Los Robles at Orange Grove, where they became more involved in church life. The church was a comfortable fit for Carlos and Maria, and in time the pastor asked Carlos to help, and Carlos became a dedicated volunteer.

The pastor at Messiah Lutheran was welcoming, and the small church began to grow, with membership increasing from 25 people to 125 people in just three years. But the church population was aging, and attendance eventually began declining. So when the pastor's contract was not renewed, 60 people – including Carlos and his family – left the church and kept their community together by meeting on Sunday in a home of one of the member. Friday Bible Study rotated from home to home as well.

The small church community kept the rotation going for 18 months. But this itinerant life was hard, so Carlos and Pastor Pablo Espinoza went looking for a permanent church home. Pastor Pablo discovered All Saints Church.

Nine months later, with the help of All Saints priest Abel Lopez, Senior Warden Greg Adams, long-time parishioner Lydia Lopez and Frank Ramirez, Carlos and Maria's community became, in 2005, the kernel of a new 1PM Spanish Language Service and a robust Latino/Hispanic Ministry. Their hope at the time was that the 1PM service might grow to be as big as the morning services at ASC. The Latino/Hispanic Ministry started monthly potluck lunches, art exhibitions, Our Lady of Guadalupe Service, the Dia de los Muertos service and more. As Carlos and his church community were embraced by All Saints, Pastor Pablo eventually said goodbye and returned to Peru.

Carlos's circle of friends and supporters at All Saints grew as well. Zelda Kennedy and Carlos became close, and Zelda



baptized one of their grandchildren. Zelda also welcomed their newborn daughters with a prayer shawl, as a symbol presented to them in the church. Maria enjoys taking care of five of the grandchildren every day. "We love our big family!" says Carlos.

After 14 years, All Saints is still a welcoming place to Carlos and his big family. Carlos says he admires Mike Kinman's efforts to learn Spanish and use it in all the services, and he appreciates the hard work Mike has put into sustaining the 1PM service.

"I love All Saints Church!", says Carlos. "My whole family is at All Saints."





Four Foundational Goals Annual Meeting in February



Passion Play & March at City Hall

# Looking Back on 2019

We launched four foundational goals that will guide us over the next year, and blessed our new Mission Statement. We grappled with issues of race and privilege, honored those who have died on the streets, and welcomed four new staff members. We reveled in our glorious children and youth choirs and celebrated the lives of saints who have gone before us, consoled by Forrest's Requiem for the Living sung by Coventry Choir. We remembered our transgender siblings whose lives ended too soon, learned from brilliant minds, and reveled in worship, inside the church and out.

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Weicheng Zhao Played Mahler with Dudamel in May



Easter in April



Playground Dedication in November



Ella's Affirmation of New Name in April



Homeless Memorial Service in December



Blessing of New Mission Statement at Homecoming



Trauma-Informed Community-Based Care Project in October



Children & Youth Choirs Spring Concert in May



Nina, Nancy, Terry & Alfredo joined the Staff in 2019



Confirmation in May



Forrest's Requiem for the Living on All Saints Day

# Comings and Goings On

Some things of interest coming in early-2020 to All Saints Church!

## Three Wise Men



Reyes Magos

*Los Tres Reyes Vienen a Todos los Santos. El domingo 5 de enero Melchor, Gaspar y Baltasar harán acto de presencia en el convivio mensual*

*bilingüe organizado por el ministerio Latino Hispano para celebrar una de las tradiciones más arraigadas en la cultura latina, reviviendo la llegada de Los Reyes Magos para adorar al niño Jesús. Habrá regalos sorpresa para los niños, donados por el Departamento de Bomberos de la Ciudad de Pasadena. Servicio a la 1.00 pm, convivio a las 2.30 pm en Sweetland Hall. Para más información contacte a Carlos D Carrillo – [carrilloc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:carrilloc@sbcglobal.net).*

Three Wise Men visit All Saints Church. On Sunday, January 5 Melchor, Gaspar and Baltasar will be present at the bilingual monthly gathering ("convivio") organized by the Latino/Hispanic Ministry to celebrate one of the most deeply rooted traditions in the Latino culture, reliving the arrival of the Three Wise Men to adore the baby Jesus. There will be surprise gifts for children, donated by the Pasadena Fire Department. Join us for the Bilingual service at 1.00 p.m. followed by the convivio at 2.30 p.m. in Sweetland Hall. For more information, contact Carlos D Carrillo at [carrilloc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:carrilloc@sbcglobal.net).

## "Let Freedom Ring" A Daylong Community Reading of MLK's Words

On Martin Luther King, Jr., Day join our All Saints Church tradition of gathering for an all-day community reading of the speeches, sermons and writings of Dr. King, This year MLK Day is Monday, January 20th, and we invite you to balance action with reflection, and join us in the church anytime from 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. for the continuous



– and inspirational – reading of Dr. King's words. All are welcome to come and take part either as a reader or listener. Texts will be available in English and in Spanish. The entire event will also be streamed live online at <https://allsaints-pas.org/live-stream/>.

## Candidates for Vestry

The Vestry Nominating Committee has selected this stellar slate of candidates for election at the Parish Annual Meeting, to be held Sunday, February 16, 2020: Hannah Earnshaw (currently serving an unexpired term), Julianne Hines, Art McDermott, Norweeta Milburn, Rosemary Muniz and Risè Worthy Deamer. Biographical information and photos will appear in the February edition of Saints Alive.

It is possible to nominate additional candidates by petition. Forms are available by contacting Christina Honchell at [chonchell@allsaints-pas.org](mailto:chonchell@allsaints-pas.org). The deadline for petition submissions is 5:00 p.m., Thursday, January 16, 2020. Names, photos and statements of those nominated by petition will be printed in the February Saints Alive.

Thank you to the members of the Nominating Committee: MaryAnn Ahart, Carlos Carrillo, Shelley De Leon, Chris Folz, Grey Ingrassia, Tony Jackson, Rhonda Johnson, Cathy Keig, Gloria Pitzer, Judy Van Vleet, Steve Williams, Trula Worthy-Clayton, Christina Honchell, Terry Knowles and Mike Kinman – for their prayerful discernment of this next class of parish leaders.

## Coming in February: A Financial Literacy Class

What is your family's relationship with money? How does one plan for the future in today's uncertain environment? How do we grow our personal financial intelligence? Join business and financial experts Kimberli Hudson and Mike Puls for the Financial Literacy workshop at All Saints in February. Details coming soon!

## Save the Date: Jamie Barnett Ordination on January 11!

Jamelia (Jamie) Barnett will be ordained to the priesthood on Saturday, Jan. 11, 10 a.m. at St. John's Cathedral, 514 W. Adams Blvd., Los Angeles 90007. Congratulations, Jamie! All are invited to attend!

## Register to Volunteer for the 2020 Pasadena Homeless Count!

Every year, volunteers help count people experiencing homelessness living on the streets of Pasadena during one night in January. The Count will be taking place on Jan. 21, 2020. Volunteers are the backbone of ensuring the Count is a success and is carried out effectively and comprehensively. You will be assigned to a team to help count and administer a survey to our neighbors experiencing homelessness. Volunteers should be 18+ and are asked to attend an orientation to prepare for the Count on either Jan. 13 or 14, 2020. Volunteer registration deadline is Jan. 7. To learn more or sign-up visit: <https://pasadenapartnership.org/volunteer-homeless-count/>.

## Free Citizenship Clinic

The Immigration Task Force will conduct a Free Citizenship Clinic on Saturday, Jan. 25, 9:00 a.m.– 2:30 p.m. in Sweetland Hall. A team of volunteer attorneys, ASC members and interpreters will help you with your citizenship application. It is free for all eligible legal permanent residents (green card holders), and you must register in advance at the number below. This clinic is offered in partnership with Interfaith Refugee & Immigration Service (IRIS). For information or registration contact IRIS at 323.667.0489 x100.

**Calendar of events for the month.** Please check our website at [allsaints-pas.org](http://allsaints-pas.org) and the weekly *This Week At All Saints* for details and contact information.

# January

- 1** – Wednesday, **New Year's Holiday**, Office Closed.
- 4** – Saturday, **Family Fun Day**, 10:00 a.m., Sweetland Hall
- 5** – Sunday, **Reyes Magos/Three Kings**, 2:00 p.m., Sweetland Hall
- 7** – Tuesday, **Vestry meeting**, 7:00 p.m., Sweetland Hall
- 8** – Wednesday, **Recovery Eucharist**, 6:30 p.m., Church
- 9** – Thursday, **Senior Saints**, 12:30 p.m., Sweetland Hall
- 10** – Friday, **Not So Bored Game Night for Youth**, 6:00 p.m., Sweetland Hall
- 11** – Saturday, **Free Legal Clinic**, 9:00 a.m.-noon, Jackie Robinson Center, 1020 N. Fair Oaks Ave., Pasadena 91103
- 12** – Sunday, **Jazz Vespers with Russell Ferrante**, 5:00 p.m., Chancel
- Interfaith Studay Group**, 5:00 p.m., Sweetland Hall
- 16** – Thursday, **Senior Saints: Spiritual Reading Group**, 12:30 p.m., Seminar Room
- 17-19** – Friday-Sunday, **Trauma Informed Community-Based Care Training**, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Campus
- 19** – Sunday, **MLK Sunday**, 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Campus-wide
- 20** – Monday, **Let Freedom Ring, Community Reading of MLK Speeches, Sermons and Writings**, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Church
- 21** – Tuesday, **Vestry Meeting**, 7:00 p.m., Sweetland Hall
- 23** – Thursday, **Senior Saints: Writing Group**, 12:30 p.m., Seminar Room
- 24** – Friday, **Fiction Fun!**, 7:30 p.m., Guild Room
- 26** – Sunday, **Presentation Sunday**, 7:30, 9:00, 11:15 a.m., and 1:00 p.m., Church

## Adult Ed in January 10:15 a.m. Sundays

- 5** • **Healing Sunday: Rector's Forum will resume on January 12**
- **Parent Culture**, Scott Hall 2
- 12** • **Rector's Forum**, with Elaine Pagels, Forum
- **Parent Culture**, Scott Hall 2
- 19** • **MLK Sunday**, with Andre Henry and Black Lives Matter Leaders, Forum
- **Parent Culture**, Scott Hall 2
- 26** • **Rector's Forum**, with Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows, Forum
- **My All Saints Workshop**, Guild Room
  - **Adult Confirmation: The Hebrew Bible**, Sweetland Hall
  - **Parent Culture**, Scott Hall 2

## 2020 Pledge Envelope Pick-Ups

Visit the tables on the lawn to get your 2019 pledge envelopes on Jan. 12 & 19. No longer use them? Stop by and tell us so we do not have to mail them in January. Thanks!!