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## Road Closure Information

*By the Very Reverend Dan Justin*

### Parishioners to receive passes during Coldwater Canyon closure

Beginning on Saturday, March 23, 2013, the LADWP will close Coldwater Canyon between the hours of 8:30 am to 7:00 pm Monday through Friday and 8:30 am to 6:00 pm on Saturdays. The closure will begin at Ventura Boulevard on the north end and extend beyond Avenida Del Sol on the south end. This closure is expected to last twenty-eight days.

Please note, the road will be open each and every Sunday and you will be able to attend church as normal during this time.

Unfortunately the road will be closed on Maundy Thursday. Our service begins at 6:30 pm that evening. So you will need to use your pass (explained below) to access the church for the Agapé Supper and Maundy Thursday observance. LADWP has agreed to not close the road on Good Friday.

Prior to the closure, each member of the parish will receive a "St. Michael's Pass" which will grant you access through the construction zone to the church. You will hang the pass on your rearview mirror. LADWP is aware of the dates and times we have services and so will expect that parishioners will be coming through the construction zone to attend Holy Week services.

These passes will also provide access to the church for normal business affairs during the week. Drivers should be aware that during the week you may expect delays of up to twenty minutes or more as you try to pass through the construction zones.

The upper lot, accessed via Avenida Del Sol, will only be available to drivers who are coming down from Mulholland. The lower lot, accessed from Hacienda Drive, will only be available to drivers coming up from Ventura Boulevard. During the first two weeks of the closure Harvard Westlake High School will be

on their spring break. That will mean that the lower parking lot will be available for our use during the day. After those two weeks, when the students return, the lower lot will once again be in use during school hours. Those coming to church during school hours will need to come down from Mulholland in order to park in the upper lot once Harvard Westlake is back in session.

Beginning March 3, 2013, there will be a new traffic pattern at Ventura and Coldwater. Drivers will lose the ability to turn left from the westbound lanes of Ventura Boulevard onto Coldwater Canyon. We are told this traffic pattern will last until the end of May.

The parish will be cancelling, changing

times, and changing locations of numerous events that were originally scheduled during the month of April as a result of this new development. We apologize for the inconvenience this will cause. The good news is that it only lasts 28 days. Once this is finished LADWP will begin wrapping up the construction on Coldwater Canyon. By the end of May we expect the road will once again be free and clear from Ventura Boulevard to the church.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at the church office.

Blessings,

Dan+

## Lent, Holy Week, and Easter

at St. Michael and All Angels

### Sundays during Lent

8:00 a.m.  
9:15 a.m.  
10:15 a.m.  
10:30 a.m.  
10:30 a.m.

### Palm Sunday

8:00 a.m.  
10:30 a.m.

### Maundy Thursday

6:30 p.m.  
  
10:00 p.m.

### Good Friday

Noon and 7:00 p.m.

### Easter Eve

7:30 p.m.

### Easter Day

8:00 a.m.  
10:30 a.m.  
11:30 a.m.

### February 17, 24, March 3, 10, 17

Holy Eucharist  
Adult Learning Opportunity  
Family Sing  
Children's Sunday School  
Holy Eucharist

### March 24

Holy Eucharist  
Holy Eucharist with Palm Sunday procession

### March 28

Agapé Supper, Holy Eucharist, washing of feet, and stripping of the altar  
Compline

### March 29

Good Friday Liturgy and Stations of the Cross

### March 30

The Great Vigil of Easter with Baptisms

### March 31

Holy Eucharist  
Holy Eucharist  
Easter Egg Hunt for children

# From the Vestry

As I sit and write my first column I have just returned from a training session that was being held at the Ministry Center. I was so surprised that on a quiet Saturday morning there was so much activity at our parish. One great example is the renewed Meditation Garden, work of which is being once again donated so that the parish has nothing out of pocket, is well under way. Progress is in the air, which can be seen by the many projects going on around the campus helping to make our parish home more and more beautiful.

Even as one of the newer members myself, I wanted to use this as an opportunity to welcome our new Vestry into service. I believe I speak for the group when I say that we are all so proud to be a part of such a great team of people called to serve. One example of our continued work was last week when both the current Vestry and several members of the previous Vestry came together to work on our Mutual Ministry Review. Led by Bishop Glasspool, we were hosted to an evening of introspection and review of how we felt the overall health of our parish stood.

The Vestry is working hard to reflect on all the amazing changes that have been seen over the last year and to use this to build our plan for the future while being mindful of

David Connors, Senior Warden  
Bill Fields, Junior Warden



the momentum that has been built. We were given twelve questions to rate. As a whole we graded ourselves pretty even on most items. The few differences we found only gave us direction on what we could work harder on. I was most touched by the fact that the one question based on the relationship between the rector and the parish received many of the highest marks and the group was the closest in their collaboration on this question. I believe one of our great assets is our rector and we are blessed to have been given the chance to serve under such a faithful rector. We are so lucky to have found him (Happy 1st Anniversary Father Dan) and also to belong to such a powerful involved diocese like the L.A. Diocese. Thanks to Bishop Glasspool and to my fellow Vestry members for acknowledging the fact that our parish has so much to be thankful for yet more to look forward to.

Happy Lenten Season,

Bill Fields

## March Birthdays

Day	Name
3	Jack Eddleman Jay Hathaway
4	Gail Green
8	Lindsay Hebbe
10	Oliver Helmink
15	Betty Ferrell Samantha Rupnik
17	Ella Sage
21	Gwynneth Renton
23	Jackson Prybil Margaret Renton
26	Jaycen Armstrong
27	Steve Wright
28	Jade Jacombe Chris Long Crystal Kusiak
29	Austin Baggett Leslie Chapman-Rose
31	Masha Best Vitaly Best Loretta Coho

## March Anniversaries

Day	Name
3	Ron & Denise Schwartz
10	Julie Meine & Dick Bate
25	Margie & Liz Mullen

**Should you be listed here?** Or, if you wish to leave your birthday or anniversary unpublished, give the church office a call or e-mail [administrator@stmikessc.org](mailto:administrator@stmikessc.org) to let us know. *Please Note: Birthdays and Anniversaries will be celebrated on the last Sunday of each month.*

**As you do your weekly grocery shopping, remember these items that are always needed by the North Hollywood Interfaith Food Pantry**

*Canned fruit and vegetables.*

*Baby food in plastic jars.*

*Tuna.*

*Peanut butter in plastic jars.*

*Powdered milk in individual packets.*

*Individual size snacks.*

*Bags of dry beans and rice.*

*Plastic and paper shopping bags.*

*Diapers and feminine hygiene items.*

*Travel-size soap, toothpaste & disposable razors.*

*And money!*

## Adult Formation

**D**on't miss our next St. Michael's Mid-Week, Wednesday, March 6th, at 6:30 pm. This month's class is called:

### Something Wicked This Way Comes, Part Two

In our previous class we identified several options for explaining evil. In Part 2 of this class we will explore what our response should be to evil in the world. Again, each viewpoint will be presented and discussion will follow. The presentation will include a

range of opinion from very progressive to very conservative theology. The class will not attempt to convince participants to accept any particular point of view—rather each will be presented fairly and we will discuss each in turn.

Dinner will be served and there will be activities for children. Please RSVP at [administrator@stmikessc.org](mailto:administrator@stmikessc.org) if you plan to participate. There is a suggested donation of \$5 per person, with a maximum of \$20 per family.

## Treasurer's Corner

### January 2013—Revenue and Expense Summary

	January Actual	January Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Total Revenue	\$ 29,649	\$ 33,805	\$ 29,649	\$ 33,805
Total Expense	34,246	35,327	34,246	35,327
Net	\$ (4,597)	\$ (1,522)	\$ (4,597)	\$ (1,522)

# And Don't Forget Your Bells!

By the Very Reverend Dan Justin

We are slowly making our way through Lent and preparing ourselves once again for Holy Week. It should come as no surprise that this is my favorite time of the year. Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday as we remember the Triumphal Entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. Palm Sunday is also called the Passion Sunday. That is because we hear the story of the passion for the first time that morning. We will hear it again later in the week as well.

The Triduum begins on Thursday of Holy Week. Triduum means "The Three Great Days". While it may be easy to assume that each of these days is its own service, technically, it is all one service. If you pay careful attention you will notice that there is no dismissal at the end of the liturgy on Maundy Thursday or on Good Friday. That is because the Triduum consists of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Great Vigil of Easter. They are all one service. You are in church from the beginning of Maundy Thursday until the end of the Great Vigil. If you have never attended all the services of the Triduum, I recommend making it a priority this year. I am certain that you will find tremendous depth and meaning. The stories told about the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus will come alive to you in new ways as you experience them and participate in them through the

liturgy. Allow me to explain what each day is about.

Maundy Thursday is the first day. This is the day we remember how Jesus gathered with his



disciples in an upper room and celebrated the Passover Meal. It was during this event that Jesus instituted the perpetual remembrance of the Lord's Supper. He took bread, gave thanks, and broke the bread instructing his followers to do this in remembrance of him. John's Gospel relates the story of Jesus washing the feet of his disciples on this day. He taught them about the life of service and illustrated it through this humble act. Maundy is short for the Latin word "Mandatum" or Mandate. Jesus gives to his church the mandate that we remember his life, death, and resurrection through the Eucharist and that we too live lives marked by service. The service ends with the stripping of the altar as we prepare for Good Friday. Any remaining consecrated host and wine, which is known as the reserve Sacrament, is brought to the back of the church and placed on an Altar

of Repose. The church remains open all night as we remember Jesus praying in the Garden of Gethsemane and asking his disciples to stay awake with him as he prays.

Good Friday liturgically remembers the betrayal, arrest, trial, beating, crucifixion, and death of Jesus. This is the only service of the year where the Sacrament is not available to us. The church is stripped bare. All decorations are removed. All the crosses are veiled. No vestments are worn—only black cassocks. The story of the passion of Jesus is read by a variety of people acting out the scene for us. We take extended moments of silence to reflect on the moment Christ gave his life for us. A large wooden cross is brought down the aisle and is placed upon a funeral pall. Members of the congregation are invited to venerate the cross by bringing forward red carnations and placing them on the cross.

The Great Vigil of Easter draws the Triduum to a joyous close. In Christianity, death never has the last word. The service begins in complete darkness and the priest sparks a new fire outside the church. This fire is blessed and the Paschal Candle is lit. The Paschal Candle is the Christ candle. It signifies to us the light of Christ that no darkness, not even the darkness of the tomb could contain. From that flame all the candles in the church and those held by worshippers are lit.

An ancient song, called the *Exsultet*, is sung. We hear the great stories of our salvation read from the scriptures beginning from the very beginning in Genesis, to the Red Sea in Exodus, to the words of the prophets. The Great Vigil is traditionally the service at which adult converts are baptized. This year we will baptize four people. After the baptisms are completed the priest declares that it is now Easter—the church erupts with light, revealing the Easter flowers—and the Easter song is sung. Bells are rung by all as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. We remember that death no longer holds dominion over us. Jesus has defeated death once and for all and we now have the promise of life eternal with God.

This is the Triduum—The Three Great Days. Again, you won't want to miss a single bit of it. So plan now to join us for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Great Vigil of Easter. Oh, and don't forget your bells on that last night!

Blessings,

Dan+

## St. Michael's Easter Egg Hunt

By Sarah Cook

All children are invited to participate in St. Michael and All Angels' Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday, March 31, 2013. The egg hunt will follow the 10:30am service again this year. Our wish is for even more children to participate and to allow the entire parish to enjoy the fun.

If you would like to contribute to this year's hunt there will be a sign up sheet at the back of the sanctuary and in the Ministry Center during Coffee Hour. We are currently in need of small pieces of individually wrapped candy to fill our plastic Easter Eggs. Also, we are collecting small, new toys to be given out to the children who find the special prize eggs. Typically we hide about 50 of these eggs for the two younger groups of children. In the past, we've given out small stuffed animals, bubble wands, small crafts, coloring books, and wooden toy paddles, just to give you a few ideas. If you have any questions, please get in touch with me.

All donations will need to be received by Sunday, March 24 (Palm Sunday).

We look forward to this great community event!



# Faith in Action

By Julie Bellevue and Alexa Roman

*For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.* Galatians 5:13

After an enthusiastic and productive retreat at the beginning of February, the 2013 outreach program is well underway. The retreat brought together leaders from the various branches of St. Michael's outreach efforts in order to build a comprehensive calendar of activities and opportunities for service. Our discussion not only included the practical game plan for the year but also the importance of reflecting on our faith, scripture, and worship through service.

At the core of outreach is faith. It is our goal for this year to remember that outreach is "faith in action". We will be incorporating faith reflections and prayer in all outreach initiatives as well as sharing stories of growing in faith through this work. We urge you as well to reflect on and pray for these ministries—To walk in love with Christ by serving others as he did.

During the retreat, we reviewed all the outreach ministries and determined that we serve four main issues—Hunger, Homelessness, Care for the Sick, and Care for Children. Each of the outreach efforts of the parish, from the North Hollywood Interfaith Food Pantry to the Valentine's Day party at Good Shepherd, falls under these themes. We're excited to present a cohesive schedule of faith-building service activities this year.

Our goal is to increase parish participation so that we may continue to grow in faith and service. In order to reach this goal, the outreach committee has taken steps to better publicize events and to streamline donations of time, talents, and goods. The annual calendar will be available through the St. Michael's website and upcoming events will be published in the bulletin and available at the Welcome Desk in the Ministry Center. We urge you to take time to learn about our many different opportunities and find a couple to participate in this year. We will be using a web service to coordinate all volunteer opportunities, so that it will be easy for you to sign up to help (as Alex Morales did with Holiday Cheer on Eventbrite.)

In addition to staple events like Holiday Cheer and Get on the Bus, we will be evolving the sponsored family program (assistance to

## St. Michael's Men's Group

By Ed Sugar

February was a busy month for the Men's Group. On Shrove Tuesday, the men of the parish cooked up a delicious pancake and sausage supper. Alex Morales, Bill Wright and Ron Schwartz manned the grills and kept the 50+ parishioners fed and happy with Henry Larson's famous Heavenly Hotcakes. A special shout out to Peter Juzwiak, Nick Renton, David Connors, Patrick Holder, and Preston Fray for their efforts in prepping, setting up and cleaning up. Missed out on this fabulous feast?—Well you will just have to wait until next year.

Four days later, the men of the parish gathered in the Ministry Center for their monthly meeting. The morning started with a hot breakfast and plenty of talk about music, the various completed campus improvements, travel plans, and plenty of kibitzing about the Oscars. Father Dan started the morning's discussion by asking

everyone in attendance to share with the group what was their first paying job. He then led the group in an examination of how God and faith need to be the drivers of our work, careers, and personal responsibilities.

March is shaping up to be just as busy. On Thursday, March 21st, we will hold our monthly meeting at the home of Amador Rondilla and Ging Molera, 12842 Tiara Street, Valley Village, CA 91607. The evening of food, faith, and fellowship begins at 7:00 pm. Two days later will be the annual pre-Easter sprucing up of the Sanctuary and campus grounds. Everyone is invited to join the gentlemen of the parish on Saturday, March 23rd, at 8:00 am to get our Sanctuary ready for the splendor of Holy Week. Coldwater Canyon will close at 8:30 am that day. If you come after at time, you will need your St. Michael's pass to gain access.

### Here are the proposed remaining dates for the Men's Group:

April 20	8:00 am	Monthly meeting in the Ministry Center
May 5	11:30 am	For Big Sunday
May 15	7:00 pm	Monthly meeting, location to be announced
June 15	8:00 am	Monthly meeting in the Ministry Center
July 17	7:00 pm	Monthly meeting, location to be announced
August 17	8:00 am	Monthly meeting in the Ministry Center
September 18	7:00 pm	Monthly meeting, location to be announced
November 20	7:00 pm	Monthly meeting, location to be announced
November 30	9:00 am	Holiday cleanup
December 14	8:00 am	For Holiday Cheer!
December 21	8:00 am	Monthly meeting in the Ministry Center

families in need) as well as Soldier Care (caring and honoring wounded soldiers) and also bringing in some new events. These ministries give back richly to the volunteers and we heard several stories at the retreat of how deeply the lives of the parishioners involved with them had been touched. We will be presenting those opportunities soon and we will be in need of volunteers—get ready to put your faith in action!

Look for this information in the next couple of weeks and please let us know if you have any questions at all. You may contact us at [stmikesoutreach@gmail.com](mailto:stmikesoutreach@gmail.com).

Love all God's creation, the whole and every grain of sand in it. Love every leaf, every ray of God's light. Love the animals, love the plants, love everything. If you love everything, you will perceive the divine mystery in things. Once you perceive it, you will begin to comprehend it better every day. And you will come at last to love the whole world with an all-embracing love.

Fyodor Dostoevski



# St. Michael's Young Adult Group Throws a Party at Good Shepherd Shelter

By Eliza Diliberti

For its first group activity, the St. Michael's Young Adult Group decided to throw a Valentine's Pizza Party for the children and mothers at Good Shepherd Shelter, one of the groups that participates annually in Holiday Cheer. Good Shepherd is located in Downtown Los Angeles and provides women and their children who are recovering from domestic abuse with much-needed assistance and shelter.

The Young Adult Group at St. Michael's is a new group that began meeting last fall. We meet the first Wednesday of every month at 7:30pm in The Loft. Our meetings usually

involve prayer, socializing, planning activities, and a discussion on topics relating to living a Christian life in today's complicated world.

Many of our discussions revolve around how we can become more involved in the good work of St. Michael's. When Paul Reese presented the idea of throwing a Valentine's party for the children and mothers at Good Shepherd, he received a unanimous and enthusiastic "yes!"

The event itself was not only rewarding but so much fun! The children were wonderful and very excited to participate. Over the course of the afternoon, the children made valentines, decorated cookies and cupcakes and, of course, created delicious pizzas—many piled high with every topping available!

Mothers and their children (ranging in age from infants to young teenagers) eagerly iced and decorated their baked goodies with sprinkles of all types and colors. The

children loved making Valentine cards from scratch (and were usually very secretive regarding to whom they would be sent). Pizzas were in and out of the oven all afternoon. The Young Adults Group couldn't have asked for a better first volunteer activity.

Thank you to Paul Reese for spearheading the event and manning the oven! And thank you to all the St. Michael's participants.





# Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper



## Holiday Cheer Thank You Letters

I liked it when we made the gingerbread houses. Also when the singers came. I enjoyed the food a lot. I ate the cookies we decorated. They were really good.

Thank you for the presents and the party. Thank you for the treats and for the cookies we made and the gingerbread houses because they were good (yummy) ...

I love my presents and the basketball. I hope we can go again.

Thank you for the present. I love it. I got a helmet and a book and some close and some shoes...

Thank you for making all the things happen ... you worked so hard so I just wanted to appreciate your work.



# The Calendar

March 2013

**Sunday Schedule** • Sunday Services are 8:00 am (no choir) and 10:30 am (with choir) in the Sanctuary.  
 • Adult Learning Opportunity begins at 9:15 am.  
 • Sunday School begins at 10:15 with Family Sing in the Ministry Center; the children are brought into Eucharist for the Peace.  
 • Coffee Hour immediately follows the 10:30 am service unless otherwise noted.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Locations:</b> CO Church Office MR Music Room FR Fireside Room MC Ministry Center L The Loft (formerly the stage) S Sanctuary					<b>1</b> 12:00 NOON Fourth Quarter Luncheon (MC)	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> Lent 3 12:00 NOON Healing Prayer Gathering 12:00 NOON Youth Group (L)	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 6:30 PM Mid-Week (MC) 7:30 PM Young Adults Group (L)	<b>7</b> 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal (MR)	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> Lent 4	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> Lent 5 12:00 NOON Healing Prayer Gathering (FR) 12:00 NOON Prayer Shawl Ministry (L)	<b>18</b> 6:00 PM PCU Event (MC, S)	<b>19</b> 7:00 PM Vestry (L)	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal (MR)	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 9:00 PM Parish Cleanup Day
<b>24</b> Palm Sunday	<b>25</b> Monday in Holy Week	<b>26</b> Tuesday in Holy Week	<b>27</b> Wednesday in Holy Week	<b>28</b> Maundy Thursday 6:30 PM Agapé Eucharist (MC & S) 10:00 PM Compline (S)	<b>29</b> Good Friday 12:00 NOON Good Friday Liturgy (S) 7:00 PM Good Friday Liturgy (S)	<b>30</b> Holy Saturday 7:30 PM Easter Vigil (S)
<b>31</b> Easter Day 11:30 AM Easter Egg Hunt						

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### Our Mission Priority

*Our mission priority is to focus on the United Nations' First Millennium Goal: To eradicate extreme hunger and poverty.*