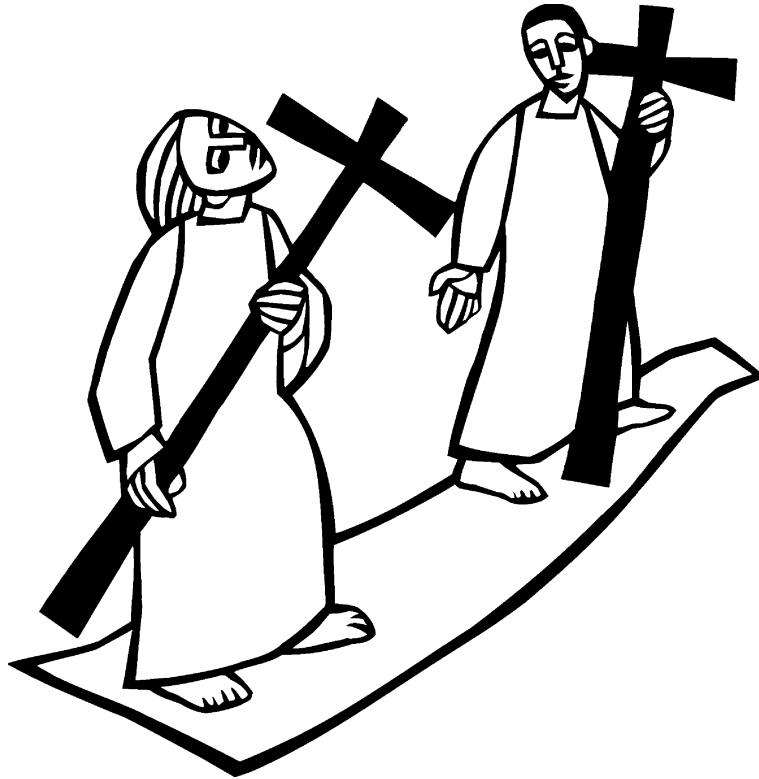


The Second Sunday in Lent
February 25, 2024, 10:00 a.m.



THE CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

The Episcopal Church in Agoura, Oak Park, and Westlake Village

The Rev. Jamie Barnett, Vicar

WELCOME

Visitors: We are delighted you have come to worship with us today! If you are interested in learning more about our church, please fill out the purple information card found in the slot in front of your seat and place it on the collection plate. We are excited to meet you and would love to get to know you! Please join us for coffee, donuts, and fellowship in the Bishop's Hall directly after the service.

This booklet contains the full order of service. If you are unfamiliar with our rituals and customs, just be present with us in this ancient liturgy and let the rest of the congregation carry you in worship. The bold type indicates where the people are invited to respond or pray.

Restrooms: Proceed through the office door to the right of the church and go straight down the hall and to the left. Both restrooms have baby changing tables.

Assisted listening devices: Available from the ushers in the back of the church.

Children: We welcome children in our worship. Their sounds are a gift from God – no need to subdue them! Our *playground* is located in the side chapel and has quiet activities for parents and younger children to use while still in worship. Children ages 3-11 are welcome to join the atrium for our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Sunday School program located in Mitchel Hall. Ask the ushers for directions. Children return to the service for communion.

Contact: Office hours are Tuesday-Thursday from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. and the sanctuary is open during these hours for private prayer or meditation. To speak with The Rev. Jamie Barnett, please call the office and make an appointment. Her office hours are Tuesday through Thursday.

Communion: By tradition, The Episcopal Church offers Holy Communion to all baptized persons. If you are not baptized, but wish to receive, we invite you to participate fully in the opening part of the service, called the Ministry of the Word, hearing God's word and reflecting on your life, enabling you to come to the table for communion, if you so choose, with a heart prepared to receive. We hope that if you feel touched by the word and sacrament and wish to learn more about the life-giving power of the Spirit of the Risen Christ, you will contact The Rev. Jamie Barnett to inquire about participating in Holy Baptism.

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

PRELUDE

Fugue in C minor, BWV 549(ii)

JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH (1685-1750)

The Word of God

ENTRANCE HYMN

Hymn 636

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord

FOUNDATION

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The people standing, the Presider says

Presider Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People **God's mercy endures for ever.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Presider may say

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE S 96 *Lord, have mercy upon us (Schubert/Proulx)*

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

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Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, -

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of Genesis.

¹When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. ²And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.” ³Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, ⁴“As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. ⁷I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.”

SECOND READING: Romans 4:13-25

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Rome.

¹³The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

¹⁶For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²²Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." ²³Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

SEQUENCE HYMN

All stand as able.

Hymn 484

Praise the Lord through every nation

WACHET AUF

GOSPEL: Mark 8:31-38

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

³¹[Jesus] began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Jamie Barnett

THE NICENE CREED

All stand as able.

We believe in one God,

**the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

**the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit

**he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

All remain standing.

We are in awe of you and your promises. Help us set our minds on you.

Your world is aching for healing. Make us good stewards of your creation, Lord. Grant our president and our leaders in the courts and Congress compassion and wisdom.

Have mercy upon us. Set our minds on you.

Your church is reaching for you. Help us to extend our reach to all whom you love.

Have mercy upon us. Set our minds on you.

Your people are being born, are ill, are both anxious and joyous. They are hungry and cold and don't know where to turn. They bend under the weight of their lives and rejoice in your life-giving love. Enable us to bring them your healing and fullness of life. we pray especially for those on our parish prayer list: Anna and the Justiniano family, Dani, Winnie and the Luppert family, Joanne, Egan, the Abbott family, Irene, Angela, Brian; we pray also for those who have asked for our prayers, but who prefer to remain anonymous, and for those on our long-term prayer list. We pray also for the repose of the souls of Ramon and Ursula.

Have mercy upon us. Set our minds on you.

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Presider says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Presider and People

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Presider stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER FOR BIRTHDAYS

All **Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up when they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Take up your cross

(sung by the Parish Choir)

Refrain:

“Take up your cross,” the Savior said, “if you want to follow me.”

I acknowledge my faults and my sin is ever before me. *Refrain.*

Turn your face from my sin, and blot out my wicked transgressions.

Refrain.

TEXT: MARK 8: 34 (ADAPTED); PSALM 51: 3, 9

MUSIC: RONALD CORP (B. 1951)

PRESENTATION HYMN

Hymn 393

Praise our great and gracious Lord

MAOZ ZUR

The Great Thanksgiving

The People remain standing.

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

SANCTUS S 129 Holy, holy, holy (Powell)

Presider and People

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Presider continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

***We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.***

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God of Sarah, Rachel, and Leah; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say, in the language of our hearts,

People and Presider


**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

**Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo,
santificado sea tu nombre,
venga tu reino,
hágase tu voluntad,
en la tierra como en el cielo.
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día,
Perdona nuestras ofensas
como también nosotros perdonamos
a los que nos ofenden.
No nos dejes caer en la tentación,
y líbranos del mal.
Porque tuyo es el reino,
el poder, y la gloria,
ahora y por siempre. Amén.**

The Breaking of the Bread


FRACTION ANTHEM

Antiphon
Cantor; then All




Who - ev - er eats this bread will live for ev - er.

Cantor




1. This is the true bread which comes down from hea - ven

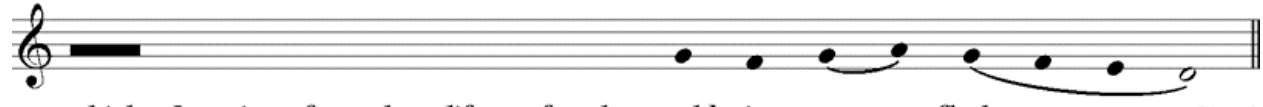
Cantor



and gives life to the world. [Ant.] 2. Who - ev - er



believes in me shall not hun - ger or thirst, for the bread



which I give for the life of the world is my flesh. [Ant.]

The Presider says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

DISTRIBUTION

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

This is Christ's Banquet. It is made ready for those who love God, and for those who want to love God more. So, come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often, and you who have not been here long. You who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have gotten lost. Come, because it is Christ who invites you.

All who seek God and desire a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion. During the distribution of Communion, we welcome you to receive the sacrament or a prayer of blessing. When you come to the altar rail, you may either stand or kneel.

If you desire to receive the sacrament, please receive the bread in open and outstretched hands. Once you have received it, you may keep it there and the chalice bearer will take it, dip it in the wine and return it to you. If you do not wish to receive the wine, simply consume the wafer and then you may place your hands on the base of the chalice and the chalice bearer will say the words of administration. If you would like a gluten-free wafer, please tell the presider.

If you desire to receive a blessing, please cross your hands over your chest at the altar rail.

COMMUNION MUSIC

All are invited to sing

God is for - give - ness. Dare to for - give and

God will be with you. God is for - give - ness.

Love, and do not fear.

After Communion, the Presider says
Let us pray.

Presider and People

**God of abundance,
you have fed us
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us
with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth
in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

The Presider blesses the people.

POST-COMMUNION HYMN

Hymn 675

Take up your cross, the Savior said

BOURBON

DISMISSAL

Presider

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Prelude in C minor, BWV 549(i)

JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH (1685-1750)

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For the Week of Sunday, February 25, 2024

EPIPHANY CONNECTIONS

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THIS WEEK AT EPIPHANY

2/25	10:00 a.m.	Children in church
	10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
2/27	11:00 a.m.	a grief shared
	5:00 p.m.	Laundry Love (offsite)
2/28	6:00 p.m.	Soup/salad before Lenten group
	6:30 p.m.	A Case for Love Lenten Series
	7:00 p.m.	Lectio Divina
2/29	11:00 a.m.	Climate + Change (zoom) go to www.tcote.org/adult-formation
	6:30 p.m.	Schola Rehearsal
	7:45 p.m.	Parish Choir Rehearsal
3/3	9:45 a.m.	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd - Children in the Atrium
	10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	11:30 a.m.	Epiphany Youth Group
	11:30 a.m.	Lector training



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GIVE



Your ongoing financial support allows us to embrace and engage in the mission and ministry of The Church of the Epiphany. You may give at www.tcote.org/give or scan the QR code.

Have you put off making your pledge for 2024? It's never too late. You can fill out the card in the back of the pews or go to www.tcote.org/stewardship-2024/ today!

EASTER FLOWER GIFTS



This Easter our church will again be magnificently decorated with beautiful flowers. We hope you can contribute by making a monetary donation, either in thanksgiving for something or someone in your life, or in memory of a loved one. You may fill out the form in the back of the pews and place it on the

offering plate with cash or check or mail it to the church office. You can donate at the website under Altar Flower Gifts <https://www.tcote.org/epiphany-flower-guild/>

All donations received by Sunday, March 24 will be acknowledged in the Easter bulletins. Any donations received after that date will be acknowledged in the bulletin on April 7.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH



"This roundup of Black history movies offers an often informational and universally entertaining glimpse into the past, present and future." For your education and edification:

[24 Inspiring, Joyful & Tear-Jerking Movies You Should Stream for Black History Month - Parade.com](https://www.tcote.org/adult-formation/) or go to www.tcote.org/adult-formation/

FEBRUARY A GRIEF SHARED



Wherever and however you are experiencing grief - the death of a loved one, the loss of hope, the fear of the unknown - we invite you to come and share your story in a safe and supportive space. Our next meeting is **Tuesday, February 27, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** in Ascension Chapel. Please contact Laurie Burns at lburns@tcote.org if you need further information.

FEBRUARY LAUNDRY LOVE



Next **Tuesday, February 27**, we will meet at the Coin Op Laundry, 1008 E. Avenida de Los Arboles (near the 99 Cents Only Store) from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. You

don't need to stay the entire time. You will need to wrap up warm but know that your heart will be warmed by doing gospel work!! To volunteer or for more information, contact Karen James at kjames@tcote.org. To learn more about Laundry Love, go to www.tcote.org/laundry-love/.

MARCH OWLS EVENT



Please come join us **Thursday, March 14** from 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. for lunch...celebrating St. Patrick's Day with Irish songs and fun...as well as Jay Wilcox talking about our 1869 organ and how it works and answering

questions about music at Epiphany. We ask for a \$15 donation to cover the cost of lunch. Please **RSVP by March 11** to Michelle Ponticelli at 805-320-5003 or email her at mponticelli@tcote.org.

If you would like to donate to or underwrite an OWLs program, please go to www.tcote.org/give/

OUR LENTEN SERIES



For Lent this year we are suggesting that rather than give something up, we take something on. Our Lenten series will be based on the movie *A Case for Love*, which several of us have seen, using resources sent by the Diocese. The producers have provided a journal that you can link to through our *Connections Newsletter* or www.tcote.org. A few hard copies will be available at church. You are invited to observe and note, not only what unselfish acts of love you do, but what you see around you, and the effects of unselfish love on yourself and others.

It is not necessary to have seen the movie. It is not necessary to even do the journal. Come for fellowship and faithful learning.

Meetings are **6:30 -7:30 p.m.in Ascension Chapel February 21 - March 20**. A special treat: from February 28 - March 13, there will be soup and salad in the Founder's Room from 6:00 – 6:30 p.m.

WELCOME KITS FOR REFUGEES

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR REFUGEE FAMILIES



The Epiphany Interfaith Ministry is inviting

everyone of all ages to participate in collecting new items or gift cards for Welcome Kits for Refugees from **February 11 - March 8**. See the flyer in our *Connections Newsletter* for details and a link to the WIN Sign Up Genius to participate. Collection bins will also be available at church. Questions? Contact Aggie at 805-807-5001 or aggiew53@gmail.com.



The Conejo Valley Interfaith Refugee Team invites you to learn about helping

local refugee families on **Sunday, March 3, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.** at a potluck dessert reception. RSVP required. See details in our *Connections Newsletter* or at www.tcote.org/

PLEASE JOIN US



Please join members of the Epiphany Interfaith Ministry **Monday, February 26 at 7:00 p.m.** to hear directly from Muslim, Jewish and Christian orthodox scholars and leaders and their thoughtful perspective and message of peace to our local faith communities.

**Columbo Episcopal Church
1251 Las Posas Road, Camarillo, 93010**

For more info, see our *Connections Newsletter* or visit <https://www.vcic.info/> If you have questions or need assistance, contact Aggie aggiew53@gmail.com

MINISTRIES – FIND YOUR CONNECTION

For more information on these and other ministries, please visit www.tcote.org



Want to help on Sundays during the service? If you are interested in being an **usher, reader, or LEM**, please contact the church at info@tcote.org



Members of the **Altar Guild** prepare all that is necessary for the celebration of all of the sacraments of the church. Contact: Leigh Wallace mizeinla@gmail.com



Each week, talented and creative team members of the **Epiphany Flower Guild** purchase and arrange our altar flowers. No experience necessary; on-the-job training provided! Contact: Carrie Wilcox (703) 508-2628



Do you like to entertain? The **Holy Hosts** are looking for people who are interested in cooking, serving, or helping to supply food for church events. If you are interested in participating, please contact Karen Listick by texting (preferable) or calling at 818-519-1763 or via e-mail at karen@listick.com.



The **Music Ministry** at The Church of the Epiphany offers a variety of opportunities for participation and welcomes all.

You may join the choir at any time. Contact: Jay jwilcox@tcote.org



Coffee hour is a tradition of hospitality and fellowship, a time to catch up with friends and acquaint yourself with new people of the congregation. Interested in being a

Coffee Host? Contact: info@tcote.org



The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program is highly child-centered and allows children to enter into a relationship with God in their own ways, and in their own time. All

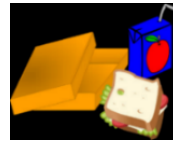
children are welcome. Contact: Laurie Burns lburns@tcote.org



At Epiphany, we embrace and appreciate the capacity and insight of our teen parishioners. **EYG** is a safe, encouraging space for spiritual exploration and asking important questions. We meet *every Sunday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.* Contact: Laurie Burns lburns@tcote.org



Meeting *at noon for one hour on Wednesdays*, **Feeding the Spirit** Bible study is focused on upcoming lessons for the week and the themes found within. Upcoming readings will be found in our *Connections* newsletter or www.lectionarypage.net **ON HIATUS DURING LENT.**



The Lunch Bunch prepares and delivers 70-80 brown bag lunches to Harbor House once a month for low income and homeless families and individuals. Join us! Contact: Yvonne

Lux yvonnelix@gmail.com



The **Women's Interfaith Network (WIN)** has many opportunities to serve those in need in our community. Please check their page at www.tcote.org. Contact: Aggie Winston (805) 807-5001.



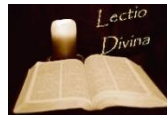
Creation Care at The Church of the Epiphany is about helping each other to grow in care for God's Creation.

Seasonal Sacred Hikes help to create a personal bond and connection. Contact: Mari Mendenhall mmidsgn@sbcglobal.net



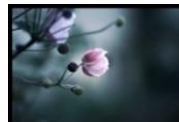
Deepen your faith while discussing the Bible, church history, and practical theology. **Education for Ministry (EfM)** meets *Monday nights from September to June*, enrollment for 2024 begins in July.

Contact: Elizabeth at E.Vana.Bryant@gmail.com



Lectio Divina is a practice of scriptural reading, meditation, and prayer opening to a deeper communion with God. We meet via Zoom *every Wednesday at 7:00*

p.m. Link at www.tcote.org/lectio-divina or contact: Barry at burnscreative@gmail.com.



A grief shared meets *on the fourth Tuesday of every month from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in Ascension Chapel*. Wherever and however you are

experiencing grief, we invite you to come and share your story in a safe and supportive space. Contact: Laurie Burns lburns@tcote.org



PFLAG's vision is to create a world where difference is celebrated, and all people are valued inclusive of their sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression. We meet on the *second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.* Contact:

info@tcote.org



Laundry Love is a nationwide program that assists low-income families and individuals in doing their laundry. We meet on *the last Tuesday of each month from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.* Contact: Karen James

kjames@tcote.org



The **Pastoral Care Team** cares for parishioners who may be sick, recovering from surgery, or experiencing other life changes. We make phone calls, visit hospitals and homes, and help with their unmet needs, such as providing an occasional meal following surgery or illness. If you would like to be a part of this rewarding ministry, contact Sharon Schneider: sschneider@tcote.org



OWLS (Older Wiser Laity) strives to create community and fellowship opportunities among the more senior members of our church and the greater area, *meeting on the second Thursday of the month at noon* for lunch and enriching programs from October - May. Contact Michelle Ponticelli: mponticelli@tcote.org



Red Door Vineyard's vision is to be a source of congregational growth, strength, and spirituality as we share in the journey of crafting wine in God's

name. In addition to ongoing vineyard activities, we gather monthly for Monday Night Fellowship and Friday Evening Happy Hour and arrange a variety of social and cultural experiences. Contact: Stacey Stephens reddoorvineyard@tcote.org



The **Epiphany Music Guild** furthers the church's outreach mission to the community by providing a regular series of musical and other artistic events, enriching people's lives, and giving them opportunities to encounter beauty in a sacred space. Contact: Jay at jwilcox@tcote.org or www.tcote.org/music/

Are you new here?
Please fill out the purple card in the pews, so that we may get to know each other!

Are you in our Parish Directory? Have you checked your information lately? Please contact info@tcote.org for any new listing or correction necessary. You can access the directory at www.tcote.org.

To access the bulletin from either your tablet or your cell phone, please scan the QR code:



PRAYERS

Please pray for those on our Parish Prayer List: Anna and the Justiniano family, Dani, Winnie and the Luppert family, Joanne, Egan, the Abbott family, Irene, Angela, Brian

Please pray for those on our Long-Term Parish Prayer list: Boyd, Kay, Neil, Sarah, Tom, Donna, Judith, Kathy, Steve, Joe, Amanda, Tabitha, Judie, Steve, Paul, Glenn and family, Madden, Norma, Hailey, baby Noah and the Rowe family, Benny, Carole, John, Holly, Robyn, Bishop Michael Curry, Steve, Jane, Norma, Pat, Anne, Curt, Francisco, Susan K.

Please pray for the souls of the departed: Ramon, Ursula

To add yourself, family, or friends to the prayer list, please fill out a prayer card or submit your prayer request online at www.tcote.org/prayer-request/.

OUR MISSION AND VISION

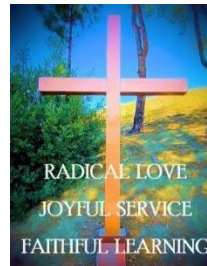
Mission

We seek to ensure that all who enter our doors know that they are loved, welcomed, and celebrated unconditionally, that we serve the world with gratitude, humility, and courage, and that we continue to grow in faith, recognizing reason and exploring the profound mystery that is God's creation.

Vision

To live and love as true followers of Jesus, not just fans.

Core Values



RADICAL LOVE

JOYFUL SERVICE

FAITHFUL LEARNING

Core Values guide us in carrying out our mission and realizing our vision. By their nature, core values are touchstones for prayer, discernment, ongoing conversation, and action. We seek a deep understanding and ongoing engagement with Epiphany's Core Values. Over the years, we will continue reflecting on what they mean in their application; how they challenge and inform decisions and actions in Epiphany's ministries, and how they help our ministries be aligned with our mission and vision.