THE CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

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

EPIPHANY CONNECTIONS

November 26, 2026

Happy Thanksgiving!

Sunday, November 29
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Monday, November 30
6:00 p.m. RDV Board Meeting

Wednesday, December 2
6:00 p.m. Advent Book Study Group

Thursday, December 3
6:30 p.m. Schola Rehearsal
7:30 p.m. Parish Choir Rehearsal

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.

Isaiah 64:1-9
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13:24-37
Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

Advent and Christmas Services

November 29 - First Sunday of Advent
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

December 6 - Second Sunday of Advent
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

December 13 - Third Sunday of Advent
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
11:00 a.m. Cookie Exchange
4:00 p.m. Advent Lessons and Carols with the Parish Choir and Schola
December 20 - Fourth Sunday of Advent
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

December 22 – 6:30 p.m. Blue Christmas Service

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES - DECEMBER 24

4:00 p.m. Family Eucharist with Nativity Narrative
The children will be invited to share in experiencing the joy of the Christmas story.

8:30 p.m. Carol Sing-along

9:00 p.m. Festival Choral Eucharist
with brass quintet
There will be no service on Christmas Day.

December 27 - The First Sunday after Christmas
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Christmas Flower Donations

As in the past, our church will be magnificently decorated for Christmas. Contributions can be made in thanksgiving for anyone or anything, or in memory of a loved one in your life. Please fill out the form in the church pews, mail it to the church office, or drop it in the offering plate with your check and with "Flower Fund" in the memo field, or donate at www.tcote.org.

All donations received by December 16th will be acknowledged in our special Christmas bulletin. Any donations received after December 16th will be acknowledged in the new year.

Epiphany's Stewardship Campaign

Plenty Good Room

This Sunday, Rev. Jamie will be blessing the pledges made by our congregation during our stewardship campaign.

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.

Stewardship is more than just giving. It encompasses the broad concept of assuming the responsibility of caring for the gifts that God has given us. If you attend regularly, you are already giving some of your time and talents in service to God, but are you giving a portion of your income? It's never easy to promise a piece of your living for God's purposes, to let go of control of what you earn. But that difficulty points to the importance of "stewardship" on the faith journey. It's an opportunity to grow, to learn to give as God has given, freely and generously.

CLICK HERE TO MAKE YOUR PLEDGE ONLINE

Lunches for Our Neighbors in Need

Thank you so much, Lunch Makers! The lunches are now more important than ever for our low income, senior, and homeless neighbors. **Our December date is Wednesday, December 9th.** If you can help this month please sign up: yvonnelux2037@gmail.com.

(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.

Our Wise Laity Luncheon Dec. 10th

Our Wise Laity's Luncheon is December 10th, 12-2pm. Let's celebrate the season together. We will enjoy Xmas carols, exchange gifts and spend time sharing Short Stories and Memories from Christmases past!

To help memories flow ahead of time, pick 1 of the following prompts:
Unforgettable Gift: Funniest or special gift or toy you desperately wanted or unexpectedly loved.

Biggest Christmas Surprise: Time you were caught off guard by a visitor, change of plans, or big reveal.

Unusual Xmas: Spent traveling, serving others, celebrating somewhere new.

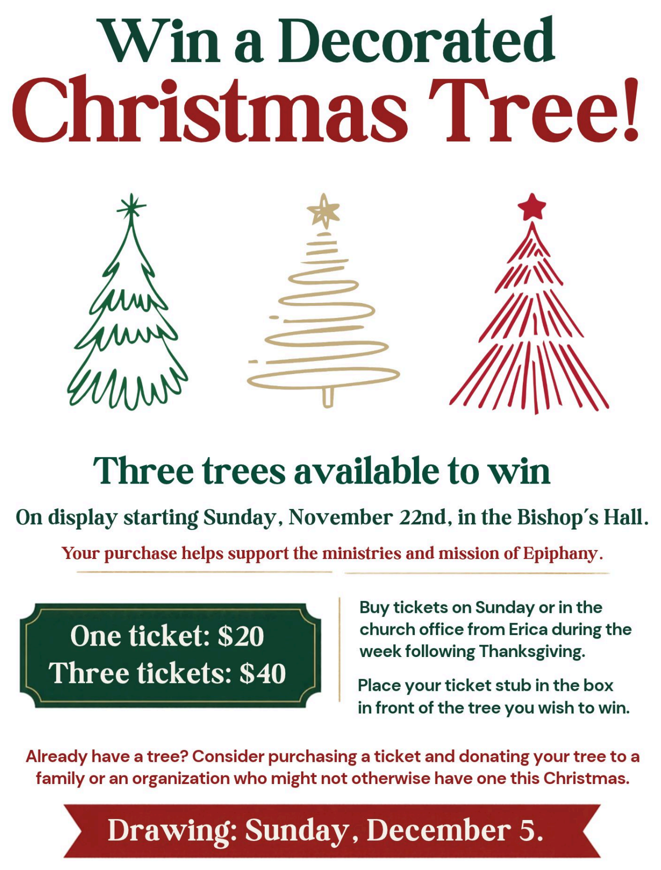
Cherished Carol or Scripture and why it's special.

(Stories to be only 2 minutes so everyone has a chance to share, or you can listen and enjoy other's stories!)

Please bring a $15 wrapped gift to add to the gift table. After stories, everyone will choose a surprise gift to take home. Lunch cost is covered by an anonymous donor (could be Santa!) **RSVP by Monday Dec. 7th so Santa will know how many OWLs or Friends of OWL's he is feeding: info@tcote.org or Erica at (818) 991-4797.**

Advent Lessons & Carols Dec. 13th

Please join us for our annual Advent Service of Lessons and Carols on Sunday, December 13, at 4 p.m. Ponder the message of Advent, hear great Advent anthems, and sing great Advent hymns as we celebrate this season of expectation.



Win a Decorated Christmas Tree!

Three trees available to win

On display starting Sunday, November 22nd, in the Bishop's Hall.

Your purchase helps support the ministries and mission of Epiphany.

One ticket: $20
Three tickets: $40

Buy tickets on Sunday or in the church office from Erica during the week following Thanksgiving.

Place your ticket stub in the box in front of the tree you wish to win.

Already have a tree? Consider purchasing a ticket and donating your tree to a family or an organization who might not otherwise have one this Christmas.

Drawing: Sunday, December 5.

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Newcomers Class

We would like to announce that we are the first visit Bishop Antonio will be making in 2027, which will be January 10th.

As is our tradition, in the weeks preceding the Bishop's visit, this is the time we offer our Newcomers/Episcopal 101 class series after church.

Class dates:
Sunday, December 13th

Sunday, December 20th
Sunday, January 3rd

This course is not only an opportunity to get to learn more about the core beliefs of the Episcopal Church and Epiphany as we get to know one another better, it is also a requirement for those who wish to be Confirmed or Received into the Episcopal faith.
At the conclusion of the courses, you will then have the opportunity to seek Confirmation or Reception by Bishop Antonio thereby becoming a new member of Epiphany and the Episcopal Church at large. If you have previously attended our Newcomers Class but were not Confirmed following the class, you may also be Confirmed during the Bishop's visit.

Please **RSVP to info@tcote.org if you will be attending** so we can provide adequate seating and snacks!

Advent Book Study

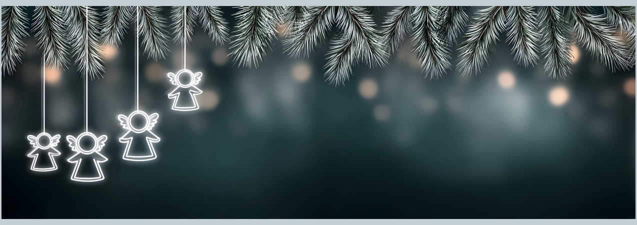
Advent Can Still Change the World
Bringing Christmas Past into Christmas Present
Josh Scott

Our next meeting is Wednesday, December 2nd at 6:00 p.m.

For our Advent book study this year, we will be reading "Advent Can Still Change the World," by Josh Scott.

(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.



Adopt-A-Family

All of our families and children have been adopted. Thank you so much for helping make their Christmases happy.

Please bring the gift cards and books to church by **this Sunday, Nov 29.**

Questions? contact: yvonnelux@gmail.com.

Give the Gift of Preparedness

We are reaching out to you to take part this holiday season in helping others. As you might know, we are in an El Nino year and are going to see extreme weather patterns over the next 6 months.

The deanery is working with a group of volunteers - the Venutra County Climate Voices - to help put together disaster preparedness kits. These will be distributed in early December to families in need in areas most susceptible to local weather disasters. We also will be helping these families to understand what possibly may happen and how they can best be prepared.

Your participation by helping supply: **canned food, can openers, AAA batteries, duct tape, wrench/pliers, moist towelettes, face masks (preferably N95), whistles**, will greatly help those going through these difficult times.

We will be collecting until December 8th. Please drop donations off in the collection basket in the Bishop's Hall. Thank you for your care and love.

For more information, contact Mahri Mendenhall at mmidsgn@sbcglobal.net.

Blue Christmas Service Dec. 22nd

The holidays can be hard. We can bring that to God.

Whether you are grieving a loss, experiencing a hardship, or need a break from holiday stress, please join us for our Blue Christmas Service: a thoughtful, medatative, quiet service of prayer, music, and reflection offering a space where you might find comfort and hope.

Tuesday, December 22nd at 6:30 p.m.

"Come, all who are weary and heavy, and I will give you rest."
Matthew 11:28

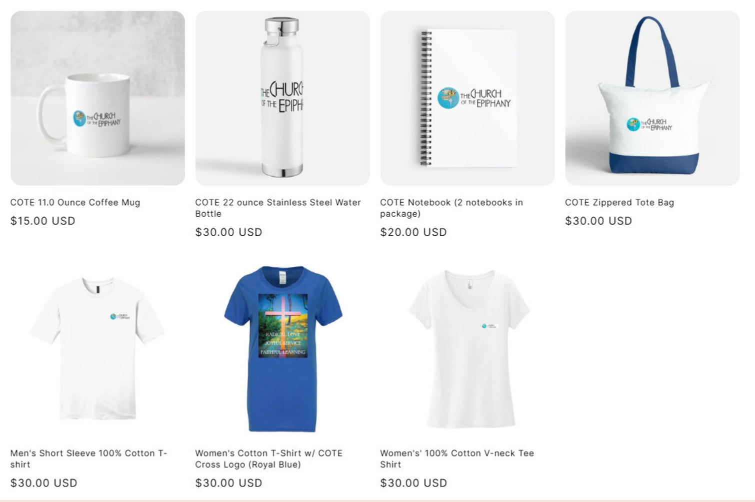
CONNECTIONS REMINDER

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, Mike, Kyle, Joanne, Bill M, Kenneth, Ron, Vicky, Lynette, Peter, Zachary, Steve, and Barry

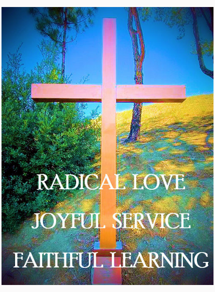
Please pray for those on our Long-Term Parish Prayer List: Stephanie, Marilyn, Don, Pat, Katie, Anna J, Fred, Brian Z, Lori, Bill M, Dania, Bill, Mary, Eileen, Daren, George, Marsha, Valorie, Michelle, Clara, Chad, Lori, Steve, Ken, Jennifer, Janine, Hazel, Nancy, Dave, Tony, Blair, and Tracy

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.

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