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## *Newsletter of the Anglican Province of Christ the King August, 2022*

*The Most Reverend John E. Upham  
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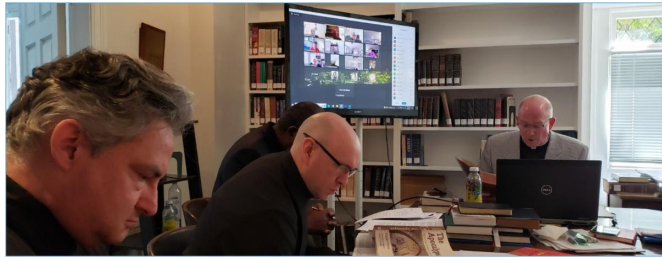
### *Message from Bishop Donald Ashman*



#### **St. Joseph of Arimathea Summer Session July 2022**

During the last two weeks of July, Saint Joseph's Seminary in Berkeley offered four classes on both the Zoom Platform and in person. The normal daily count was about twelve in-person faculty and seminarians and anywhere from sixteen to twenty five online faculty and students depending on the class. Four classes were offered. In the morning session of the first week (July 18 – 23), Father Dr. Russell taught (below, at right) a class in the Apocalypse of the Revelation of St. John the Divine. In the afternoon of the first week, Bishop Scott Mitchell, Suffragan Bishop of the Western States and Rector of Saint Luke's Redding, taught a seminar in pastoral ministry. Bishop Mitchell was assisted the first day by Father T. Craig Isaacs, Rector of Saint David's, San Rafael.

During the second two weeks, the morning session was conducted by the Bishop Ben Jones, Suffragan Bishop of the Diocese of the Atlantic States, on "Vocational Discernment," a class which must be taken



and passed satisfactorily before a man may be made a Deacon and ordained to the Priesthood. In the afternoon of the second week Father Matthew Weber, Vicar of Saint Ann's, Palo Alto, taught a seminar in "The Place and Function of Music in the Worship Life of the Church" emphasizing the richness of the 1940 Hymnal.



Each day began with Morning Prayer at 9:00 a.m. followed by a coffee (Kingpin Doughnuts) break. The morning class followed at 10:00 a.m. After a two year hiatus and the advent of the Zoom

Platform, it took a couple of days to work out the "bugs" and run smoothly. At noon the Eucharist was celebrated after which there was a lunch break.

After the afternoon class both weeks, Evensong was sung under the direction of Father Weber. On the intervening Sunday (July 24), the seminarians went to various parishes in the San Francisco Bay Area.



Bishop Jones will be sending out registration materials for the fall session when he returns home from Summer Session during the first week of August. If you have any concerns before then, email Bishop Ashman at [bishopashman@gmail.com](mailto:bishopashman@gmail.com)

## Reflections on This Year's Residential Summer Session at St. Joseph's Seminary - by Christine Sunderland

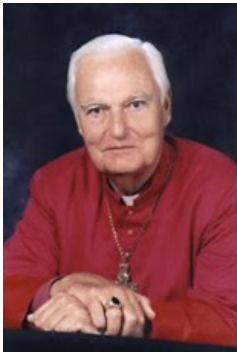


This last week I've been attending the St. Joseph of Arimathea Seminary (SJATC) residential summer session weekday noon Masses, in Berkeley, at our St. Joseph's Chapel, open to the public. Each Mass is celebrated by a different priest, and yet the

Christine Sunderland

liturgies are the same. The result is a colorful, fascinating, and enriching experience of the Holy Eucharist.

The long wooden benches are lined up against the side walls, as in a chancel where the seminarians sing facing one another in monastic fashion, as in the old abbeys. The acoustics in this barrel-vaulted space are excellent, allowing for chanting, singing of the Mass, and thundering organ.



The sun slants in through clerestory windows high above and there are moments when the crucifix is lightened as the sun travels through the skies. The tiled floor gleams and shimmers, reflecting the movement around the altar and the kneeling of the worshipers. Abp. Robert Morse (1923-2015) of blessed memory oversaw the building of this chapel on the corner of Bowditch and Durant in the 1970's and was wise, considering all the turmoil then, and now today, not to have street level windows. Those church windows that were street-level in those days were often destroyed by rioters, and the parishes forced to rebuild.

While the chapel was designed as a chancel without a nave that would seat a congregation, even so, a small parish assembles here on Sundays, and we often set up folding chairs, turning the choir space into a small nave. But it is good to see the chancel return to its original purpose, even if only for two weeks. And so we sang praises to God all week and received His Real Presence, again and again, in the consecrated elements of bread and wine, to fortify our souls, our minds, our bodies. Daily Mass draws you deeper into our Lord's love, His compassion for his people, and opens your eyes to those around you in a new way. The Mass says, "He in us and we in Him." And so it is, and is compounded each day, so that by the end of the week, we have been enriched beyond measure.

On the weekend between the two weeks, today, the clergy and seminarians are assigned various churches in the Bay Area to assist in the Holy Liturgy. When our Bp. Ashman is here he often confirms at St. Peter's Parish, Oakland, our sister parish in the East Bay. And so I attended St. Peter's today, and witnessed the glorious descent of the Holy Spirit upon the confirmand, the joyous hymns, the majestic processions, all a part of reaching for the Eternal on Earth, reaching for the resurrection of Christ and thus, of our own bodies and souls.







In our parishes of traditional Anglicans (Anglican Province of Christ the King) we face the altar and we honor Our Lord with music that transcends time, going back to St. Ambrose of the fourth century. Our hymnal is a poetic treasury of history, a history of the love of God expressed in song.

I stepped out of the week, down the steps of St. Peter's, a bit giddy, not on wine, but on the love of Christ for us, that our Creator has blessed us so abundantly with His own Presence, His own Holy Spirit, so that one day we will appear before the throne of God the Father, in judgment, defended by Our Lord Jesus. One day we will be together again, all those who went before us and after us, bound by the love of God, gathered together at the river that runs by the throne. I'm hoping for a place in the heavenly choir or at least near them to hear them sing. But I'll be happy just being there. It will be magnificent. In the meantime I'm looking forward to another week of noon Holy Eucharists at St. Joseph's.

For videos of the processional and recessional of the St. Peter's Confirmation, please visit our Facebook page, [St. Joseph of Arimathea Chapel](#).

Visit novelist Christine at [www.ChristineSunderland.com](http://www.ChristineSunderland.com) for more blog postings, book news and reviews. Her latest novel is *Angel Mountain*, set in the San Francisco Bay Area with scenes at St. Joseph's Chapel in Berkeley.

## *St. Joseph of Arimathea Anglican Theological College* *1st Call-Registration for the Fall Semester 2022*

The 2022 Fall Semester is now open for registration. The schedule of classes, registration information, the Fall Semester Application, and general information are included in this first call for registration. The classes can be taken for credit and for audit, and will be offered on the Zoom platform.

**\*\*The Archbishop, Provost, and Vice-Provost would like to personally remind ALL clergy that “Continuing Education” is of supreme importance and is a requirement in at least one diocese of the Province.\*\***



### ***Courses for the Fall Semester 2022:***

#### ***Dogmatic Theology I:***

***Instructor:*** [The Right Reverend Peter Hansen; Bishop Coadjutor Diocese of the Western States and Rector of St. Augustine of Canterbury, Chico, CA.](#)



**Time:** Class starts August 24, 2022, at 11a Pacific Time. The class will meet for 15-week, 1-hour lectures, to include reading assignments, homework assignments, 2 mid-course quizzes, and a final examination. Discussion during the lectures is encouraged.

**Text:** The required texts are Francis J. Hall's Dogmatic Theology 10-book series Dogmatic Theology (American Church Union) or the same text republished in two volumes: Anglican Dogmatics: Francis J. Hall's Dogmatic Theology: Volume I and II (Nashotah House Press) available at Amazon.

This overview of Christian Theology will be on nature and the supernatural, miracles, what is our authority for our claims to truth; the Creeds, Episcopacy, and the Great Councils, the Bible, God's attributes and apologetic proofs for His existence; the Trinity and study of His Persons; Creation and man, Salvation and free will.

**Theology** – The Queen of sciences, nature and supernature, miracles, faith; Approaches and difficulties, sources, Anglicanism, Dogmatic value and necessity, practical application

**Authority** – Truth claims and basis of them, grounds, Creeds, Episcopacy, Tradition, Councils, Biblical, Interpretation, Essentials and non-essentials

**God** – Self existence, Apologetics for, Theism of Christianity, Proofs v. Agnostics, The uncaused cause, Teleological argument, moral argument, Ontological, Monotheism, Attributes of God

**Trinity** – Defined, Catholic doctrine, Revelation sources, Developing doctrine, Biblical sources, difficulties, meaning of Persons in God, Threefold Being, shared and unshared attributes and roles, Father, Son, Spirit

**Creation & Man** – Creation ex nihilo, Father, Son, Spirit's parts in Creation, Free Will and evil, Angels, Man, Religion, Sin, the Fall, Salvation, God's will, the question of predestiny, sanctification

### ***World History and Religion; Year #2:***

**Instructor:** The Rt. Rev. Donald M. Ashman; Bishop Ordinary of the Diocese of the Western States, and Provost St. Joseph of Arimathea Anglican Theological College, Berkeley, CA.

**Time:** Class starts Tuesday, August 30th, 2022. Bishop Ashman will offer two independent sections, (take one or the other or both), at 11:00 a.m. and at 5:00 p.m., Pacific Time.

**Text:** There is no textbook required for this course.

Bishop Ashman will continue World History and Religion with a second year beginning with The Americas after 1750. Note that, although this class is a continuation of last year's classes, there is no prerequisite required for this course. The laity are especially invited to audit this course.

### ***Seminar in Historical Homiletics II:***

**Instructor:** The Rt. Rev. Donald M. Ashman; Bishop Ordinary of the Diocese of the Western States, and Provost St. Joseph of Arimathea Anglican Theological College, Berkeley, CA.

**Time:** Class starts Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. Pacific Time.

**Text:** Not required, however the text is a good reference for any Priest's library. 'The Sunday Sermons of the Great Fathers, (a 4-volume set), Preservation Press, 1996.

Due to popular demand, Bishop Ashman will offer a second semester of the course 'Seminar in Historical Homiletics.' This second semester will offer a set of 15 lessons (16-30). This seminar will focus on the Gospel lessons of fifteen significant Sundays in the Church Year. The selected Sunday's Gospel will be read. Two or three sermons of the Church Fathers on that Gospel will be read and discussed. Finally, a sermon inspired by the Church Fathers will be assigned as homework and discussed at the beginning of the next class. This class provides a graduate level study of Holy Scripture.

### ***Ecclesiastical Latin II:***

**Instructor:** [The Rt. Rev. Donald M. Ashman; Bishop Ordinary of the Diocese of the Western States, and Provost St. Joseph of Arimathea Anglican Theological College, Berkeley, CA.](#)

**Time:** [Class starts Friday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022, at 11:30 a.m., Pacific Time.](#)

**Text:** A Primer of Ecclesiastical Latin by John F. Collins, available at Amazon. There is a separate key which is worth purchasing as well.

This will be a continuation of Latin I. Both Ecclesiastical and Classical Latin pronunciation will be taught along with basic grammatical structures: necessary vocabulary, word studies, the six indicative tenses, the six cases, the first three declensions, adjectives and adverbs. But more importantly, practice sentences are based upon scripture or taken from scripture or liturgical texts.

### ***Fourth Year Greek:***

**Instructor:** [The Rt. Rev. Donald M. Ashman; Bishop Ordinary of the Diocese of the Western States, and Provost St. Joseph of Arimathea Anglican Theological College, Berkeley, CA.](#)

**Time:** [Class starts Friday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022, at 9:30 a.m., Pacific Time.](#)

**Text:** A Primer of Biblical Greek, by N. Clayton Croy, and instructor created materials.  
Bishop Ashman will be leading this class in Greek New Testament readings.

### ***First Year Greek:***

**Instructor:** [The Rt. Rev. Donald M. Ashman; Bishop Ordinary of the Diocese of the Western States, and Provost St. Joseph of Arimathea Anglican Theological College, Berkeley, CA.](#)

**Time:** [Class starts Friday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022, at 2:00 p.m., Pacific Time.](#)

**Text:** A Primer of Biblical Greek, by N. Clayton Croy, and instructor created materials.

Bishop Ashman encourages to not be afraid. YOU can do it!

## **Registration Requirements:**

**The tuition cost per course for credit is \$250.00 and \$75.00 for audit. Credit will be received for courses that are satisfactorily completed. Please address any requests for tuition assistance to your individual parishes, your diocese, and then to the Provost at [bishopashman@gmail.com](mailto:bishopashman@gmail.com), or [provostsjact@gmail.com](mailto:provostsjact@gmail.com), in that order.**

**The Application for the 2022 Fall Semester is required and should be included with your tuition payment to complete your registration. Please enter the required information in the auto-fill application, (those taking courses for CREDIT fill out the entire form and those taking the courses by AUDIT fill out sections 1, 2, 3, and the acknowledgement at the end of the application), and return by email to the Provost, The Rt. Rev. Donald M. Ashman, [bishopashman@gmail.com](mailto:bishopashman@gmail.com) or [provostsjact@gmail.com](mailto:provostsjact@gmail.com) and to the Vice-Provost/Registrar, The Rt. Rev. Ben E. Jones, Jr., [bishop.benjones@gmail.com](mailto:bishop.benjones@gmail.com). Don't forget, a printed copy is required to be mailed with your tuition payment.**

Please forward the cost of tuition by check to the following address.

The Rt. Rev. Ben E. Jones, Jr.  
St. Joseph of Arimathea Anglican Theological College  
[2820 Exeter Circle](#)  
[Raleigh, NC 27608](#)

Checks are to be made payable to "St. Joseph of Arimathea Anglican Theological College."

- 1- Please DO NOT make the checks payable to any person or to any Parish. Period.**
- 2- Please DO NOT mail your registration to any other address than the address given above.**
- 3- Please MAKE SURE to include a printed copy of the Application for the 2022 Fall Semester with your tuition payment.**

***Your prompt attention is greatly appreciated!!***

***Registrations and payments are due to be RECEIVED no later than August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022.***

***\*\*Late registrations WILL have to be approved.\*\****

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Bishop Ashman or Bishop Jones. We look forward to seeing you for the 2022 Fall Semester!!



## Bishop Ashman Visits Saint Francis of Assisi Anglican Church, Livermore, California



The Rev. Larry Shaddix,  
Vicar

Worship Address:  
[193 Contractors Street](#)  
[Livermore, CA 94551](#)  
Phone: (925) 906-9561

**Services:**  
Sunday School (all ages)

8:30 a.m. Holy Communion 9:30 a.m.

Holy Day services as announced. Please visit the parish web site at <http://www.stfrancisanglican.church/>.

## Sharon Sagan Confirmed



On  
Sunday  
July 24<sup>th</sup>  
Sharon  
Sagan,  
one of the  
newest  
members

of St. Peter's Parish in Oakland, California, was confirmed by Bishop Donald Ashman. In the rite of Confirmation Sharon renewed her baptismal vows and made a mature commitment to the faith. We congratulate Sharon and rejoice in this strengthening of her spiritual life and ministry!



## Dr. Sweeting, Parishioner of St Peter's Oakland, California, Honored with Lifetime Achievement Award

On June 16<sup>th</sup> at the American Urogynecologic Society (AUGS) Scientific Meeting in Austin, Texas, William Conrad Sweeting, Jr., MD, was presented with the Jack Robertson Lifetime



Achievement Award. This is AUGS' most prestigious award honoring an individual who has had outstanding achievements in the field of Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery and has served as a role model through service, research, and teaching and to AUGS.

Dr. Sweeting served on several AUGS Committees and was elected Vice-President in 1999 and President in 2000.

Dr. Sweeting was born in West Palm Beach, Florida, of Bahamian parents. After graduating from high school at 15, he attended Purdue

University for two years, spent four years in the U. S. Navy's Hospital Corp and earned a Bachelor's degree from the University of California at Berkeley. He joined the third medical school class at the University of California, San Diego, where he earned his MD.

Dr. Sweeting said, "At the end of my Ob/Gyn Residency program at the University of Wisconsin in Madison, it had become quite clear to me that women required a much more scientific approach to improve the less than satisfactory outcomes we were observing after failed incontinence and prolapse treatments."

He attended what was likely one of the first formal courses offered in Urogynecology in the United States. The meeting was held in San Francisco and the faculty included Jack Robertson. "This meeting essentially launched my career," said Dr. Sweeting "and thereafter I immersed myself in improving the care given to women with pelvic floor defects."

He became a full Clinical Professor at UCSF in the Department of Gynecology, Obstetrics, and Reproductive Sciences. He pursued a major interest in teaching Urogynecology and provided seminars and lectures with skilled faculty for those who wanted to improve women's health, by participating in this new subspecialty. He received outstanding teaching awards from both the Kaiser Permanente Medical Group where he was employed for twenty-nine years in San Francisco and from the University of California, San Francisco, School of Medicine.

## 2023 Ordo Kalendars



The 2023 Ordo Kalendars are prepared and are available for ordering. The Ordo Kalendar conforms to the 1928 Prayer Book and both the American and Anglican Missals and is in full color and edited for Church use by Father Matthew Weber of Saint Ann's Chapel in Palo Alto. There is space on the front of the Kalendar where a parish may, if desired, insert a picture, its name and other information after receiving the Kalendars.

The Ordo Kalendar is of invaluable use to clergy and altar guilds alike. It helps determine the color for the day, whether the day is festal or ferial and a guide to whether the

Gloria in Excelsis and/or the Nicene Creed is required. The same applies for proper prefaces.

Nona has mailed out order forms but if lost or you didn't get an order form, you may direct inquiries to Mrs. Nona Gourley (209) 862-2582 or email our Ordo Kalendar website: [order1928bcpcalendar@gmail.com](mailto:order1928bcpcalendar@gmail.com).

## The Story of two Seas



Submitted by The Rev. John LesCallett, Vicar  
Anglican Church of the Atonement  
Fountain Hills, AZ

### Giving And Receiving: A Tale Of Two Seas

Twenty plus years ago when I worked as Primary Field Consult in Stewardship for The Episcopal Church, I came across this story. It is a simple tale of giving and receiving, yet I have found that it is the best example as to why we as Christians are called to give back to God a share of what he has so freely given us. I hope that you enjoy this and that it speaks to you as it did me. Enjoy!

*Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.—*  
**LUKE 6:38**

Do you know the Tale of Two Seas?

The Sea of Galilee and The Dead Sea are both fed by the same river, the river Jordan. The Sea of Galilee is a prosperous sea, full of life. But, the Dead Sea sits dormant. Located in the Jordan Rift Valley, it is the lowest place on earth.

Why is one sea prosperous and the other stagnate when both are fed by the same stream?

The Sea of Galilee flows out to other bodies of water. It receives from the river Jordan and then gives. The Dead Sea takes from the river Jordan but does not flow out anywhere. Water flows in and just sits. Actually, the water gets trapped and evaporates. So it even loses what it has.

The Dead Sea is so salty because so much water evaporates due to hot and dry conditions, with it just sitting there, that minerals become more and more concentrated. It is 8.6 times saltier than the ocean which is why no animals survive in it. What is present? Fungi.



We have a lot to learn from these two seas. There is a principle of giving and receiving in the Bible which we can see there in Luke. What we give is what we receive. It takes both - being open to receive freely, so we may be filled, and then pouring that out to others.

God gives unto us knowledge, blessings, and redemption through Christ. But, we are not supposed to just keep all we receive to ourselves and "sit in it." We are to allow it to flow into us and back out to all those around us. To share and give.

While the Dead Sea has some health benefits if you soak in it, you cannot stay there. It does not support life long-term. We can soak ourselves in God's Word for a time, but then we need to share the light we have already been given so we will be open to receive more.

After all, we don't want to stagnate with fungi, and bacteria do we?

*Give and it shall be given unto you good measure, pressed down, and shaken together.*

(Adapted from Rise Up Victorius)

## "Cotillion for Success "



Jeff Field, Senior Warden of St. George's Church in Las Vegas, Nevada, was recently introduced to an exciting program for helping children and youth in the Vegas community. It is called "Cotillion for Success." In its promotion piece, it states its purpose is to "Bring back civility

through manners, etiquette, and ballroom dancing."

Sharon Black, founder of "Cotillion for Success", said the program's purpose is to help children and youth gain confidence, courage, character, and to teach them about civic responsibility.

Father Gordon Hines, Rector of St. George's Church, commented, "This program has much potential in building community in our neighborhoods and the Church can play a pivotal



role in achieving that through this outreach. Our parish hopes to offer it to our neighboring public elementary schools in the near future. It has already had tremendous success in the Nye County, Nevada school district. The possibilities of this program are endless!"

Through Sharon's Cotillionforsuccess.com website, anyone can offer this program in their community at little to no cost. It is based on ten, twenty-minute online video modules, ranging from teaching children proper etiquette at the dinner table to mastering basic dance moves, such as the Waltz and Swing.

A test run of one of the ballroom dance modules took place on Sunday, July 31<sup>st</sup> in Las Vegas with the help of St. George's parishioners, and parents and students from a local martial arts academy. It was promoted as a "fun family dance and get together." Light refreshments were served afterwards.

Both the boys and girls had great fun in learning the dance. Their enthusiasm led the adults to join in as well. Fr. Hines commented, "I was amazed at how eager the children were to join in, although a few were a little shy or hesitant at first." Sharon Black said hesitancy is a common reaction among children at first, but after a few sessions all the children really want to participate.

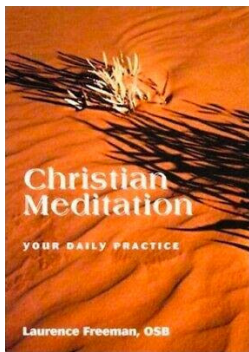
God willing, the Cotillion for Success program will be readily available nationwide in the near future.

To learn more about the "Cotillion for Success" program, please watch a five minute online video by clicking this link: [Visit this Website](#)



## Instruction on the Faith

The book, [Christian Meditation, your daily practice](#), by Laurence Freeman, OSB, is an excellent book on meditation. The introduction on the back cover of the book states, "Here are practical essentials of meditation to lead the reader to the still center of prayer, "the human consciousness of Jesus worshipping God in the Spirit." The book can be readily purchased on Amazon for around \$8, excluding shipping cost.



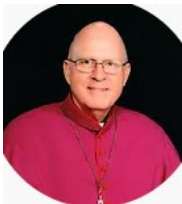
Please click the link below to listen to a short two minute instructional audio on Christian Meditation. Presented by Father Gordon Hines.

[Listen to "The benefits of meditation"](#)

## Help needed for Japanese speaking APCK member

A Japanese speaking member of St. George's Church in Las Vegas, Nevada needs help with translating various words in the Book of Common Prayer. Perhaps a helpful resource can be recommended for her. If you or someone you know can assist with this request, please contact the Rector of St. George's, Fr. Gordon Hines, at [frhines@stgeorgeanglican.org](mailto:frhines@stgeorgeanglican.org).

## Sunday Mass at St. Augustine's Anglican Church in Chico, California, broadcast live via Zoom



Periodically, The Shepherd's Staff will highlight various churches in the APCK that provide either a livestream broadcast or recording of their Sunday Mass.

While the ideal is to attend Mass in person, this is not always possible for some. Watching one of our APCK church Masses on the internet is a nice alternative.

St. Augustine's Anglican Church in Chico, California, is one such church that broadcasts a Sunday 10:30 am (PST) Mass via Zoom. If you would like to join in on this Mass, please contact Bishop Peter Hansen at [augustine.chico@gmail.com](mailto:augustine.chico@gmail.com). Once Bishop Hansen receives your request, he will send you an invite to connect to the service.

You can learn more about Bishop Hansen and St. Augustine's Church by watching this five minute video within this article. Please click the image of Bishop Hansen in this article to view the video.





## College Bound Youth at St. George's, Las Vegas, Receive Parish Funded Scholarships

St. George's, Las Vegas, college-bound parishioners Michael Jones (right-top), Ethan Mompremier (right-center), and Joe Diasparra (bottom-right) are to each receive a \$1,000 college scholarship from funds raised this summer by St. George's parishioners.

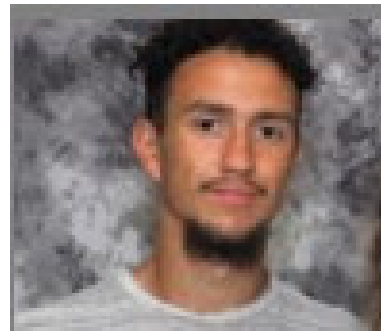
Fr. Hines said he is most grateful to God for the financial generosity of parishioners who made this possible.

This is the parish's second year of awarding college scholarships to its college-bound youth.

For a young adult to qualify for a parish scholarship, they must demonstrate exemplary academic performance and serve in one or more of the various ministries of the parish.

Michael Jones will attend the University of Nevada in Reno this fall, pursuing a Masters of Fine Arts in Creative Writing with an emphasis in Poetry. Ethan Mompremier will begin his freshman year this fall at the University of Nevada in Las Vegas. Joe Diasparra begins his sophomore year this fall at the Greenville University, a private university in Greenville, Illinois, which is affiliated with the Free Methodist Church.

Fr. Hines commented, "These young adults are the next generation of the Church and we must do all that we can to love and support them."



## Prayer for Rain



With the ongoing drought which has afflicted much of the Western and Southwestern United States and is now spreading to other parts of the country, we turn to Our Lord in prayer for an end

to the drought. The following prayer from the Book of Common Prayer (p. 40) is a good prayer to pray for rain.

*O GOD, heavenly Father, who by the Son Jesus Christ hast promised to all those who seek thy kingdom, and the righteousness thereof, all things necessary to their bodily sustenance; Send us, we beseech thee, in this our necessity, such moderate rain and showers, that we may receive the fruits of the earth to our comfort, and to thy honour; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## The Last Word



An entire generation of the young has been isolated from any true sense of the divine in this life by the arrogant media and secular schools. The young are encouraged not to think, to be clueless about who they are, what they're doing, or where they are going. They are not asked to consider the reality behind existence-God-or the wonder of Creation. We are told in these last years before the new millennium that we are in the midst of a great revolution called the "Information Highway." But in the midst of this apocalyptic change we are separated from one another more and more. We are less and less involved with each other, more

and more locked into computers and screens, cut off from our God of life, from each other. We are lonely.

And yet we are offered the life-giving mystery of Christ who gives meaning to our existence and the promise that anyone, store clerk or harvest laborer, can be a saint. For saints are those who turn from self through self-sacrifice, generosity, and love of others.

The desire for sanctity, the vision of holiness, begins when we desire to become a whole person, to love on every level of our being. Most of us are a complex mix of many persons but, exposed to Christ's grace, we want to be one person, whole, where our will and desire are one.

My religious experience has always been centered on the sacramental Presence of Christ in the Mass, for in seeing Him there, you see Him everywhere. We are told to love God. It seems abstract and distant. But to love life, to love someone else, is to start to love God.

The Archbishop of Canterbury Michael Ramsey defined glory as self-giving. What our new age lacks, what youth in every generation desire, is a sense of glory in their life. God calls us to share in His glory. St. Paul writes, "For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us."

The above homily was delivered in 1995 by the first Archbishop of the APCK, The Most Rev. Robert S. Morse, at St. Thomas Church in Palo Alto, California and St. Joseph's Anglican Theological College in Berkeley, California.



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