



## Summer Sunday Celebrations

While summer is not a Church Season, it is a period in the liturgical year where we focus on what it means to be a disciple of Jesus in the ordinary days of our life. It also is a time when the Church year becomes simpler, a time of Sabbath.

This year at St. John's, once again we are intentionally going to live into the simplicity of summer and make it a special season of its own. From July 7 through September 22, our schedule will change. Mass will be celebrated each Sunday at 8:00 and at 10:00. In between these services will be a brief adult Christian education forum (see the article on Christian education). We will even change the physical way we worship. Both masses will be celebrated on the floor of the nave, in the round, with the altar in the middle of the congregation. This configuration will allow us to experience liturgy in a different way, similar

to the way we worship during Holy Week, but will also allow us keep the church cooler by using our fans more effectively.

The liturgy itself will be simpler so that both 8:00 and 10:00 masses will be somewhat shorter, including the preaching, yet still retain the feel of a festive Sunday celebration. In July homilies will focus on Paul's letter to the Colossians – referencing our July adult education theme. Coffee hour will be very simple as well. So let's live into our summer rhythm this year. We hope coming to church will continue to be part of the routine of your life. Let's take the time to allow busyness to take a back seat to our refreshment and let's allow ourselves to spend more time with our Lord in prayer and discerning what his call is to us as disciples. May you have Sabbath and re-creation during this season.

Fr. Mark Kowalewski  
& Fr. Dan Ade



### ADULT VBS: VOYAGE TO COLOSSAE

Our Summer Sunday Celebrations will once again include an Adult Vacation Bible School. This year we will explore the Letter to the Colossians. One of the shortest books in the New Testament, this letter was written to an early Christian community in the City of Colossae and probably written by Paul. Who wrote this letter and why is still a subject of debate. The letter focuses on Jesus as Lord of the cosmos above all the powers of the world and empire, and it gives us some challenging moral instruction as to how we should live as citizens of God's Kingdom. It provides us hope for God's new world order even in the face of dark times -- not such a bad theme for our own day.

Since the letter is only four chapters long, we will be able to spend our time looking at it in depth over four weeks -- from July 14 through August 4, at the 9:00 a.m. study hour between our 8:00 and 10:00 masses. Let's go on a voyage to ancient Colossae to uncover the world of some of our very first brothers and sisters who followed the same Lord Jesus as we do. It will be an exciting journey.

## WELCOME TO THE REV. LYN CROW



*"As my ministry at Emmanuel, Fullerton was drawing to a close, I asked God to find me a new spiritual home. It soon became clear to me that I was being called to St. John's Cathedral. I am so excited to share in ministry with the amazing Cathedral community and with two such fine priests. I am truly blessed!"*

Lyn Crow was born into the Anglican Church in Toronto, Canada and after emigrating to the United States continued her life of faith in the Episcopal Church. Lyn has spent the last 24 years in priestly ministry at Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Fullerton. Some of her many joys were developing experiences of creative liturgy, introducing and establishing Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, and doing children's chapel for the preschool. After a visit to Taize during a sabbatical, she helped bring about a monthly Taize service at the parish. In addition, she has for many years served on the rota, preaching and celebrating at Holy Spirit, Silverlake. She has also served in the ministries of Kairos, caring for those in prison and their loved ones on the outside. She has been a member of Diocesan Council and the Commission on Ministry. She was instrumental in starting the first L'Arche community in the Southwest United States and served on its Board of Directors. She also served on the Board of Directors for Emmanuel Preschool, and was a member of the L.A. Diocese Cursillo Secretariat. She has a particular passion for pastoral care, spiritual development, and the life of the mystics.



## CHORISTER EXPERIENCE

This August, we will offer local children a Chorister Experience Day. Girls & boys who are interested will have a chance to experience what it might be like to be a part of our Cathedral Choral Academy. An interest in singing and an enthusiasm for music are all that is required: no formal training is necessary. This experience day includes the opportunity to:

Join the choir in a rehearsal, lunch, and games - Enjoy a behind-the-scenes tour of the Cathedral - Sing in the Cathedral - Take home a certificate and goody bag

Suggested ages 7 - 13 years old

Please email Stephen Salts at [ssalts@stjohnsla.org](mailto:ssalts@stjohnsla.org) to receive a registration form, or for more information about this event or the Cathedral Choral Academy.

## CREATIONTIDE CALENDAR

Sunday, Sept. 8

Blessing of the Animals at 10am mass

Sunday, Sept. 15

Daniel Tamm presents local sustainability initiatives

Sunday, Sept. 22

Tom Jacobson details conservation efforts at the LA Zoo

## THE GUIBORD CENTER

### PRESENTS: AFRICAN SPIRITUAL ROOTS OF GOSPEL MUSIC

Gospel music is a powerful art form through which generations of African Americans have expressed faith and hope in the face of oppression. Join noted historian Dr. Daniel Walker as he traces gospel's history back to its roots in Africa. A gospel choir will assist him in transporting us on a compelling musical journey.



### SUMMER SCHEDULE

Sunday Mass at 8:00 and 10:00 am

Christian ed. 9:00 am

July 14 - August 4

Office Hours, Monday - Thursday

10 am - 6 pm

Closed Fridays

No Tuesday or Wednesday services  
in August