

Sunday, January 3, 2021
Second Sunday after Christmas

THE GAZETTE



St. Athanasius Episcopal Church

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Newsbriefs



Feast of the Epiphany, January 6

Epiphany signifies the revelation of the divinity of Christ to the world by the coming of the Magi. These three Wise Men were pagan astrologers who left familiar territory to find the Christ Child and to experience his authenticity for themselves. This story appears only in the Gospel of Matthew. *Thanks to Ruth Haley Barton, <https://transformingcenter.org/2020/01/epiphany-a-dangerous-journey/>*

Worship at St. A, Sundays, 11:00am

During the COVID-19 pandemic, worship is virtual. We miss gathering in our beautiful sanctuary but have enjoyed seeing each other's faces up close on computers/phones. Join us each Sunday at 11:00 am on Facebook Live (like our page)

<https://www.facebook.com/saintainla>

OR Zoom

<https://zoom.us/j/99338624186>.

Social media platforms: Videos of sermons, services, and other news are posted on several social media sites. Make sure you connect, and let us know.

Website: <https://saintala.org/sermons/>

Instagram: [saintainla](https://www.instagram.com/saintainla)

YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLQJfmjT3BhrpQHM2eUN4W5rIvOEWA_Xeg

Donate: www.saintala.org/donate

Coming Up at St. A

Friday 1/8, 1/15

Food Bank, 7am-9am

Sunday 1/3

11:00am – English Morning Prayer

12:00pm – Breakout Rooms

Sermon Roundtable

Sunday 1/10

11:00am – English Morning Prayer

12:00pm – Breakout Rooms

Sunday 1/17

Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

11:00am - English Morning Prayer

12:00pm – Breakout Rooms

Sermon Roundtable

Ash Wednesday 2/17

Lent begins

**Love God. Love Your Neighbor.
Change the World.**

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Meet Ed Cruz

I first encountered St. A. in 2003, when I moved near Echo Park to be closer to my job with United Airlines. After that I was away from L.A. until 2008, working as a butler on a cruise line. Raised Roman Catholic, I found the Episcopal Church nonjudgmental and more accepting of same-sex relationships. After I heard Rev. George Regas, All Saints Church – Pasadena, preach on God, sex, and justice (in 1992!), I soon became a member, volunteering as an usher and greeter. I met Carminnie at a Filipino Barangay community meeting for LGBTQ people, and introduced her to ASC. In 2019, I returned to St. A. fulltime, wanting to connect more personally and spiritually in a smaller congregation – bringing Carminnie, too. I highly value Father Frank’s sermons relating the Gospel story and history, and how it all fits in today’s world. The Zoom breakout rooms are warm and wonderful as we engage on a deeper level, but I am looking forward to passing the peace personally in 2021.



Prayers and Thanksgivings

We uphold all who ask for prayers, especially for those who continue to be affected by the latest surge of COVID-19: families, friends, exhausted health care workers, essential workers who cannot work from home, and families facing the loss of a loved one without being able to be present as they pass into the Great Immensity, especially for Julia, Amanda and Grant’s neighbor, Marilou, Amanda’s mom, and Kenneth, Carminnie’s nephew. For Amy, Miriam, and Loren, and for all who gave their lives for others this year. For those in jail or prison this year, and for healing of divisions in our country and the peaceful transition of power in our democracy. Thanks for the magnificent Christmas Eve performance by St. A’s Virtual Choir, Rachel and Evan.

Spiritual, Social Justice, and Environmental Links

Shoe strikes. www.fridaysforfuture.org Info on Ann Kinney-Eittinger’s shoe strikes influenced by Greta Thunberg’s climate change organization, Fridays for Future.
<https://www.coloradoboulevard.net/why-were-san-gabriels-sidewalks-lined-with-shoes/>

“**The Social Dilemma**” documentary on Netflix warns about the harm all the social media platforms are doing to us, and particularly to our youth. Uninstall!

Voices of Justice with Rev. Nontombi Naomi Tutu. Conversation with Archbishop Desmond Tutu’s daughter who is serving at All Saints - Beverly Hills.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D93pNyiSVBk&feature=youtu.be>

Center for Action and Contemplation. www.cac.org. Richard Rohr’s website. Sign up for podcasts and his invaluable Daily Meditations. Free but contributions welcome.

The Weekly Planet, our guide to living through climate change, From *The Atlantic*. Subscription to *The Atlantic* may be necessary.
https://www.theatlantic.com/science/archive/2020/12/5-biggest-climate-stories-2020/617468/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=weekly-planet&utm_content=20201229&silverid-ref=MzEwMTU3Mjg0ODMzS0