

Sunday Readings

July 4 Independence Day

Deuteronomy 10:17-21

Psalms 145

Hebrews 11:8-16

Matthew 5:43-48

July 6 Pentecost 8

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

Psalms 45:11-18

Romans 7:15-25a

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

July 13 Pentecost 9

Genesis 25:19-34

Psalms 119:105-112

Romans 8:1-11

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

July 20 Pentecost 10

Genesis 28:10-19a

Psalms 139:1-11, 22-23

Romans 8:12-25

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

July 25 St. James the Apostle

Jeremiah 45:1-5

Psalms 7:1-10

Acts 11:27-12:3

Matthew 20:20-28

July 27 Pentecost 11

Genesis 29:15-28

Psalms 105:1-11, 45b

Romans 8:26-39

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Sunday Worship Schedule

7:30 am Traditional Eucharist

8:45 am Childcare, 2nd floor

9 am Bible Study; Adult Forum

10 am Choral Eucharist,
Children & Youth Programs

Children are escorted to Sunday School after
the Blessing for the Children at
the beginning of the 10 am service.

Noon Worship Schedule

Wednesday Healing Eucharist

Last Friday of the Month is a
Requiem Eucharist

Monday Evening Prayer

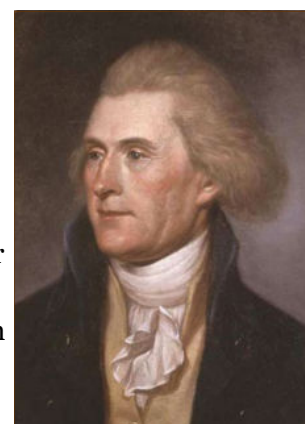
5:30 pm In the Chapel

A Nation Born of a Faithful World View

By The Reverend Randal B. Gardner

Few phrases are as central to our understanding of the United States as Jefferson's sentence in the Declaration of Independence: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

Jefferson's optimism about the goodness of humanity, his unquestioning respect for the fact of a Creator, and his belief in human equality shape the very soul of our national conscience. Jefferson was hardly an orthodox Christian, candidly declaring his disbelief in the Bible and his disregard for the influence of the church over society and individuals. But his regard for Christianity as the highest expression of God's law, and his education and cultural formation in a Christian society, left him certain that God's commandments could be found in nature and in reason as the way to just societies. While he had little regard for the writings of Paul, he seems to have incorporated Paul's regard for the leading of the Spirit over the tradition of the law into his political and personal philosophy.



It is good to remember that this grand experiment in government of, by, and for the people could hardly have arisen apart from the Christian regard for both the spirit-inspired individual and the pervasive power of sinful inclinations.

Jefferson believed that liberty produced the most fruitful societies and that restricting government protected the individual creativity out of which true freedom could come. His experience of the heavy hand of British control over the colonies gave him the sense that both countries would thrive more if individuals were freer to invent, express, and govern themselves.

While Jefferson gave the lofty vision that is the Declaration, James Madison grounded the constitution in his pragmatic distrust of the goodness of the human soul. Jefferson argued that all people, shaped by good education and natural curiosity, would live morally upright lives in which the common good made the most sense. Madison had no such optimism, believing in the other half of Paul's contention: that all are sinners incapable of doing what is right even if they want to do so. The need of most human souls, in Madison's perspective, was for limited but plain regulation.

Madison shaped the constitution around a system of checks and balances in which three branches of government had enough power to prevent the naturally

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BIBLE DRAMA CAMP: WHAT A BLAST!

June 17-22 was a whirlwind week of fun, music, and drama! Our annual Bible Drama Camp was a wonderful week, drawing kids and adults from St. James and five other parishes! All week, students and staff worked and played together to read and act more than forty short plays, and rehearsed the musical of *The Good Samaritan*, which they performed for the sermon on Sunday June 22. With enthusiastic participation from a talented, diverse group (ages 5-93!) we fulfilled Father Waddy's four-fold mission for Bible Drama: Fun, Friendship, Skills, and Service. Contact Mandy at amanda.davis@sjbts.org or 858-459-3421 ext. 108 to get involved with Bible Drama!



SUNDAY SCHOOL NOTES FOR JULY

Don't forget: No Sunday School July 6!

July 20 St. James Day!

July 27 Children's Chapel with Father Waddy.



Ariel Bernard and Mandy Davis greet two of our talented Bible Drama campers after the Sunday performance.


—on their way to Jericho!

Youth Notes: Beauty in the Ordinary

By Chris Bernard, Pastor for Youth & Family

A couple of years ago, I met this guy named Shane Claiborne. He was tall and scrawny. He wore shaggy clothes and long, multicolored dreads. And with a strong Tennessee drawl, he went around telling stories of his life as an ordinary radical. One of the things that intrigued me about him was when he was 21, he went out to find a “true” Christian, and somehow scored a summer internship with Momma T (or as we knew her, Mother Teresa). While doing an internship under one of the most remarkable women the world has ever known was... well, impressive, what was even more impressive were the lessons he learned working at a Lepers colony outside of Calcutta.

In his time there, Shane learned that Jesus’ lasting significance was not the miracles He performed, rather it was His love that He shared. Shane says, “We can do all sorts of miracles, but if we have not love, it is nothing.” And while St. Paul says this too, Shane learned it from a leper, helping heal other lepers in a place that is poorer than any place we could imagine.

I think the truest expression of love is found when you see Jesus in someone else: in the homeless guy down the street, in a person at school that is lashing out at you because they are hurt and don’t know how else to act, in your brother or sister or parent or any other loved one in your life. Sometimes it is hard to see Jesus in someone else; and sometimes it is hard to see that the person you see in the mirror is made in the image of God. And it’s hard to believe for sure that that person is good. But when Shane tells his story and talks about the lepers he met, you know he saw Jesus in them. And when I hear or remember his stories, my hope is encouraged, and I get excited about opportunities to help and serve people, like with the Mexico Missions Trip coming up in the fall with YWAM. I get excited because I want to see Jesus and I want to know love so much more than I know now. 

If you want read Shane Claiborne’s story, you can find his book, *The Irresistible Revolution: living as an ordinary radical*, on Amazon or at Barnes and Nobles. Check it out.

Youth Calendar for July & August

July 4: Independence Day

July 12: Episcopal Night at Petco Park: Come and watch the Padres v. the Braves. \$9 tickets. You can buy them from the office.

July 15: Game Night @ Via Barranca. 6-8PM.

July 20: St. James Day

July 27: *Everything is Spiritual*. 9AM—10:45AM: film & discussion, then join the congregation for the Eucharist.

August 8-10: The Art of Latin America

August 13: Bonfire

August 17: *The God’s Aren’t Angry*. From 9AM—10:45AM: film & discussion, then join the congregation for the Eucharist.

August 24: Food and Games @ Via Barranca. After Church at 12-4PM.

August 31: Youth Sunday and Parent Meeting.

Parent Notes:

Clarifying some confusion about Sunday “School”

The youth will continue to meet during the normal time on Sundays, where we will focus on developing relationally and re-orient our understanding of the church as community. However, there will be no formal curriculum offered during the summer.

Sunday School will pick up in the fall the week after Rally Sunday (September 21) with a new series called *Nooma*. If you have any questions, please contact me. — Chris Bernard, 858.459.3421 x 120 or chris.bernard@sjbts.org.

Parent Meeting – August 31 @ 11:30: If you are a parent of a student in the Youth Program, please come to this informative meeting about the fall program—August 31 from 11:30-12:30, following the 10 am service. We will address a wide variety of topics including the Mexico Missions Trip, Confidentiality Agreements, and eCommunication for youth. My hope is that it will be very helpful to everyone involved. Thank you for your support.

eNews: Parent’s Edition: In order to better communicate to you all, we have decided to start a weekly newsletter. It will have all the information for upcoming events and details about what we are doing in Sunday School. If you would like to be on this list, please send me your e-mail address. Look for it hitting your mailbox in July. chris.bernard@sjbts.org



“To be a Christian is to claim truth wherever you find it.” – Rob Bell.

A Nation Born of a Faithful World View by Randal Gardner

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unhealthy impulses of the other. The president could overrule the tendency toward prejudice and panic that might move a legislative body. The courts could overrule the usurpations of power in both the executive and legislative branches. And the legislature held the tightest control over the most significant decisions a government could make—levying taxes and declaring

“What is government itself but the greatest of all reflections on human nature?

If men were angels, no government would be necessary.

If angels were to govern men, neither external nor internal controls on government would be necessary.”

James Madison 1751-1836

war. Beyond that, the legislative process would be so ponderous that it would be hard to enact rash impulses.

His view presaged the famous declaration from a century later that powerful people were to be given no benefit of

doubt: “Power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely. Great men are almost always bad men,” (Lord Acton in a letter to Bishop Mandell Creighton, April, 1887). It is worth noting that Madison shared Jefferson’s opinion that the potential harm that could be done by an individual was much less worrisome than the harm that could be done by government.

As we mark another anniversary of our national birth, it is good to remember that this grand experiment in government of, by, and for the people could hardly have arisen apart

from the Christian regard for both the spirit-inspired individual and the pervasive power of sinful inclinations. Madison grounds us in the pragmatic recognition that all people live in, and reflect, the broken psyche of a fallen and sinful world. Jefferson reminds us that a Divine spirit makes possible the elevation of the individual and of society to a holy creativity and inspired effort. Madison grounds us in the limited hope we have for this earth. Jefferson invites our dreams and our greatest hopes.

Randal

“The care of human life and happiness, and not their destruction, is the first and only legitimate object of good government.”

Thomas Jefferson 1743-1826

St. James Gift Shop News & Events

Art of Latin America Event is August 8

By Karen Fast

July already! I can't believe it!

The *Art of Latin America* is gearing up to be more fun than ever this year.

Come to enjoy the native crafts, see how rug weaving is done, watch a gourd carver, and be part of this very special weekend. This will be outreach at its best!

Entertainment will include mariachis, the Dance of the Old Men, Ballet Folklorico and Peruvian flute music. Native foods will be available. Artists from Panama, Guatemala, Peru, Ecuador and Mexico will attend the show on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, August 8, 9 and 10, from 10 to 4, every day.


We have added something new this year. A **"Meet the Artists" reception and fundraiser will be held on Friday night, August 8, from 6 to 8 pm.** Held under a tent on the front courtyard, there will be live entertainment, gourmet appetizers and a silent auction.

Tickets are \$40 each, and will benefit Dorcas

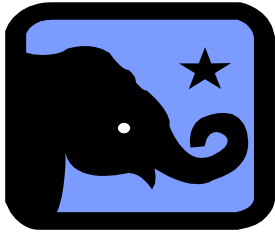


Karen Fast

House, the foster home in Tijuana and Responsibility, the school at the Dump in Tijuana. The items in the Silent Auction will include paintings done by the Children of Dorcas House, art donated by some of the artists, private dinners, and lots of surprises. Plan early to purchase your tickets, available in the Gift Shop, and be part of this memorable evening! For further information, please call Karen Fast, Manager 858

456-1105. 





The Golden Elephant is Alive and Well!

Many thanks to those of you who have brought donations by the alley door already. And a special thank you to the 'furniture people' who have called and who are graciously holding their larger pieces until we move into the Hall.



Carol Ware, Lori Bantz, & Marvie Norris enjoy working in the antique section of the sale.

We still need more of your quality items - artwork, books, jewelry, holiday items, linens, antiques, collectibles, toys and better clothes of all sizes - men's, women's and children's. Furniture also, although our storage space is limited. We are open in the alley off Silverado between the church services on Sunday and by appointment by calling Nan Thomas at 858-549-2322.

Please note, we need to cut off donations on September 12 to have the final week to organize the last minute things. That seems

like a long way off right now, but you know it will slip up on you. So put "organize my Elephant donations" on your summer to-do list right now.

Be sure to mark your calendars...the 2008 sale dates are September 19, 20 & 21.

Friday night , Sept 19, will be First Choice Night from 5:30-7:30. Admission will be \$10 for advance purchase tickets - available at the St James Gift Shop - or \$15 at the door; there is a 20% surcharge on purchases made that evening only; and wine and cheese are included.

Saturday, September 20, is the main sale from 9 am - 3 pm. The popular Holy Smoke grill will be serving burgers and hotdogs from 11 am until the food runs out .

Sunday, September 21, is the half price sale afternoon. We will be open from noon to 3 pm for the bargain hunters....and who doesn't love a bargain.

Please tell all your friends to come shop at our unique "upscale rummage sale". We always do have many one of a kind items and word of mouth publicity is the very best kind. In fact, plan to invite a friend - or several friends - to join you at the sale on Friday night. Last year I heard more than one person on their cell phones telling someone to "get here

Any Thoughts?

Lunch Bunch Asks You a Question!

By Muggie Harris, Publicity Chair

The Lunch Bunch is on hiatus for the summer, but of course we are planning good programs for next season.

We would love to hear from you! Give us a call or email if you have speakers and/or suggestions. Don't hesitate! Contact Muggie Harris with your ideas: muggiehar@aol.com or call me at 858 272-9647. 📞



quickly, you won't believe what they have." Think of it as a Friday night out to help support your church's outreach ministries and to have a fun time. We always need volunteers - especially cashiers who can work one or more shifts during the sale times. If you'd like to join the fun, call the coordinator, Susy Jones at 858-483-3657. 📞



Co-chair, Paul Pitman & volunteer, Cathy Canada

The Actions of the Vestry for May, 2008

Budget Deficit Discussed

By Cindy Trowbridge, Jr. Warden

Following Virginia Waller's presentation on the Health Ministries Outreach Committee, the Vestry approved two resolutions:

- The Health Ministries Outreach Committee may also call itself the *St. James Health Ministry Committee*.
- Joan Bivin's seat on the Committee is renewed, to end December 31, 2010.

Father Gardner recognized the key leadership and advocacy of Virginia Waller on behalf of the St. James Memorial Fund and presented her with a Shell Award for such outstanding service.

He also lauded Lisa Gordon's significant contribution to the Centennial Tea, and awarded her a Shell Award.

Howard Young, Finance Committee chair, discussed reductions of the \$100,000 budget deficit for 2008. The Vestry unanimously approved a resolution to reduce the budget deficit by four steps:

1. Transfer \$50,000 of an unrestricted gift, reserved for the 2009 budget, into the 2008 budget;
2. Staff and Finance Committee to make line-item review of budget, revise expected income, and make adjustments to expenses that would not adversely affect execution of the Strategic Plan;
3. Reduce the gap through revitalized stewardship program;
4. Borrow from invested assets to balance the budget if a deficit

persists after implementing the first three steps.

Father Gardner discussed an interim plan proposed by the Liturgy Committee to temporarily move the stone font to the front of the church. The Vestry unanimously approved moving the stone font in front of the altar to the right where the "cut-out" for wheelchairs is located.

Ian Williamson reported that a **special meeting of the Vestry has been scheduled for Sunday, July 13, 2008 following the 10:00 a.m. service to bless the Building Committee** on their negotiations for a final contract. A final contract will be presented to the Vestry for authorization on July 22, 2008. The construction of the new restrooms is expected to begin on Monday, August 18, 2008. Tom Grunow, Building Committee member, encouraged the Church to purchase construction items directly to obtain discounts, utilize its tax-free status, and avoid contractor mark-up on materials. The Vestry authorized Tom to order materials not to exceed \$10,000.

We succeed only as we identify in life, or in war, or in anything else, a single overriding objective, and make all other considerations bend to that one objective.

Dwight D. Eisenhower, 34th president of US 1953-1961 (1890 - 1969)

Steve Townsend reported the Choir, Music Series and Evensong are doing well. He has made arrangements for these activities to continue while he is on sabbatical

from June 8— September 13. He plans to visit other local churches and in other states to experience alternative worship services.


Mary Kay Chandler reported the Stewardship Committee meeting produced many ideas for a giving campaign based on compassion, caring and a commitment to giving.

Chancellor Ian Williamson reported the Church received a \$2,500 claim for personal injuries arising from a fall in the sanctuary that occurred December 19, 2006. The matter is referred to the insurance carrier to investigate the claim.

"... I BELIEVE THAT THE FUTURE IS BRIGHT FOR OUR DIOCESE AND THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH."
BISHOP MATHES

THE QUOTE IS FROM THE DIOCESE WEBSITE. YOU CAN READ THE ENTIRE TEXT AT: WWW.EDSD.ORG/

Bishop Mathes reflected on his tenure as Bishop of the Diocese of San Diego. In his first year (2005-2006) the Diocese was in conflict which resulted in three churches leaving. Additionally, the Diocese was in a difficult financial position, as was the Episcopal Community Services (ECS). In his second year (2007) the financial positions of the Diocese and ECS improved.

Bishop Mathes thanked the members of St. James for our generosity to the Diocese. He stated that 2008 is a celebratory and building year, with big tasks ahead, such as helping congregations to mitigate the systematic decline in membership, and planning new congregations. 



A Note from The Beijing Circle: A Personal Epiphany

By Carole Scott

In our Beijing Circle, we have accepted that we must fully research, contemplate and discuss the Millennium Development Goals, rather than jumping in feet first to try to fix any one piece of the heart-breaking poverty that confronts us. Our Circle must wait for the Holy Spirit to lead us to an effective plan of action.

A general Mission Statement for Beijing Circles:

Beijing Circles are safe forums for women to meditate and learn more about the Millennium Development Goals, established by the United Nations in 2000, and the principles of the "Beijing Platform" promulgated by the Fourth World Conference on Women in 1995 in Beijing, China.

The Circles provide an opportunity for women to co-create positive action and advocacy to further the well-being of women and their families throughout the globe.

In a recent meeting each of us described her journey so far, and when I shared with the group the ways in which my own thinking had been transformed, they asked me to write it down for others to read.

One of the recurrent themes in our Beijing Circle discussions has been the compelling shifts in paradigm that characterize our world today. Revolutions in modes of communication, technology and medical research happen so quickly, and we are continually challenged with understanding ourselves, our communities and our environment in different ways. These new modes of perception are sometimes disturbing, but they can also bring a sense of

epiphany when the paradigm shift dramatically opens our eyes and hearts, and brings hope for the future.

My biggest problem with the Development Goals has been the aim to “*eradicate poverty.*” As our group delved into the multiple ramifications of poverty involving hunger, poor health, lack of education, gender inequality, overpopulation and disempowerment, I felt despair about making any significant difference. Well-used phrases like “the poor are always with us” and accepted concepts about the appropriate unemployment rate for a balanced economy continued to persuade me that the *eradication* (literally pulling out by the roots) of poverty was completely unrealistic.

Other members of the group supported me in my deep pit of painful and despairing frustration, urging me to continue to confront the problems.

The turning point for me was reading about Nobel Award winner, Muhammad Yunus’ Grameen Bank in his book *Banker to the Poor*. He described in specific detail the plight of the families he met, and how he discovered that small loans could empower the women to break the cycle of unbelievable poverty in which generations had been mired.


Turning from the entrenched financial structures, he set up an independent system to provide microcredit to five-women communities. With guidelines, support, and their own uncompromising effort, these clusters of women raised themselves and their families to a decent stan-

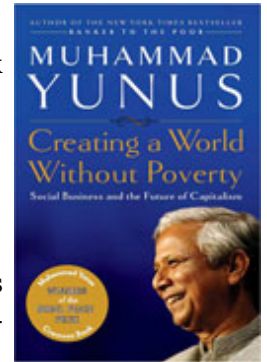
dard of health, nutrition, education, and hope for the future, ultimately leading to lasting social and economic development for their entire communities.

A real spark of hope grew in me as I read about the dramatic changes in so many lives. But it was his book, *Creating a World*

Without Poverty, that brought me to the epiphany I shared with our Beijing Circle.

As I read Yunus’ work, his visionary ideas filled me with light, and I was able to see that poverty is not a necessary evil but a condition that can indeed be changed. Yunus is not a theoretical economist with airy hypotheses, but a gifted practical man. He uses his knowledge and experience to offer us an economic paradigm shift that could transform the world, enriching our capitalist system with new ways of using money for what he terms “social business” that can benefit everyone, and can bring an end to poverty.

I’m not pretending to be pioneering new ideas: Eleanor Ellsworth and Cindy Trowbridge are way ahead of me in their knowledge and excitement about microcredit. But I am thrilled to reach this new understanding, and this personal epiphany brings me hope and energy as I see how a small Beijing Circle might indeed make a significant difference to what had seemed to me to be an insurmountable problem. 





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Called to Serve!

Meet Anitha and Monty Hughes

As soon as we walked in, St. James was as for us. Then a couple in the pew ahead turned around and greeted us!

Monty and Anitha, originally from Oklahoma City, moved to San Diego in February of 2006—a long-time dream fulfilled. Married in 1975, they have one married daughter.

Of course we wanted a place to worship, but most importantly to be of service and make a difference, to know God was leading us!

They began with Via Media, and followed up by being VM discussion leaders. They now work together as greeters and lead the Newcomers team. Anitha is a new member of the Vestry, the Beijing Circle, and a member of the Core Planning Team for the PB's visit; and designed our new visitor pamphlet. Monty joined the Men of St. James Diners and volunteered on the Safety team for the PB's visit. Both are a joy to work with...and definitely called to serve! 