

We Are All Saints Pasadena





A History of All Saints Church



1882 - today





Vestry & Wardens (circa 1950):

All of these things are just like the other!

this is NOW





Vestry & Wardens (2022)



in the beginning

All Saints' roots were set down in 1882 in the living room of a small house tucked into a Southern California orchard at the corner of Lake and Walnut. Eleven people were present.

land acknowledgement

We acknowledge that All Saints Church is included in the region of the ancestral and traditional lands of the Hahamog'na Tongva people who historically inhabited the San Gabriel Valley area around present-day Pasadena and Altadena.

We honor their connection to this region and give thanks for the opportunity to live, serve and learn on their traditional homeland.

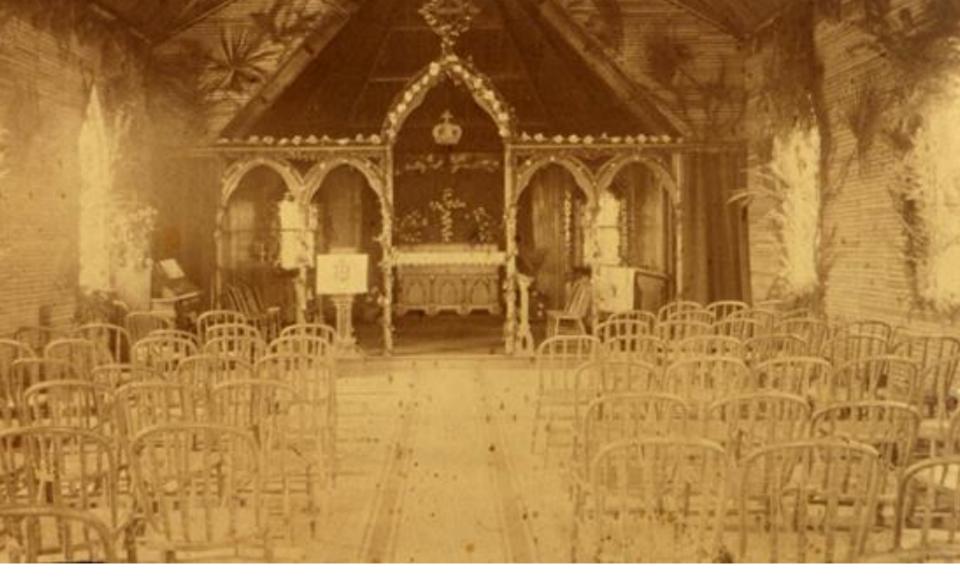




the first church building



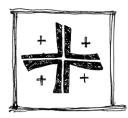
This small frame church ... located on Garfield ... served All Saints from 1885-1889.



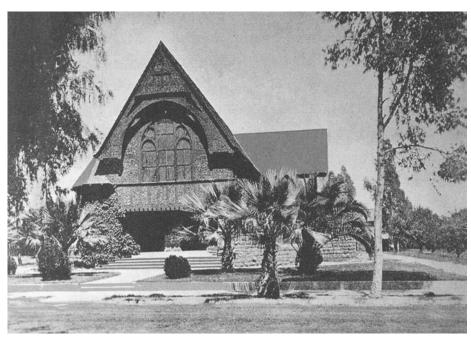


on the inside

At first, the congregation sat on planks placed on boxes during the services. All Saints became a parish (a self-supporting congregation) in 1886.



the wooden church





In 1889 a wooden church was built on the present church site on North Euclid Ave and served the congregation from 1889-1923.



132 N Euclid

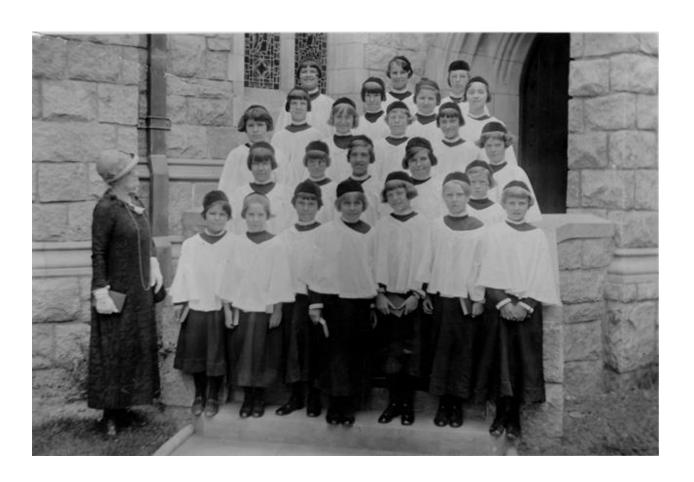
It took 14 months and \$275,000 to build the current church building. The cornerstone was laid in 1924 and the church was dedicated in 1925.



a complete campus

By 1930, the Parish Hall and Rectory are added to the campus – creating the current campus "footprint" still in use today. (But no oak tree yet!)

the 1930's



Until the mid-30s only the boys had a choir.



St. Barnabas, Pasadena



Part of All Saints' history is its participation in the systemic segregation of the Jim Crow era.

African Americans who were excluded from worshiping at All Saints Church planted St. Barnabas Church as an alternative – an Episcopal mission which was officially founded in 1923. Families from All Saints Church donated land and provided funding for St. Barnabas to build its separate sanctuary on North Fair Oaks Ave, which was dedicated in 1933.

While celebrating the decades of ministry of St.

Barnabas Church, we also acknowledge our complicity in the sin of racism which led to its founding and commit to continuing to be engaged in an ongoing process of self-examination and repentance.



John Scott: Rector 1936-1957

During World War II, Dr. Scott ushered in a new era of activism by protesting the relocation of Japanese Americans by protesting at Union Station.





views of the 60s

Notice the ironing of the Sunday bulletins ...

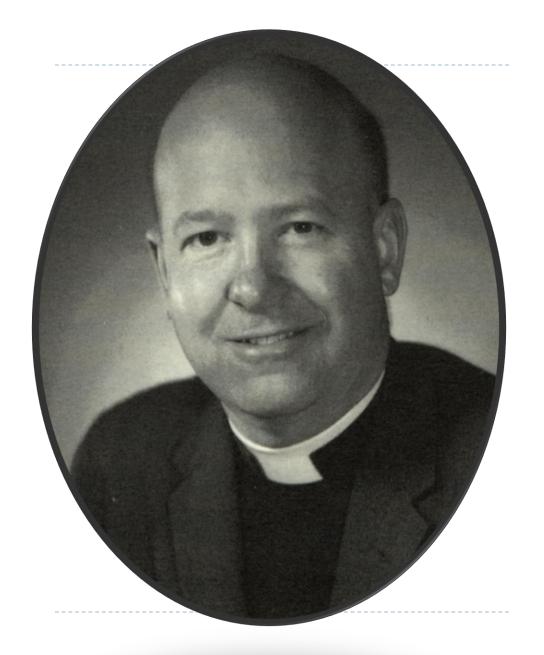


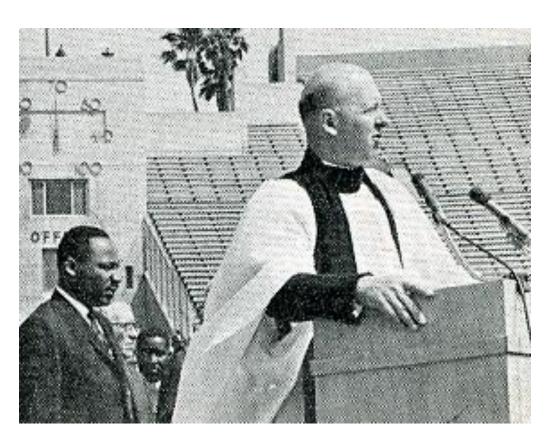




John Burt: Rector 1957-1967

Burt was a noted civil rights activist and actively supported Cesar Chavez and the Farmworkers Movement.





- In 1963 he was a co-sponsor of the "Rally for Freedom" –

 Los Angeles's largest civil rights rally until that date -- at which Dr. Martin Luther King spoke to 35,000 supporters.
- Burt received death threats at the rectory as a result.
- He was elected as theBishop of Ohio in 1966

George Regas: Rector 1967-1995

- Born in Knoxville, Tennessee
 George came to All Saints from
 Nyack, New Jersey
- He was a powerful preacher, a tireless activist and continued to move All Saints forward as a leadership church on Peace & Justice issues.



the jury is in...



George's 1971 sermon protesting the Vietnam War appeared in the LA Times and inspired the establishment of the Interfaith Center to Reverse the Arms Race.

It also inspired nearly half of the parishioners to leave All Saints.



milestones during the Regas years

Creation of:

AIDS Service Center
Pueblo de las Familias
Union Station
Office for Creative
Connections

Leadership on:

Ordination of Women &
Blessing of same- sex
covenants in the
Episcopal Church



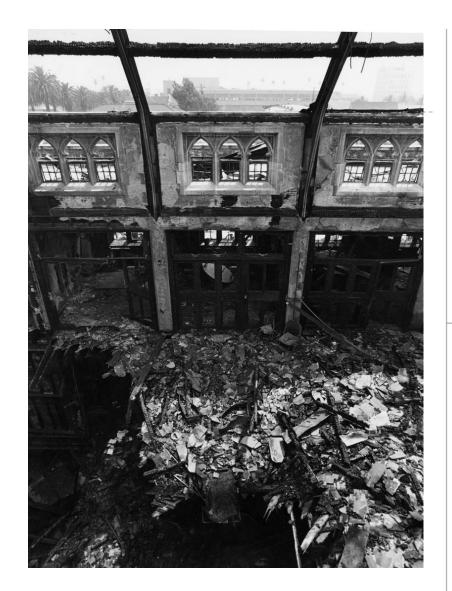










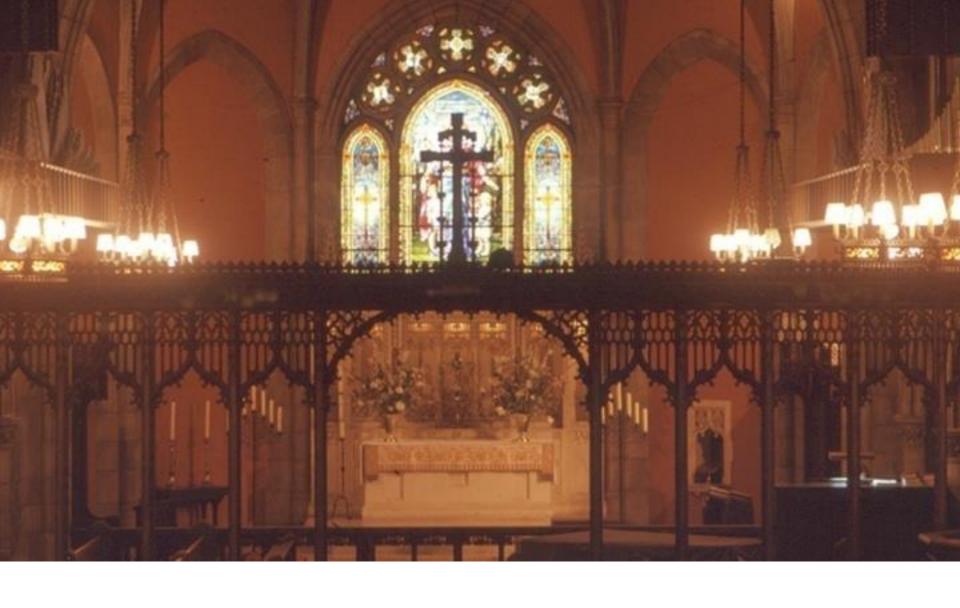






the parish fire

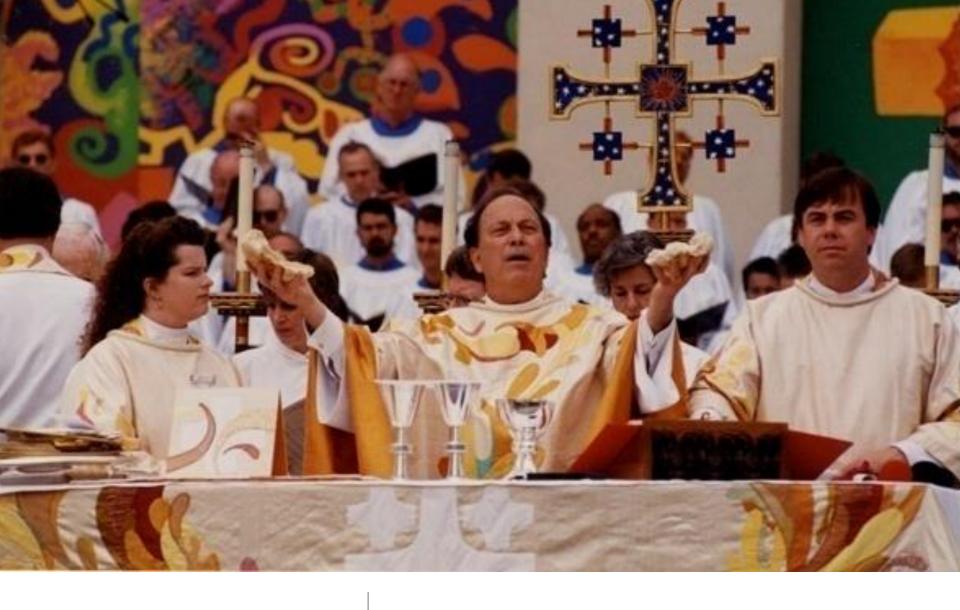
In 1976 an arson fire destroys the Parish Hall; the congregation responded with a \$4.5 million rebuilding campaign.



sanctuary renovation: before

sanctuary renovation: after





Regas Retires

▶ In 1995, after 28 years as Rector, George Regas retired. His last service was a huge outdoor celebration.

Ed Bacon: Rector 1995-2016

- Born in Georgia, Ed was called to All Saints Church from Jackson, Mississippi where he was serving as the Dean of the Episcopal Cathedral.
- He was known for his active support of LGBTQ rights, peace & justice, and interfaith causes.





it takes a village

▶The All Saints Staff, circa 1996

the IRS comes to church

An anti-war sermon preached during the 2004 presidential election cycle drew the ire of the IRS, which challenged All Saints' tax exempt status.

After a lengthy and very public process, the IRS ended the inquiry with both our tax-emption and integrity intact.







Marriage Equality

In 2008 All Saints was in the forefront of the marriage equality battle in California.

Between May & November of 2008, we married 46 samesex couples, fought hard to defeat Proposition 8 and celebrated with great joy when marriage equality returned to California in June 2013.





"Being Gay is A Gift from God"

In January 2009 Ed Bacon appeared on the Oprah Winfrey Show.

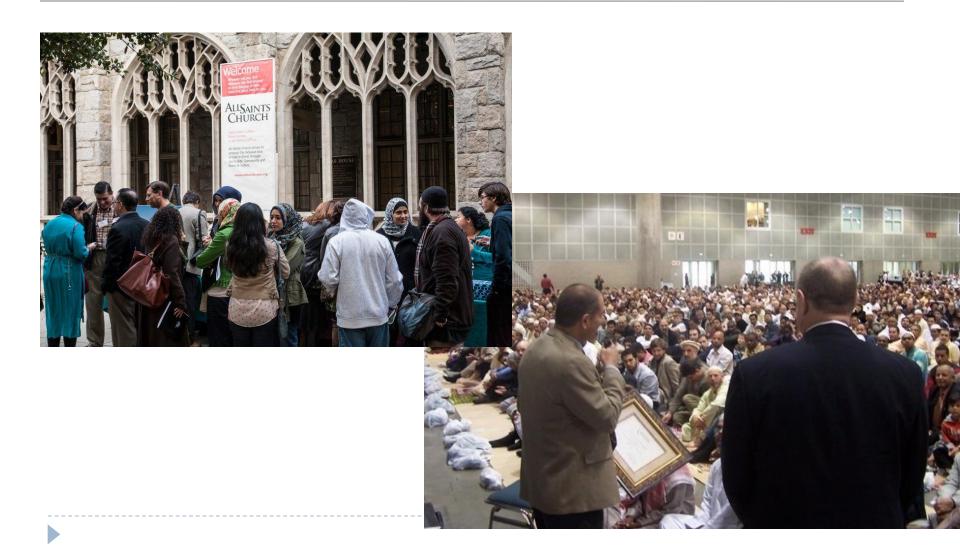
"Being gay is a gift from God. But our culture doesn't understand that. And consequently, the culture sends messages that you ought to isolate. And isolation is the antithesis of what we all need."





Commitment to Interfaith Partnerships:

"To be religious in the 21st century is to be inter-religious" – Ed Bacon





Ed Bacon Retires

In 2016, after 21 years as Rector, Ed Bacon retired in another huge outdoor celebration.

Mike Kinman: Rector 2016-2024

- Mike began came on board as the 10th Rector of All Saints Church on November 1, 2016.
- Previously the Dean of Christ Cathedral in St. Louis, he brought a passion for preaching and amplifying the voices of the marginalized.
- He ended his tenure as Rector in July2024



During Mike's tenure, All Saints Church:

- Weathered the COVID pandemic
- Created the Safe Haven Bridge to Housing initiative ministering to and with neighbors experiencing homelessness
- Launched the "Telling the Whole Story" initiative to examine the history of All Saints' relationship with St. Barnabas Church, engage in developing a land acknowledgment process and study diversifying the church iconography
- Introduced the Women's Lectionary centering the voices and stories of women in our scriptural record in Sunday worship
- Expanded our LGBTQ+ ministry, increasing our capacity to minister to and with transgender and non-binary members of the community



Tim Rich: Priest-in-Charge

- ➤ Tim was appointed by Bishop Taylor as our Priest-in-Charge in August 2024
- Previously Rector of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Greenwich, Rhode Island, Tim comes to us with a wealth of experience as a pastor, leader, teacher and transition specialist.
- ➢ He will serve as All Saints' Interim Priest-in-Charge until a new Rector is called.





Our Core Values ...



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Joyful Spirituality



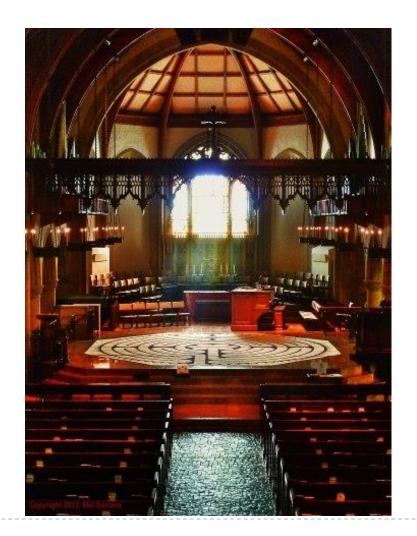












Courageous Justice





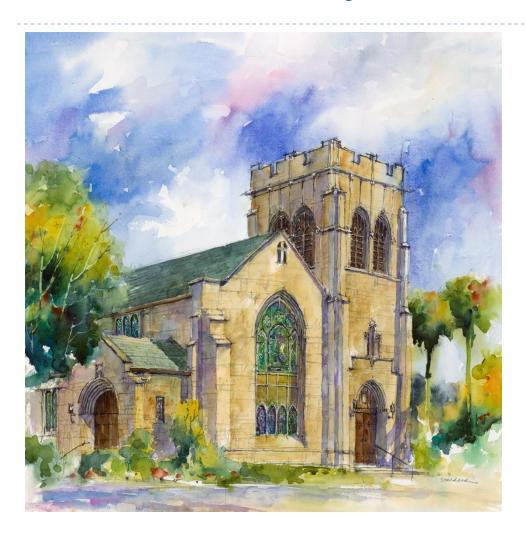




Ethical Stewardship



And so the story continues ...



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

Loving without judgement, 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.



THE END



