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Risen Lord Stands for Life • Fr. Bill Xenos •

Risen Lord, Honolulu, HI

Three parishioners from Church of the Risen Lord (CRL) have been faithful in helping to save the lives of those who cannot save themselves. Since hearing the call to help save the lives of the unborn from abortion, Henrietta Muramoto has been counseling women at least 10 years at the Aloha Pregnancy Care and Counseling Center (APC) in Kaneohe. When the founder of APC left the islands, Henri became the president of the organization. On November 30, 2007, APC opened a satellite counseling center at the Church of the Risen Lord (CRL) building in Waipahu. Both Winona Chang and Melissa Xenos have also been involved in counseling other women, while Melissa, as a registered nurse, also conducts sonography (using ultrasound) on clients at the main office once a week in Kaneohe. The



CRL's volunteer counselors: Henrietta, Winona & Melissa

ultrasound machine was obtained by funds provided by Focus on the Family.

The ultrasound is a great tool for helping women to decide against abortion since they can see their baby's heartbeat and movement within their bodies. Supporting APC is a ministry of CRL.

Since the beginning of 2009, APC has been open 62 days, has counseled 125 clients, provided ultrasound exams to 55 women, and provided Baby & Me services to 20 women with babies. From its inception at CRL through March 2009, 29 women have sought counseling at the CRL site. ✠

The Lord Always Provides • Dcn. Dick Henning • Holy Trinity, Meridian, ID



The Sales were old friends that we knew from our previous parish. Tracy and Margo met one day and when Margo found out that they were no longer parishioners at St. John's she invited Tracy and her

husband, Joel, to join us for Sunday service. Joel "just happened" (thank you, Lord) to be a building contractor with all sorts of connections. We had been discussing the best and most affordable way to remodel

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Letter from the Editor . Joann Maciejewski



Your editor with daughter Naomi and a friend at work.

They tried to kill me, but they did not succeed. 30 days notice to move our church.

Holy Week. Confirmations. Need I say more, church friends?

However, what doesn't kill you makes you stronger, and I would definitely say we are stronger. And more joyful!

This issue includes some great news from Hawaii, Idaho, San Clemente, Santa Clarita, and Cyberspace.

Church of the Risen Lord has been doing some great

things in the fight for Life. See some of the fruit of their labors and pictures in this issue.

Holy Trinity continues to be innovative and creative in their building improvements and outreach!

There is a great wind of revival at St. Michael's, and we are overjoyed to hear about it.

Do you Facebook? There are many of your CEC friends there, and we've mentioned some of the interesting sights.

The week after Easter, Bp. Kessler and Karen came up to Santa Clarita with Sam and

Norma Mercer to do confirmations. See the pictures in this issue.

And finally, thanks to our friend and liturgy explainer Fr. Mike Seiler from Puyallup, Washington who has written about why we use vestments in church.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you ladies at retreat next month. Look for a recap and pictures in next month's *Current!*

Blessings to all,
Joann ✠

Ministries Listing

Church/Ministry	Location	Rector	Telephone / Website
Cathedral Church of Saint Michael	San Clemente, CA	Bp. Douglas Kessler	949/366-9480 / saintmichaelsanclemente.wordpress.com
All Saints	Santa Clarita, CA	Fr. Rich Maciejewski	661/916-1991 / allsaints-cec.org
Christ Church	Palm Springs, CA	Fr. Vincent McMorrow-Purcell	760/318-9631
Christ the Victor	Puyallup, WA	Fr. Michael Seiler	253/353-1569 / christthevictor.com
Church of the Advent	Oceanside, CA	Canon Gary Heniser	760/431-8485 / adventcec.com
Church of the Resurrection	Hemet, CA	Fr. Mark Miller	951/487-2992 / http://mysite.verizon.net/res7fgz9/resurrecti-once/
Church of the Risen Lord	Honolulu, HI	Fr. Bill Xenos	808/671-5222 / cechawaii.org
Fr. David Conroy	Madras, OR	Fr. David Conroy	
Holy Cross Community Church	Cornelius, OR	Fr. Jim Wright	503/336-1804 / holycrosscommunitychurch.com
Holy Trinity Church	Meridian, ID	Canon Mark Finley	208/288-2146 / holyltrinityce.com
St. Francis	Victorville, CA	Fr. Robert Reed	415/457-6556 / Stfrancis-cec.org
St. James	Williams, AZ	Fr. Bruce LaPier	928/635-6754
St. John's	Yucca Valley, CA	Fr. Aaron Appleby	760/369-0074
St. Paul's	Henderson, NV	Fr. David Hoff	702/260-0126 / stpaulcec.org
St. Peter's	Palos Verdes, CA	Fr. Wayne Coombs	310/833-8899

Need to reach
a church?
Here's a handy
listing

40 Days for Life • Fr. Bill Xenos • Risen Lord, Honolulu, HI

Since Church of the Risen Lord (CRL) is a pro-life church, it has become involved with “40 Days for Life.” “40 Days for Life” is a national campaign that calls for two annual 40 day periods of fasting and prayer in front of abortion clinics. This year, the rector’s council sensed that we where to increase our participation during the season of Lent. Beginning with the imposition of ashes on Ash Wednesday, our church led the “Stations of the Cross” each Friday during Lent in front of a Planned Parenthood office on the main street of Honolulu. Several CRL

members, as well as those from other churches, have been faithful to observe the “Stations.” The theme this year is to “Pray for an End to Abortion.” Each Friday during Lent participants held signs, waved at people who honked their car horns in support, and observed the Stations. CRL praise leader Thomas Batterton led the singing of praise songs during our time there each week.

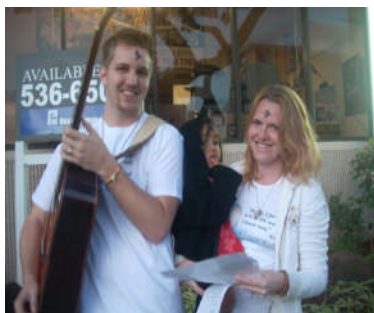
Half way through the “40 Days for Life,” a mid-point multi-denominational rally was held at the “Ends of the Earth Prayer Tower,” an open air portion of the penthouse atop Century Square, a high rise office building in the middle of Honolulu, to offer praise and worship to God, and to celebrate the Holy Eucharist. There were also four others who led prayers, spoke or taught about “Dying to Self, Engaging in Battle,” “Reconciliation, Bringing the Power of Christ to the Battle,” “Transformation of Self, the World,” “Spiritual Warfare,” and “Intercession for the Unborn.”

Following the speakers, Fr. Lester Muramoto of CRL celebrated the Holy Eucharist.



Prayer vigil outside the Planned Parenthood abortion mill

Some 24 people gathered there that evening to give the glory to God. It was an awesome time, worshiping God, praying, sitting under anointed teaching, and celebrating the Holy Eucharist. Finally, on Palm Sunday afternoon CRL was honored to help bring to close the 40 Days by offering the CEC for Life “Liturgy for the Preborn”. It has been so awesome to be a part of all that God is doing in Hawaii and throughout our nation to proclaim the sanctity of all human life. ✚



Thomas & Christen Batterton with Gloria Xenos

The Lord Always Provides • continued

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the church basement to cut down the echo. After services, Joel & Tracy joined us for coffee and treats in the church basement and listened to our tentative plans to finish the basement. Joel immediately offered his expertise. This included huge discounts on all the necessary materials and finish

carpenters to complete the project. It was an added bonus for the men because they were also looking for work. The materials were ordered, workers hired and the project completed in less than four weeks, which, praise God, enabled us to have a parish Easter Sunday pot luck dinner. ✚





How long have you been going through a form of religion but not experiencing the power of the Holy Spirit? If you're tired of a life without fun, a lifeless form with no power, there is "Good News" for you. You, too, can have an experiential Easter. God specializes in reviving the lifeless.

Revival Wind Blows • Staff Writer • St. Michael's, San Clemente, CA

Sometimes the forty days of Lent can seem like a forty-year trek as God works in your life to remove the things He wants removed and to instill the things He has for you. For the people of St. Michael's this year seemed to be more about the things God wants to put into us. Namely, "...the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit." (Romans 14:17)

Bishop Kessler brought us a message of "Good News" of great joy, "We are to be a joyful people." Since the joy of the Lord is our strength, and those who wait upon the Lord will renew their strength, it became obvious that to be a fun people we must wait upon the Lord. This means we must ask the question all good waiters ask; Lord, may I take your order, please?

As the word from the pulpit progressed each week, His order became clear. Be Kingdom people! A people

clothed in righteousness, living under His peace treaty, in the power of the Holy Spirit. The King not only gives us life, He gives us an abundant life. Now were talking about joy, fun, excitement!

As Easter came, so did the King's order, "Have an experiential Easter." God specializes in reviving the lifeless! His stimulus plan is simple. Deny yourself and follow Me instead of just going through the form of religion and denying the power of God access to your life. This has resulted in a hunger for revival.

The power of God comes in the Holy Spirit and we choose to not deny the power of the Holy Spirit, but give Him access to every area of our lives. As the people of St. Michael's wait upon the Lord, seeking first His kingdom, the rushing mighty wind of revival has begun to blow, and we shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon us. Why? To be His witnesses, of

course. To experience the fun of proclaiming the "Good News" to those within our sphere of influence that are so badly in need of some good news in these challenging times.

So that's the report from St. Michael's, but what about you? How long has it been since you've felt the power of the Holy Spirit so strong you could not stand? How long has it been since your lips stammered as you experienced the power of the Holy Spirit? How long have you been going through a form of religion but not experiencing the power of the Holy Spirit? If you're tired of a life without fun, a lifeless form with no power, there is "Good News" for you. You, too, can have an experiential Easter. God specializes in reviving the lifeless. ✠

Hey Facebookers

Facebookers, there are some interesting things going on!

Fr. Jay Cayangyang has posted some great pictures of Diocesan Retreat, etc.

Worship leaders, there is a "CEC Worship" group that Joel Klampert has started that

recently had a webchat.

There is a page for our Patriarch, Abp. Craig Bates. There is also an open group for All Saints Charismatic Episcopal Church (all are welcome to join).

In addition, CEC for Life has a group and has had some

webcasts and other chats.

Don't know where to start? Look at www.facebook.com, sign up, and make yourself a profile, and start searching for CEC folks. You'll be surprised at the good stuff you find! ✠

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CRL Pictures



Ash Wednesday imposition of ashes;

Lucia Xenos ✦



Confirmations at All Saints



1. All Saints new building at 28200 Bouquet Canyon Road, Santa Clarita, CA.
2. Consecrating the building
3. Confirmations of Aimee Benjamin, Stacie Henrich and Nick Brown. ✦



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Liturgy 101: Church Vestments • Fr. Mike Seiler, Christ the Victor • Puyallup, WA

One of the things people will notice when coming to a sacramental church is that those involved in the service wear some curious looking garments, which we call vestments. These vestments had a beginning in the church, and while they did not have a theological basis for their use, have taken on theological aspects over the years.

The Beginnings

In the early church, the vestments were quite literally the clothes worn by the common people in the Roman Empire. During these times, Christians were under persecution, and so wearing any clothing that distinguished them from non-Christians would have been a death sentence. Nevertheless, clothing which distinguished people of a particular status in the Roman world was adopted to help distinguish people set aside for particular tasks within the Christian population. As common Roman fashions changed, the clergy maintained the vestments that had come to be common throughout worship, as it helped to distinguish between which order of service the minister had. The biblical principal behind

this came from the teaching in Exodus 28:2-4, which says, "You shall make sacred vestments for the glorious adornment of your brother Aaron. And you shall speak to all who have ability, whom I have endowed with skill, that they make Aaron's vestments to consecrate him for my priesthood."

Priest & Deacon Vestments

The priests vestments derived from a common Roman tunic, which was a shirt-like garment that denoted rank by its length. The tunic also had two stripes that ran the length of the garment on either side of the shoulders down to the bottom of the hem. These stripes were generally purple in color, and the broader the stripe, the higher the rank. You can see how the white alb & stole derived from this practice. Stoles in place of stripes enmeshed with the fabric of the tunic allowed for these vestments to be interchangeable and saved for other occasions.

The chasuble came from a Citizen's Toga, which the Romans used as a garment of peace, and reserved for solemn

occasions or for public appearances. By using this garment during the mass, it highlighted the importance of the worship service and also helped to indicate the minister's position within the community.

The deacon's vestments follow the same pattern as the priest's vestments, except that the stole worn by the deacon runs diagonally across the chest. The diagonal placement of the stole represents the towel that Jesus wrapped around him while washing the disciple's feet.

A Bishop's Vestments

As history changed, and Christianity came to be a recognized part of the Roman world, and as Christians grew in numbers, a distinction between bishops and other ministers of the faith came to be noted. When Bishops were given a civil status in the Empire under Constantine, they wore the garments that represented that status. In this case, it is a garment that resembled what we now call a Cope.

Acolyte Vestments

Acolytes generally wear two vestments. The first is the cassock, and the second is the surplice. The cassock is generally

black and ankle length, and the surplice, white in color, and roughly mid-thigh length. These developed later in history, though some argue that the cassock itself is derived from the tunic, much like the alb. The theology attached to these vestments is that the black reminds us of our sin, and that the white surplice signifies our purity through Christ's redemptive act.

Vestments as Uniform

Now, some might suggest that since times have changed, we ought to simply quit wearing these ancient vestments. However, while they may seem outdated, the clothing clergy wear helps to distinguish them from the general population; not in a way to make them more important, but to distinguish them as belonging to a particular order. I remember when 9/11 happened, many nondenominational pastors began wearing clergy shirts so that people would know that they were pastors, and would feel free to talk to them. Sacramental pastors are instantly recognizable both in church and out of church, and especially outside the church, help to immediately make visible the Gospel, simply through wearing what basically amounts to a uniform.

