THE CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

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

EPIPHANY CONNECTIONS

October 29, 2026

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Thursday, October 29
7:45 p.m. Choir Practice

Sunday, November 1
Don’t forget to set your clocks back one hour!
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, All Saints’ Day Service

Monday, November 2
6:30 p.m. RDV Monday Night Fellowship

Wednesday, November 4
12:00 p.m. Feeding the Spirit Bible Study

See the full calendar here

Connections

Our services are livestreamed! You can view this week’s service, past services, and memorials HERE. The bulletin will be posted by the end of the week HERE.

Do you want to hear last week’s sermon? Click HERE.

In the hope that you will have a deeper understanding and closer connection to the Word, we are sharing the lectionary for this Sunday.

Revelation 7:9-17

Psalm 34:1-10, 22

1 John 3:1-3

Matthew 5:1-12

Epiphany’s Stewardship Campaign

Plenty Good Room

Welcome to our Plenty Good Room season of stewardship!

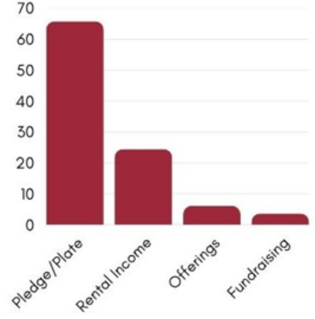
This week, we share stories of how God’s abundance has touched our lives. Listen for testimonies that remind us: there is plenty good room for all.

Thank you to Steve Stephens for sharing his story. If you’d like to make a pledge, please click the button below to fill out our online pledge card.

BUDGETING

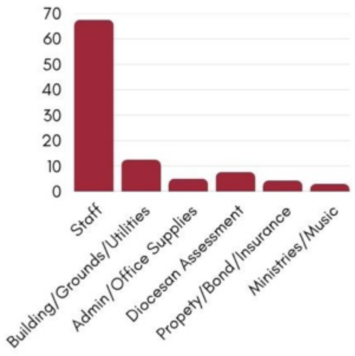
The Operating Budget varies from year to year depending on income and needs.

INCOME - Where does the money come from?



65.8%	Pledge/Plate, including undesignated gifts
24.5%	Rental Income
6.10%	Funeral/Wedding/RDV/ Columbarium/Flower Offerings
3.6%	Fundraising

EXPENSES – Where does the money go?



67.5%	Staff
12.5%	Building/Grounds/ Utilities
5%	Admin/Office Supplies
7.7%	Diocesan Assessment
4.3%	Property/Bond/ Insurance
3%	Ministries/Adult Education/Music

WHAT IS STEWARDSHIP GIVING?

Stewardship is a gift of your time, talent, and treasure for building up God's kingdom here on Earth. It is an act of faith and an expression of gratitude. It is what you do when you realize that your life work, abilities, skills, and the people and places you love are ALL gifts from the God who created you.

Think of making your stewardship pledge this year as a spiritual decision that you prayerfully consider. You can choose any amount to contribute regularly (no matter the amount) that makes sense for you (weekly or monthly or quarterly). Making your stewardship pledge will benefit everyone at Epiphany all year long by helping us budget and plan the resources needed to provide Epiphany's inspiring weekly worship services and the hope and love you and your family enjoy at our special Christmas and Easter celebrations.

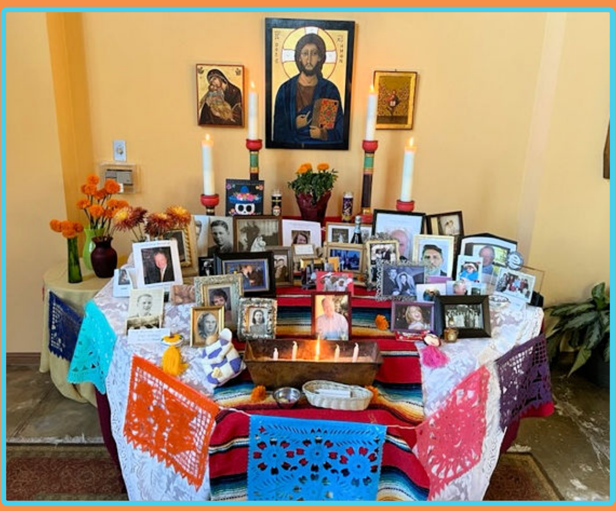
CLICK HERE TO MAKE YOUR PLEDGE ONLINE

All Saints' Cards

In preparation for our **All Saints' celebration this Sunday,** memorial cards are available for you to fill out and return in loving remembrance of family and friends. The cards are placed on the altar and blessed as part of the service. The names will not be read but writing them and remembering is a beautiful spiritual practice that gives us an opportunity to feel close to those whom we no longer see. The cards will be available in front of the baptismal font at church and in the church office.

Please fill out and return the cards before Sunday's All Saints' Day service! You can drop your card off at the church office between 9am-2pm or bring it with you to church.

Contribute to our Ofrenda!



Our Ofrenda is ready for your contributions and will be set up through November 3rd. We encourage you to bring pictures and items of ones you have lost and place them on our ofrenda. Your pictures and items will be blessed at our **All Saints' Service this Sunday.**

El Dia de los Muertos, also known as the Day of the Dead is a tradition of welcoming back deceased loved ones, remembering and honoring their lives. It is not a spooky holiday; it is a celebration and serves to portray death as a natural cycle of the human experience. On the Day of the Dead, according to tradition, it is believed that the souls of the dead awaken and return to the living to eat, drink, and be merry with their loved ones.

In preparation, the living family members prepare an ofrenda – an altar covered with pictures, favorite foods, drinks, and other items of the ones they miss. (If you're unsure about what an Ofrenda is, Rev. Jamie recommends watching the movie "Coco.")

RDV Monday Night Fellowship

Aqua Vitae and the Resurrection
Early distilled spirits were not created for recreation; they were created by monastic orders as medicine. Join us for Monday Night Fellowship to ponder the theological symbolism of Aqua Vitae - the Water of Life. We will also delve into All Saints' Day as a celebration of Christ's victory over death.

RED DOOR VINEYARD

Monday, November 2
6:30pm - 7:30pm
Bishop's Hall

Claim Lost & Found Items before they're donated!

Do you have a water bottle you've been looking for? Are your sunglasses still missing? Come check out our lost in found in the Bishop's Hall. Any items not retrieved after this week will be donated.

EPIPHANY MUSIC GUILD

Next Concert: November 8th

Elettaria, an ensemble of historical instruments, brings us a brilliant concert of Late Renaissance and Baroque music. Works by Buxtehude and Vivaldi will be featured beside works of other Italian and German composers. The core members of Elettaria – Hejun Yang (harpsichord), Robert Wang (theorbo), and Andrew Levy (baroque recorder) – will be joined by Marjana Jocif (baroque recorder and baroque oboe) and Emily Lazernik (baroque bassoon) in this varied and delightful program.

Adopt a Family this Christmas

With Halloween almost over and Thanksgiving in view, it's time to start thinking about Christmas.

Harbor House has already started its annual Adopt A Family Project to provide a happy Christmas to families in need of support. Epiphany has been asked to provide for 10 families with 20 children. A $50 grocery gift card for each family and a $25 gift card for each child is requested.

In addition,10 books for 8-12 year olds and 10 books for teens are on our request list.

On Sunday, November 8, the names of the families and each child will be available
for adoption in our Bishops hall after the service.

Plan to join in this traditional Epiphany preparation for Christmas.

Lunches for Our Neighbors in Need

Wednesday, November 11th

Thanks so much to all who are making lunches for the low income families, seniors and homeless served by Harbor House. The need is still high with increased expenses for gas and food. Our November date is Wednesday, November 11th. If you can help this month, please sign up to make and deliver 10 lunches. Questions? Email: yvonnelux@gmail.com

Harbor House Lunches for Dinner
Lunches for 10 people. Include:

- sandwich (turkey, egg salad, lunch meat, or pb&j)
- three snacks
- fruit
- a drink (Drinks and fruit should be separate.)

Drop off is between 4:00 and 4:30 at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church at Avenida de los Arboles and Mt. Clef. Parking lot is in the back.

Thank you for contributing to our WIN Drive for Toiletry Supplies!

Thanks to all of you who participated in the collection of Toiletry supplies for "Interface Children and Family Services." Because of you, we were able to complete our goal of 50 items in each category. I am continually impressed by the generosity of our church members.

OWLs: Our Wiser Laity

Next luncheon: November 12th at 12:00 p.m.

You won't want to miss this captivating presentation. Donna Watkins is a holder of many degrees, including American Studies, and known for her two books about the women and children of Plymouth Colony. Donna will be speaking on, "The Women Who Cooked Thanksgiving Dinner." She will delve into the origins of the Pilgrims, their lives in Plymouth, and the most famous turkey dinner in American history.

We hope you'll join us and bring a friend, too! Suggested donation for lunch is $15.

There are three ways you can RSVP:

1. Use the button below.
2. Send an email to info@tcote.org with your name and the number of people attending.
3. Call Erica at the church office: 818-991-4797.

Please RSVP by Monday November 9th.

RSVP here to our next OWLs event

Advent Book Study

Advent Can Still Change the World
Bringing Christmas Past into Christmas Present
Josh Scott

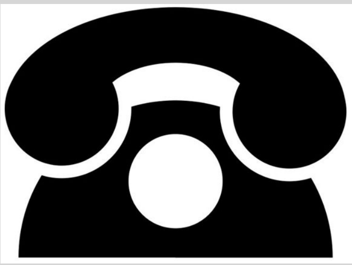
For our Advent book study this year, we will be reading "Advent Can Still Change the World," by Josh Scott. Our first meeting will be on a Tuesday, but after that we will meet Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m.

(Tuesday) November 17th
(Wednesday) December 2nd
(Wednesday) December 9th
(Wednesday) December 16th

Please note: Feeding the Spirit Bible Study will take a pause from the start of Advent through Epiphany on January 6th.

CONNECTIONS REMINDER

Just a reminder that all submissions for the weekly Connections must to be submitted to the Parish Administrator at info@tcote.org in their complete form by **9 a.m. on Tuesday.**

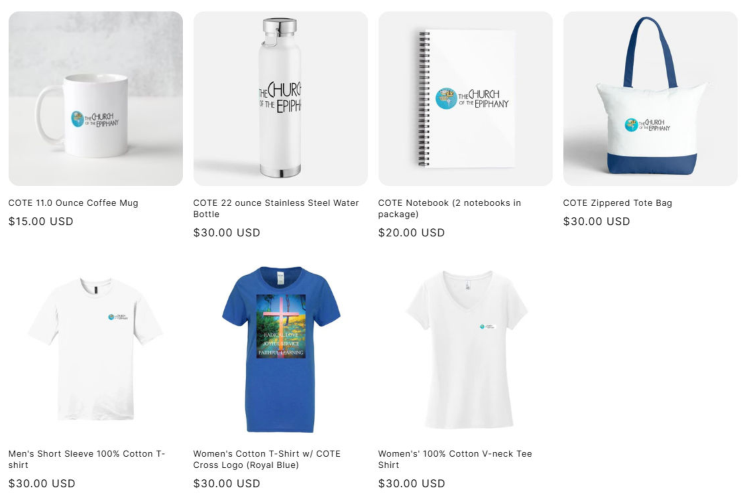


For those people without computers, we have the option of phoning in and listening to our livestream services on Sunday mornings! Please share this with anyone you know that you think would enjoy being able to listen in when they can't come in person. Phone: +1 720-256-2320. Enter the pin number 840327174, then hit #.

Visit our online store:

The Epiphany Emporium

Click on the link above, go to our website, or find an order form in the narthex, Bishop's Hall, or Founder's Room. All proceeds go to support our ministry(s).



COTE 11.0 Ounce Coffee Mug	$15.00 USD
COTE 22 ounce Stainless Steel Water Bottle	$30.00 USD
COTE Notebook (2 notebooks in package)	$20.00 USD
COTE Zippered Tote Bag	$30.00 USD
Men's Short Sleeve 100% Cotton T-shirt	$30.00 USD
Women's Cotton T-Shirt w/ COTE Cross Logo (Royal Blue)	$30.00 USD
Women's' 100% Cotton V-neck Tee Shirt	$30.00 USD

Prayers

Please pray for those on our Parish Prayer List:
Aubrey, Brian, Tracy, Mike, and Kyle

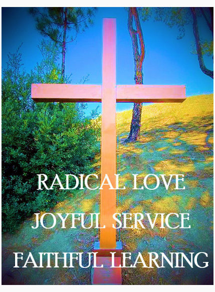
Please pray for those on our Long-Term Parish Prayer List:
Stephanie, Marilyn, Don, Pat, Katie, Anna J, Fred, Brian Z, Lori, Bill M, Dania, Bill, Mary, Eileen, Daren, George, Marsha, Valorie, Michelle, Clara, Chad, Lori, Steve, Ken, Jennifer, Janine, Hazel, Nancy, Dave, Tony, and Blair

The prayer lists are included in the Sunday bulletin.

To add yourself, family, or friends to the prayer list, please fill out a prayer card or submit your prayer request here.

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.

LEADERSHIP DIRECTORY

PARISH DIRECTORY

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