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Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary

Bishop Peter and Giti Hansen just celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on August 4 in Monterey, California. As mere hip youth, they wed in Reno, Nevada, but seven years later, their vows were blessed by Bishop Robert Sherwood Morse in St. Peter's Anglican Church, Oakland.

The Hansens have lived their entire married life in northern California: Oakland, Berkeley, Richmond, Suisun, Folsom and now Chico. They have been part of St. Augustine of Canterbury Anglican Church in Chico since September 1, 1991. They have one son, Jamal Jon Hansen, of San Antonio, married to Robyn Hansen for 4-1/2 months, who have raised four grandchildren to the Hansen family:

Alexis, Mark, Chander and Zephyr. Deacon Brian Faith prayed the wedding prayer over them on Transfiguration Sunday (pictured).



The Church of Our Saviour Celebrates a Century of Ministry



In 1923, the newly-built Amanda Chapel was dedicated in memory of Amanda McCarthy, mother of J. Harvey McCarthy, who developed the Carthay Circle residential area. The chapel was meant to be non-denominational much like the chapels at West Point or Annapolis; and the name Amanda Chapel can still be seen above the main doors of the church. William Jennings Bryan

spoke at the dedication and later Governor Goodwin Knight gave the church bell which had once hung in Mission Delores in San Francisco. In 1928, the Episcopal Bishop of Los Angeles, the Rt. Reverend Joseph Johnson, purchased the Amanda Chapel which was renamed the

Church of Our Saviour. The picture shows the church before Olympic Boulevard (10th Street) was widened and the Jackson Hall was built.

In 1936, after a series of faithful vicars, the Church of Our Saviour called its first rector, the Reverend John Christfield Donnell. In 1957, the church called a Canadian priest, Father Rollo Boas, as its second rector. Father Boas led Our



Saviour for ten years and he was followed by Father Forest Ogden Miller who led Our Saviour out of the Episcopal Church during the turbulent period that followed the Minneapolis General Convention of 1976. The Church was sued by ECUSA; Father Miller was called to a church in Texas and the Church of our Saviour was held together by four stalwart vestrymen: Mrs. Cooper, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Libourel and Mrs. Jones. These were the struggling years when the Church of Our Saviour hung on, supported by the loyalty of its laity (far fewer than we are now in 2023) and the help of a Welsh priest, Father Enoch Jones. In 1980 the Church of the Holy Apostles under Father George Clendenin in Glendale lost their lawsuit with the Diocese of Los Angeles but Our Saviour triumphed, so at the suggestion of Bishop Morse, the parish corporations were merged into the Church of Our Saviour and the Holy Apostles. In 1984, Father Clendenin accepted a call to Saint Peters, Oakland and the merged parish called as its second rector, the Reverend Donald M. Ashman. Since the merger, we have had our periods of growth and decline. We were gaining membership and holding our own until Covid hit. And then the moving van and hearse continued to chip away. We had to abandon the rented Glendale Chapel but we turned to the Zoom Platform and stabilized our attendance and our parishioners are coming back.

When the Vestry realized we were approaching our 100th anniversary, they decided to hold a festival Eucharist and Luncheon which was held on Transfiguration Day, 2023. Archdeacon Michael Mautner was the guest preacher and Father Robert Greene assisted.







Baptism of Shima James Gasatura

Transfiguration Day was also blessed in Cave Creek Arizona where Deacon Darius Gasatura baptized his son at Christ Anglican Church where Canon Steven Dart is the Rector. Deacon Gasatura happily remarked: *I was beyond humbled that I was granted the honor to administer this blessed Sacrament to my boy. He is now Born Again!!* And, on the following Friday, August Eleventh, Deacon Gasatura successfully passed his canonical exams for the sacred order

of priests and his interview with the House of Bishops. The Deacon was also one of our in-person attendees at the Summer Session at Saint Joseph of Arimathea Seminary in Berkeley this last July and is scheduled (Deo volente) to be ordained to the sacred order of priests on September Sixteenth.



The Parish of Saint Mark

The Parish of Saint Mark (built in 1915 and joining the APCK in 2009) has removed many of the trees that were causing damage to the right side of the building and now repairs on the roof are underway.



Father Dr. Paul Russell is our new Canon Theologian

On August Eighteenth, the Feast of Saint Helena, Archbishop Schultz with the consent of the House of Bishops appointed Father Dr. Paul Russell the Provincial Canon Theologian, which had been vacated by the death of Canon David Rodier in March of 2021. Father Russell has served as Dean of the Episcopal Heritage Church in Washington D.C.

and Dean of Saint Joseph of Arimathea Seminary. Father Russell received his A.B. in Classics from Harvard University in 1979; an M.T.S. in Theological Studies and Biblical Hebrew from Harvard Divinity School in 1983; a Master of Science in Teaching from Oxford University in 1986; and a PhD in Historical Theology from the Catholic University of America in 1992. Currently Dr. Russell is an adjunct faculty member of Modern and Classical Languages (Latin) at George Mason University, Fairfax, Virginia.



Happy Birthday Father Britton

The Reverend Boyd R. Bitton was “ambushed” on August twentieth, the Eleventh Sunday after Trinity, by a surprise birthday party hosted by the parishioners of Church of Our Saviour, Santa Barbara, at the home of Barbara and Bill Scollin who themselves were confirmed at the morning Eucharist by Bishop Ashman. Father Britton joined the Church of Our Saviour in Los Angeles in 1995. He later studied for Holy Orders (including Summer Sessions at Saint Joseph’s Seminary) and ordained a Deacon in 2010 and a priest in 2013 by the then Archbishop James E. Provence. For the last decade, Father Britton has assisted at Our Saviour, Los Angeles, once a month and taken the role of Vicar at Church of Our Saviour, Santa Barbara, three times a month.



From Bishop Mitchell

As we settle comfortably into the church pew on Sunday to freely celebrate the Mass and worship of our Lord and receive the gifts of His Body and Blood, let us consider carefully it is not so throughout other parts of the world. Let us carefully consider the words that are uttered during that part of the liturgy during our corporate prayer where the celebrant makes the pronouncement, "And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity." I think we often move too quickly through this petition, much of which I find fault with the clergy for not taking a long pause here to allow for the congregation to really intercede for the needs of others that truly are afflicted and in need of our prayers. After spending a week participating in the investigation of the fire loss in Maui, witnessing first-hand the widespread destruction of the town of Lahaina, the loss of life which will no doubt reach 1000, the loss of loved ones and friends, homes, possessions, property and pets, I was left with a feeling of hopelessness and great sadness to a point of despair. One can never approach the pain and suffering of those who have lost unless we come alongside them. How? you may ask. I'm not on Maui or in Pakistan or China; I cannot go to them and embrace them and sit with them and provide physical and spiritual comfort. And while all that may be true, there are two things you can do to fulfill the command of Our Lord to love our neighbor as ourselves.

First, we pray for them, that God in His mercy will send by grace His comfort, protection, and provision. This is the obligation of all who follow Christ. We stand in the great gap between their suffering and need and intercede by prayer for the mercies of God to help them.

Never underestimate the power of prayer. The resources of Heaven are unlimited. We may question, "If God is all powerful and all knowing, how could He, a loving God, allow this to happen?" Fair question. The answer is much more complex but boils down to this; we look to Christ. How could this same loving all-powerful Creator allow His own beloved Son to greatly suffer and die? It is because there are two worlds or kingdoms if you will, the Kingdom of Heaven and the Kingdom of the World; the perfect world and the broken one. God created the world in perfection but gave man free will to care for it. Very poor choices were made by man in that regard and God's perfect and good creation was broken and corrupted. Enter into that the influence and power of God's enemy, and the enemy of the True Church, Satan. In this we have our answer. (But more on this later.) But according to the foreknowledge and will of God, through the ministry, suffering, and actions of His Son during His time on earth, He will redeem His creation and restore it under the Kingship of Jesus through whom all things were made at the beginning. But back to the present issue of suffering in the world. Jesus Himself said, "In the world. you will have tribulation." and how well He understood this as He not only said it, but He also lived it in His Passion and Death. But let us finish with how He concluded that statement, "But be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." In this, hope now replaces despair; Joy replaces sadness, faith looks to the fulfillment of the promises of God for good in the face of visible suffering in the world. As our Savior promises, "Behold, I make all things new." (*Rev. 21:5*)

This brings me to the second thing we can do, the practical action. That of giving out of the abundance of our material wealth to relieve the suffering of others. "But whoever has the world's goods, and sees his brother in need and closes his heart against him, how does the love of God abide in him?: *Jn. 3:17*, and in the parable told by Jesus, "And the King will answer them, "Truly I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it unto me." *Matt. 25:40* I am not inferring you should contribute great amounts of money, some of us don't have much to spare, but it is the intention of the heart God looks on in the act of charitable giving. I would direct you to the story of Jesus in the temple watching the poor widow give just two mites, all that she had. It was the motivation of her heart and her love of God that moved her, not the amount she gave, that was the point. There are many good Christian based charitable organizations out there dedicated to proper distribution of contributions to relieve suffering, The Samaritan's Purse, Voice of the Martyrs, and Food for the Poor are just a few. There are many more. Find one and contribute. Through Prayer and giving you have fulfilled the commandment to love others as yourself. You have fulfilled the demands of charity. This

is pleasing to God, and you will discover you will receive His blessing. "Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts, see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need." *Mal. 3-10* Let us pray for our suffering neighbors, for our friends and family, for our communities, our leaders, and let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church.
 + *Scott D. Mitchell*

2024 Ordo Kalendars



Churchman's Ordo Kalendar
 For use with
 Book of Common Prayer (1928)
 and
 American and Anglican Missals

January 2024						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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The 2024 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:
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