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THE GOOD NEWS

TO KNOW CHRIST BETTER AND TO MAKE HIM BETTER KNOWN

In Memoriam

Anne Jensen

St. Paul's beloved Assisting Priest, the Rev. Anne Jensen, has completed her earthly journey.

Following a fall in her home, she passed away May 17th, surrounded by her husband Doug and all their family

A recently retired priest, the **Rev. Anne Jensen** returned to St. Paul's as an assisting priest in 2015. She had served as Interim Rector at St. Paul's from 2006-2008 and then served two other interim periods before retiring.

Anne grew up in central Washington, a beautiful and rich agricultural area. She earned a BA in history and an MA in counseling at Stanford University. While living in Minneapolis, Anne became the director of Christian Education for the Cathedral of St. Mark. During this time she realized a call to ordained ministry. She was eventually able to transfer to Yale Divinity School, from which she graduated in 1988. She was ordained priest the following year and served a variety of churches there—urban, suburban, and country.

Anne's ministry in California focused on helping churches in time of transition as they prepared to call a new rector.

Anne was also an experienced spiritual director and worked with seminarians both at Yale and at Church Divinity School of the Pacific. In addition to assisting in worship and preaching, she served in the areas of adult faith formation, incorporation of new members and pastoral care.

Her memorial service will be at 5pm, Thursday, July 6, with a Parish Hall reception.



The Rev. Anne Jensen, my Spiritual Director and beloved friend

The Very Rev. Dr. Deborah White

Many Episcopalians don't know that each of their clergypersons is required to meet regularly with a Spiritual Director. This is not the same as having a therapist. The primary focus of therapy is the functioning of the *individual*, requiring the therapist to remain objective in their efforts to help their clients. Spiritual Direction not only allows for but presumes a mutual relationship in which the Spiritual Director is a holy companion – a soul-friend who journeys with you as you try to become a more compassionate and present person in deeper relation

Deb White-continued

ship with God. It is the Spiritual Director's role to listen deeply, question thoughtfully, and provide "direction" in the form of reading, action, or ritual. This type of spiritual work must be grounded in a rapport of shared vulnerability, deep trust, and Christian love. Spiritual Direction is both profoundly meaningful and intensely exhausting. Very few people have the commitment and strength of character to excel at this ministry.

Anne Jensen did. She helped many ambivalent, confused, and frightened seekers find clarity, confidence, and peace in their work and lives. She was my Spiritual Director for ten years, but served as a guiding force in my life long before we formalized our relationship. During my discernment for ordination to the priesthood, Anne guided my journey as I attempted to discern and follow the will of God. She was my mentor and advisor, walking with me wherever my wandering path strayed and reminding me that God is present even in the face of illness, injustice, and despair. Her deep compassion and quiet strength were an anchor for me in some of the most difficult moments of my life – and she never asked for anything in return.

Knowing that Anne committed herself as whole-heartedly and with as much vulnerability to so many others is astounding, but not surprising given her enormous generosity of spirit. Anne's ministry as a Spiritual Director allowed her to share her particular spiritual gifts of wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing, and prophecy. The gospel of John tells us that there is no greater love than to lay down one's life for another human being. Anne laid down her *heart* for me and many others. I have been tremendously blessed by her faithfulness, and I thank God for her continually.

Katherine Nutting
July 30, 1927 - May 3, 2023
Vicki Larson

Katie Marwedel Nutting grew up in Piedmont, went to Cal, was a Kappa (the "preferred" sorority for Piedmont girls), and was very involved in the Piedmont Garden Club and the Hill Branch of Children's Hospital (the ones who do the Debutante Ball). During a get-to-know-you game at a vestry retreat, I learned Katie was named "Miss Spring Wine Fair," for which she was very proud, though I don't know for who or what it was! Katie comes from a long line of founding leaders of St. Paul's, was a member from birth, and devoted to St. Paul's her entire life. She and husband Jim were married at St. Paul's and raised their 4 kids in the church (Chrissie passed away years ago, Nancy, Jamie, and Lynn).



Always willing to take on a difficult task for St. Paul's sake, Katie not only served on the Vestry but also chaired the very successful Capital Campaign that raised funds for our earthquake retrofit project ("they said it couldn't be done!"). Katie was a delightful person to know and spend time with, anytime, anywhere.

Her memorial service was June 2nd.

Bishop William Swing, Katie, and the Rev. Jack Eastwood during the Capital Campaign.

Rector's Message

In Gratitude for Anne Jensen

The Rev. Dr. Mauricio Wilson

I have had a hard time trying to find the right words to express my thoughts about Reverend Anne. Like all of you, I find it difficult to accept that she is no longer here, even though the assumption may be that a priest should have an easier time understanding the realities of life and death. Maybe I do, somewhere in my rational brain, but at this moment I'm still operating under the control of my emotional heart. What that emotional heart leads me to, after some time of grief and sadness, is gratitude. I am deeply grateful to God for giving me the opportunity to do ministry at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Oakland with an extremely spiritually gifted group of individuals. Anne was a vital part of the group. Father Christian and Archdeacon Carolyn can attest to the fact that the four of us didn't always agree on everything. In fact, we disagree a lot; however, we love God and God's Church so fervently that we are able to see beyond our disagreement to see God in action. On top of that, we have great respect for each other and our belief that we have all been called by God to share the Good News as we have lived it through our life experiences.



I am truly grateful for Anne's ministry as the Interim Rector between Fr. Jack and myself. Very few people understand the lightning rod role that an interim is supposed to have in the life of a congregation in transition and how much of a toll that role can take on a person's mind and spirit. Anne took that responsibility seriously so that St. Paul's could be better prepared to receive and accept someone different as their next rector. The fact that she and Doug decided to make St. Paul's their home after such an assignment is unusual, but also a sign of the simple friendship, born when my parents first met the Jensens on a trip to Connecticut, and later when we met as Anne was doing a Spanish immersion course in Costa Rica. The Jensens came to the Church of the Good Shepherd on a Sunday when I, as a very young and green lay preacher, was up at the pulpit. We often reminisced about it, and her recollections were always better than mine.

I am grateful for her passion for academic learning and teaching. As Episcopalians we cherish learning and thinking as an ally, not an enemy of faith. We believe that we are to accept the invitation to know God more deeply every day. An invitation that is given to every one of us, not only the scholars, but to all. I believe that Anne had a true commitment to helping God's people study and learn, gaining a fuller understanding of God and ourselves.

I am grateful for Anne's dedication as a pastor—which is probably what St. Paul's and I will miss the most. When you have a congregation as diverse as ours, having a wide range of pastoral perspectives is a great gift. There were indeed many circumstances in which Anne's gifts were the perfect fit, and she never shied away from offering herself to the situations and individuals that needed her.

It is with gratitude that I continue to raise my prayers to God for Anne's peace to be complete in God's loving arms as promised by her Savior, Jesus.

Rev. Anne's memorial service will be Thursday, July 6th, at 5:00 PM, followed by a reception in the parish hall.



Senior Warden's Message

Indira Balkissoon

St. Paul's Strategic Planning

At the request of the Vestry, Richard Larson, Pam Kruse-Buckingham and I have begun updating St. Paul's Strategic Plan (the Ministry Action Plan) to be built upon the St. Paul's Strategic Plan (Revision 3 dated 2018 -2021). The Ministry Action Plan is the congregation's Owner's Manual, so to speak, because it describes how we will: fulfill our mission; outline priorities; endeavor to match these priorities with available resources; and detail standard operating procedures for our ministries.

At the April Vestry meeting, Father Wilson asked us to begin this process by answering the questions of why we need to make a plan, and what we are after?

Examples of our answers included:

We don't want to overwhelm our volunteers;

We want to prevent things falling through the cracks;

We would like to identify which ministries need attention;

We need to prioritize and develop a framework for ministries that allows for administrative best practices;

What is the process for resolving conflicts?

Are people being heard?

Next, we reviewed the existing Plan and ministry descriptions from past annual reports. In moving forward, the focus will be on available resources and the situations each ministry presently confronts. We are committed to making the process open and transparent by asking questions, documenting answers and listening.

Thus far, we have found that, depending on how they are counted, St Paul's has 23 ministries. If we lump them by purpose we have 11. The existing ministries include:

Pantry of Hope;

Guns to Gardens;

Welcoming and Membership;

Loaves and Fishes;

Stewardship;

Community Outreach and Social Justice;

Buildings and Grounds;

Friends of Music;

Finance;

Investment;

Communications

The Vestry has committed to a 12th Committee focused on Fund-Raising.

Currently, we are collecting information from each ministry via the following 3 question survey (questions below) to inform the next steps in the process:

What do you see this ministry's role as?

What brings you joy?

What are this ministry's biggest challenges?

Everyone should please feel free to answer the 3 question survey and send responses to me at tagindy@aol.com

We plan to have a design-charrette-style input session for the entire Parish and then develop the updated Ministry Action Plan by September.



Membership & Welcoming Ministry Launches

Pam Buckingham, Chair

In addition to Pam, the Membership & Welcoming Ministry includes Jeanette Dinwiddie-Moore, Vicki Larson, Maura Lane, Doug Jensen, Ray Baxter, Alice Gaines, Susan Tilden, and Digger Lauter (Vestry Liaison).

The Ministry met on May 15 to discuss the many facets of this important ministry. Our discussion covered the following points:

Development of fresh welcoming material, including:

- Bookmarks that outline our *Vision, Mission & Values*
- Refreshing the Guestbook Podium & Nametag System
- Signage & better use of bulletin boards in the Narthex



Parish Directory

Craft a policy for the dissemination of the Parish directory that respects Parish privacy and has an "Opt Out" component.

Coffee Hour (Sunday Hospitality) *Commitment is twice a year.*

More hosts needed! Email Alice Brilmayer at authoralice-gaines@gmail.com or speak to her after church

Events

Welcome Back Sunday is September 17th.

Newcomer Welcome Sunday Event with special Coffee Hour after

Foyer Dinner Groups

Potlucks

Help needed with the physical aspects, set up, take down, clean up of potlucks. Email Alice Brilmayer at authoralicegaines@gmail.com to volunteer!

Loaves & Fishes (Meals delivered to homebound parishioners)

While Loaves & Fishes Ministry is Pastoral Care, it is also inreach to Parishioners and requires discretion and informational privacy, so we decided to place it within the framework of Welcoming & Membership so it can have as much support as possible from this Committee whilst maintaining the confidentiality that this particular Ministry requires. **To volunteer or request meals from the Loaves and Fishes Ministry, follow this link** <https://www.stpaulsoakland.org/loaves--fishes.html>

Usher Guild

There are 12 volunteers - 2 each Sunday + several people on rotation, but the Guild can always use new members. Reach out to Ray Baxter at rjbaxter@comcast.net

The Usher Guild would like to have a Vestry person out front every Sunday to greet newcomers.

No ushers are currently scheduled for Evensong. They need a rota for the service.

Mother's Day Flowers in 2024

Are you new and need to get connected to the Parish? Are you interested in the work of this Ministry? Please reach out to me! We would love to welcome you to our midst.

Pamela.kruse-buckingham@gmail.com, Chair

Environmental Stewardship

Indira Balkisson

And God said, "Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the vault of the sky." ...Genesis 1:20. 20

Our pollinator gardens are showing off a bit in their 2nd year. Blooms abound. With this bounty, one wonders what is the next step in our growing environmental stewardship journey? Birds come to mind, although I have yet to explore the species of birds that visit our gardens at St Paul's. The topic of birds came up as I was preparing to be a docent in one of the native gardens as part of the "Bringing Back Natives Garden Tour;" the hostess offered us coffee and proudly reported that it was shade-grown. <https://www.bringingbackthenatives.net/>



One might wonder what growing coffee in the shade has to do with birds? According to the Smithsonian Migratory Bird Center, shade-grown coffee production is the next best thing to a natural forest. Shade coffee trees provide extensive habitat in regions wracked by forest destruction, providing important habitat for birds, both migratory and resident. <https://nationalzoo.si.edu/migratory-birds/ecological-benefits-shade-grown-coffee>

So how do you know if the coffee you buy is bird friendly? If you can afford it, buy beans that are certified shade-grown or bird friendly. Two certifications exist: the Smithsonian Migratory Bird Center and the Rainforest Alliance certifications. If the coffee does not have a bird friendly certification seal on the packaging, another way to identify shade-grown coffee is to look for "relationship" coffee. These are small roasters in the US who form ties with small coffee communities and farmers who grow shade-grown coffee. Look on the package for the story they tell that indicates their coffee is shade-grown. Arabica coffee is more commonly grown with some partial shade. Finally, but least reliably, look for country of origin. The reason country of origin is more unreliable is because the growing conditions can change based on policy and economic conditions. In India, Ecuador, and Peru, the majority of coffee is grown under a canopy, and canopy cover is better for birds. Also coffee from southern Mexico, El Salvador, Peru, Panama, Nicaragua, and Guatemala is primarily shade-grown. Coffee from Sumatra, Timor, New Guinea and Ethiopia is mostly shade grown.



<https://www.audubon.org/news/how-choose-bird-friendly-coffee#:~:text=If%20you%20know%20little%20of,worse%20environment%20for%20most%20wildlife>

Starbucks has been working with the Smithsonian Migratory Bird Center since 1997 and is the only coffee company in the world that is certified by the Smithsonian Migratory Bird Center.



<https://www.thecommonscafe.com/starbucks-the-most-bird-friendly-coffee-company/>

For more information on shade grown coffee, here is a link to a short 2:26 minute movie about it: <https://shadegrowncoffeemovie.com/>

Any member of the Parish may attend Vestry meetings, which are at 7:00 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of the month unless otherwise noted. The full minutes of the meeting are available to parish members upon request by contacting the parish administrator or a member of the Vestry.

2023 VESTRY

The Rev. Dr. Mauricio Wilson Rector

Gloria Balkisson
Senior Warden

Richard Larson
Junior Warden

Pamela Kruse-
Buckingham
Clerk

Brian Stanke
Treasurer

VESTRY BY CLASS

Class of 2023

Fran Dibble
Brian Stanke
Maura Lane

Class of 2024

Indira Balkisson
Matthew Schooler
Irene Plunkett

Class of 2025

Pamela Kruse-
Buckingham
Richard Larson
Digger Lautner

DEANERY DELEGATES 2023

Delegates
George Strait
Janette Dinwiddie-
Moore
Dylan Versteeg
Alternates
Pamela Kruse-
Buckingham
Paula Hawthorn

Vestry Highlights

Pam Buckingham, Clerk of the Vestry

Vital & Thriving Program

The Very Rev. Eric Mentoyer came to tell us his experience with the [Vital & Thriving Program](#) while the Rector at St. Francis in SF.

The Minutes were approved by consensus.

Finances

Tabled until the next meeting, as Brian was away and Joan was not yet done with reports.

Stewardship Meeting is scheduled for May 30th @ 7pm

Pam setting up Zoom coordinates. Indira as Sr. Warden is convening. Maura and Richard will be invited.

Buildings & Grounds - Richard Larson

Bill Davis & Richard are repairing some pews.

Richard has started a campus building survey. There is a 2013 report for the church & school campus roofs that gave a rough cost & timeline. There have been repairs since then, but no replacements. In today's dollars, we are looking at \$250-300,000 to replace the roofs on just the church buildings. We may want to add gutters and parapet work at around \$50,000. Another project is to assess the state of the masonry and our need to renovate areas that need it.

Parish Action Plan (Formerly called the Strategic Plan) Indira Balkisson, Richard Larson, Pamela Buckingham

A process is getting under way to create an updated plan, based on the previous Strategic plan. How are we assured that we can reach everyone? We will use macro and micro approaches:

Personal Conversations - these have begun
Surveys - coming soon!
Charettes/Parish Meetings
Outreach to folks who haven't been

coming to church
Neighbors
School
Renters
Stakeholders

Membership & Welcoming - Digger Lauter & Pamela Buckingham

There was a lot of energy around things, but ownership of tasks isn't clear

More help is needed for Coffee Hours & Pot Lucks

Loaves & Fishes was discussed as an example of Parish inreach

What all fits into this committee?

We developed a better understanding of the Usher's duties

Nametags are under Welcoming, not Ushers.

As far as a Parish Directory goes, we need a way for folks to be able to opt out of their info being published in the Parish Directory

Covid Protocols - Fr. Mauricio

The protocols have changed - there is no longer a mask mandate. It is now an individual decision. We aren't at the end of COVID: there have been 20 cases at St. Paul's Towers. We have to keep caring for each other.

Vote on Cara Meredith's Postulancy - Fr. Mauricio

The Vestry approved the Postulancy of Cara Meredith. Pam will complete the P-5 Document & will file it with the Diocese.

Fundraising Committee - Fr. M. would like to hire a fundraising professional to help us reach outside the Parish to folks who cherish Oakland & landmark historical buildings. We also have the history book to build on.

Communications Committee - need to form

Maura would like to be involved.

Remembering The Rev. Anne Jensen - All

We mourned together, and prayed for the repose of Anne's soul, and for peace and comfort for Doug and their family. She leaves a huge hole in our Parish and our hearts, and we are crushed.

Anne's memorial service is scheduled for Thurs. July 6th @ 5pm The Vestry will organize the Repast. Bishop Marc will not be able to attend, but many other clergy will. We will have a large crowd.

Next meeting on Tuesday, June 27th at 6pm

Junior Warden's Message

Richard Larson

This year, summer begins with the solstice, June 21 (here in the Northern Hemisphere). It always surprises me to re-learn each year that, after the solstice, the days will get shorter – even as the days get warmer. During these days, we on the newly-formed Buildings & Grounds Committee will be more fully engaged in compiling our comprehensive assessment of our facilities (the buildings and the spaces between them). This will include photos of current conditions, a listing of the issues needed for repairs, renewal, and replacements needed for each area and each item, and a summary list of priorities (immediate, mid-term, and long-term). With this, we'll gather estimates to accomplish these repairs, and improvements.



We don't expect to complete this task in a few weeks, or even a few months. But the overall assessment is important enough to become an on-going effort of our group. The hope is to create documents, priorities, and processes that we'll have on hand, to communicate with the vestry, and to hand down to the future leadership of St. Paul's (which also could be helpful in requests from grants and donors).

As we make our way through this effort, watch this space in the Good News for updates. Questions? You can reach Richard at 510. 325. 7388 or rla.designoffice@gmail.com.

Music return in September!

These upcoming events will feature our wonderful choir:

Thursday, July 6th, 5 pm is Rev. Anne's memorial service.

Sunday, September 10th the full choir returns.

Sunday, September 17th, is Homecoming Sunday and potluck.

Sunday, October 4th, 4pm will be a Festival Evensong to celebrate Deacon Carolyn's retirement.



Guns to Gardens 2023

Guns to Gardens is doing great things to reduce the level of guns on the streets. Paula Hawthorn has made a beautiful quilt that will be raffled off to all who have donated or volunteered. We can reduce the epidemic of violence in Oakland if we all take a stand. We'll look forward to seeing all of you who can volunteer on

Saturday, June 10, 2023
10:00 a.m to 2:00 p.m.

Drive-through drop off at Thy Word Ministry
8915 International Blvd, Oakland



Editor's note: Paula Hawthorn has drawn the community's attention to the Mayor's proposed budget for this year, which has cut the allocation for the city's Department of Violence Prevention by 26% after promising, during her campaign, to increase it by 100%. The month of June is when the Oakland City Council deals with the budget. The process begins with the Mayor and her administration proposing a budget, then City Council decides what changes need to be made and approves a final budget by June 30.

St. Paul's Events During May

We bid Tom McGarrell a fond good-bye as he returns to his native (and beloved) New York City.



Youth from around the Deanery went on a pilgrimage to Grace Cathedral led by our Deacon, Carolyn Bolton.



For the first time in many decades, members of St. Paul's Youth Group 1985-88 met in person, for pizza, sal-



ads, etc. Gathering at Richard and Vicki Larson's house with Miki, Archie, June, and Tanja, we all had the great pleasure of being with Tanja's mom Beth and Tanja's husband Mohamad and sons Zaahir and Ahmad, Archie's sons Xavier, Gabriel and Walter, Miki's friend Rosalyn Johnson, and V&R's daughter Christina and her husband Austin and daughters Billie and Zoe.



Our Music Director Ben Bachmann and around twenty-five choir members and friends gathered at Sharon & Mark Pilmer's house on Memorial Day for a potluck BBQ to celebrate the end of the choir season. As a good Episcopalian gathering, we ate very well: sausages on the grill, a wonderful array of salads and side dishes, special hors d'oeuvres, including some prepared on-site by Ben B., and a fabulous finish of lemon buttermilk pie, luscious chocolate cake, and amazing cookies.

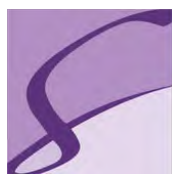


Carol Paxton, Diana Pray, Bill Davis, Annette Blue, Ben Clausen, Amy Kessler, David Ahn, Merle Kessler



Ben Bachmann, Ben Clausen, Philip Saunders, Richard Larson, David Ahn

Concerts at St. Paul's



SAN FRANCISCO CHORAL ARTISTS

MAGEN SOLOMON, ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

CONCERT

SHAKESPEARE and FRIENDS

Sunday, JUNE 11, 4:00 pm PT

San Francisco Choral Artists

Magen Solomon, Artistic Director



More than 450 years later, **Shakespeare's** words still inspire composers.

Together with San Francisco actor **Kina Kantor**, we'll offer a musical tribute to the genius of Shakespeare and Friends, including Dickinson, Rilke, Hirshfield, Rossetti, Cummings, Basho, Anonymous, and others. Also – world premieres by *Composer-in-Residence* **José Daniel Vargas**, *Composer-Not-in-Residence* **Caroline Mallonee**, and our 2023 *New Voices Project* winner **Leah Tracy**!

Reserve in advance and pay what you will!

(Door prices – General: \$35; Senior \$30; Under 30: \$15)

More information at [SFCA.org](https://sfca.org)



SAN FRANCISCO
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ARTISTIC DIRECTOR



Winner of the 2019-2020 American Prize in choral performance, San Francisco Choral Artists (SFCA) are a Bay Area chamber choir with a mission to foster new American choral music and to present eclectic, imaginative programs consisting of both new works and repertoire spanning 600 years in performances of uncompromisingly high quality.

We are now in our 38th season, and the 28th under the leadership of Artistic Director Magen Solomon.

Windows of St. Paul's

"Lady Window": Old Testament Women (part 1)

Robert Knapp

In this window, triple lancets are surmounted by four small lancets with triangular glass on either side to complete the pointed arch. Perpendicular style tracery matches the chancel windows. The window tells the stories of three strong women of the Old Testament, Rebekah, Ruth, and Esther.

The upper lancets:

Left: An angel.

Left middle: Boaz. Text: *Boaz* (the husband of Ruth)

Right middle: David wearing crown, holding lyre. Text: *David*

Right: An angel reverse of angel on left.

Each large lancet has a full-size figure with two small scenes below. All are set in an elaborate architectural framework. The text on the glass at bottom of each scene is included with each section as described next, to reduce confusion.

Main window: left lancet: Rebekah Genesis 24:1-61

Isaac's father Abraham wanted to get a good wife for his son. He did not want Isaac to marry one of the women in Canaan, because these people worshiped false gods. So, Abraham called his servant and told him to go to where his relatives lived in Haran and get a wife for Isaac. When the servant got near the place where Abraham's relatives lived, he stopped at a well. It was late in the afternoon, the time when the women of the city would come to get water from the well. Abraham's servant said a prayer to Jehovah: "May the woman that gets some water for me and the camels be the one that you choose to be the wife of Isaac." Soon Rebekah came along to get some water. When the servant asked her for a drink, she gave him one. Then she went and got enough water for all the thirsty camels. When Rebekah finished doing this, Abraham's servant determined that Rebekah was the granddaughter of Abraham's brother, Nahor. The servant arranged for her to marry Isaac if she was willing. Rebekah agreed. She travelled to Canaan and met Isaac. They married there.



Rebekah with jug of water on her shoulder. Text: Rebekah

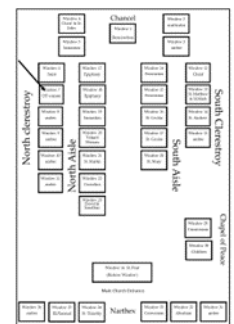


Scene in front of the camel with canopied riding frame. Rebekah raises her foot to mount the camel. Text: Rebekah lifted up her eyes.



Scene with three camels. Rebekah gives the jug of water to the servant Abraham. Text: And she said My Lord

In September's newsletter, watch for the stories of Ruth and Esther as portrayed in the window.





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Dear Readers:

Currently, the newsletter is not being distributed by regular post. If you know of someone who does not have access to the electronic version, please contact Parish Administrator at 834-4314, Ext. 501 or admin@stpaulsoakland.org. She will make a hardcopy and send it.

Newsletter contributors sought

We are interested in hearing from writers and photographers; please email us if you would like to donate your talents. The deadline for each edition is the 25th of the month previous to publication. Please send your submissions of no more than 400 words to csknapp@earthlink.net

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From the Editors:

Gone from My Sight

Henry Van Dyke

I am standing upon the seashore. A ship, at my side, spreads her white sails to the moving breeze and starts for the blue ocean. She is an object of beauty and strength. I stand and watch her until, at length, she hangs like a speck of white cloud just where the sea and sky come to mingle with each other.

Then, someone at my side says, "There, she is gone."

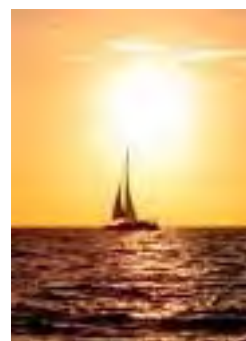
Gone where?

Gone from my sight. That is all. She is just as large in mast,
hull and spar as she was when she left my side.
And, she is just as able to bear her load of living freight to her destined port.

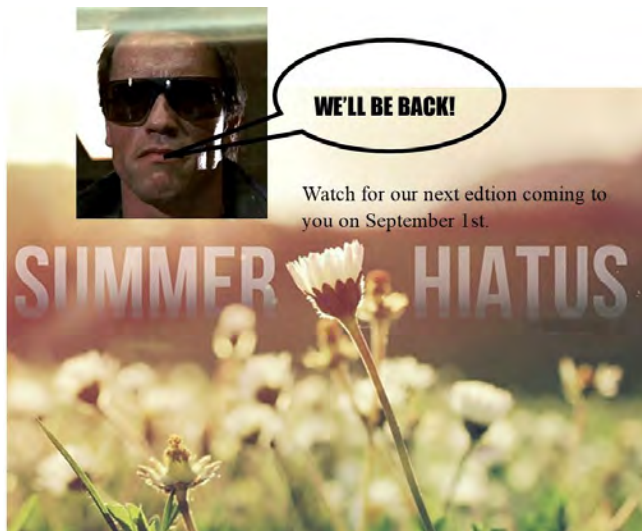
Her diminished size is in me -- not in her.

And, just at the moment when someone says, "There, she is gone,"
there are other eyes watching her coming, and other voices ready to take up the glad shout, "Here she comes!"

And that is dying...



Summer Hiatus for *The Good News* is Coming!



This edition of *The Good News* will be the last one until the September 1st issue arrives. Please send in any announcements of September activities by 25 August. We'd also love to hear about -- and see photos of -- what you're doing during the summer, so please continue to send in articles during the hiatus.