

## Sunday Readings

### March 1 Lent 1

Genesis 9:8-17

Psalms 25:1-9

1 Peter 3:18-22

Mark 1:9-15

### March 8 Lent 2

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Psalms 22:22-30

Romans 4:13-25

Mark 8:31-38

### March 15 Lent 3

Exodus 20:1-17

Psalms 19

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

John 2:13-22

### March 22 Lent 4 Mid-Lent

Numbers 21:4-9

Psalms 107:1-3, 17-22

Ephesians 2:1-10

John 3:14-21

### March 29 Lent 5-Youth Sunday

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalms 51:1-13 or 119:9-16

Hebrews 5:5-10

John 12:20-33

## 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**

**The last Friday of the month is a Requiem Eucharist**

## Monday Evening Prayer

**5:30 pm** In the Chapel

## Recovering Lent

*By The Reverend Dr. Randal Gardner*

In a recent gathering of our Diocesan Clergy our guest speaker, Brian McLaren, raised a pointed set of questions for us to consider. In all the talk of an "economic recovery," do we have in mind a recovery of what used to be? Do we hope that the economy will restore the conditions of 1999 or 2006? Or can we think of economic recovery in terms used by alcoholics and addicts, a recovery from our addictions and our broken behaviors? I thought that was a brilliant way to frame the current crisis.

It may be that this crisis has enough energy, and perhaps even pain, to help us rethink priorities and reconsider happiness. What might we do differently if our recovered economy really took seriously the impact of today's actions on generations of the future? What might change if we built into the economy the divine commandment to be stewards of the earth on God's behalf? What might we do differently in our economic practices and commerce if we took seriously Jesus' parable of the Good Samaritan as the answer to the question, "Who is my neighbor?"

The season of Lent is a time for a kind of economic recovery on a more personal level. Even so, personal recovery is always the beginning of global recovery. The disciplines of Lent are meant to help us come back into the fullness of love between ourselves and our Savior, and between ourselves and our neighbor. Lenten disciplines are simple enough to name: self denial, fasting, prayer, and scripture reading. Together they recreate a framework for focusing on the priority of our relationship with God.

For example, consider a time in your life when there was tension with someone you love. Did it help to ignore that person, or claim that the cause of the tension was all in the other person's head? Did it help to take up a hobby that meant spending less time with that person? Probably not.

In the course of any year our relationship with God suffers our personal distraction with matters of the world, with our joys and our losses, with our emotional ups and downs. We all spend more time with the newspaper than the prayer book. Just as a relationship is fed by time together, by forgiveness and forgiving, by the simple actions that show love (even if at times they are only "going through the motions"), our relationship with God is fed in the same ways.

As we act in Lent for the sake of seeking God's presence, the mystery of our relationship is that God is also seeking us. When we pay attention we are fed. When we turn to God we find God is already there, waiting for us to notice.

God bless us with a good, healthy, holy and God-lively Lent. And God bless us with the kind of economic recovery by which we can live more abundantly in love and relationships.

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# Children's Ministries

Amanda Davis, Pastor for Children's Ministries



(Left) Helena and "Mr. Matt" Thompson, our guest workshop leader from North Coast Repertory Theatre, are mirror images!



(Above Right) Chloe and Miss Catherine get to the "point"!



(Right) Danielle and Julia jump for joy!

The 2009 Annual Meeting on February 8th gave the Children's Ministries the chance to have some fun and fellowship of their own!

While adult parishioners met in the Hall, we were glad to host a kids' Drama and Storytelling workshop in the Van Schaick room.

Matt Thompson, Education Director for North Coast Repertory Theatre, led children and Sunday school teachers through a series of improvisation-based games and exercises designed to tap into our imagination.

The kids of St. James didn't disappoint, coming up with some wonderfully inventive and silly ideas! With our curricular emphasis on drama and story, this was a wonderful way to re-focus our creative energies.

***Lent offers us the opportunity to reflect on our lives, our neighbors and our world. As you embark on your spiritual journey this season, remember your neighbors in need.***

***Sign up for a daily Lenten meditation from ERD. Go to [www.er-d.org](http://www.er-d.org)***

# Youth Notes

By Chris Bernard, Pastor for Youth & Families

## The Faith of a Physicist

Starting March 1, the Senior High students are invited to begin a new study on John Polkinghorne's book, *The Faith of a Physicist*. This is a 10-week study reading through his perspective and understanding of the Nicene Creed.

Dr. Polkinghorne is an Anglican priest, the President of Queens' College, Cambridge University, and former Professor of Mathematical Physics at Cambridge. Polkinghorne resigned his chair in physics to study for the Anglican priesthood. After completing his theological studies and serving parishes, he returned to Cambridge where he wrote *The Faith of a Physicist*. (For the record, if he wasn't The Rev. Dr. Polkinghorne, he would be called 'Sir John Polkinghorne' because in 1997, he was knighted by the Queen of England). Join us at 9:00 am for a fascinating study surrounding the relationship between theology and science

## A Happening Retreat! March 6-8

*Happening* is a renewal weekend for high school students by high school students. This Spring marks *Happening's* 52nd Retreat for the Diocese of San Diego.

## Lenten Programs

### "Christianity from the Outside" Sunday Adult Forum at 9 am

Beginning Sunday March 1st, a new adult Sunday Forum by Father Waddy.

*Weeks 1 & 2: Understanding Atheism*

*Weeks 3, 4, & 5: Satan's Guide to the Ten Commandments*

***Lent Resurrection: Notions of the Greater Life—Five Wednesdays, March 4–April 1. Sign up or call to reserve your space.***

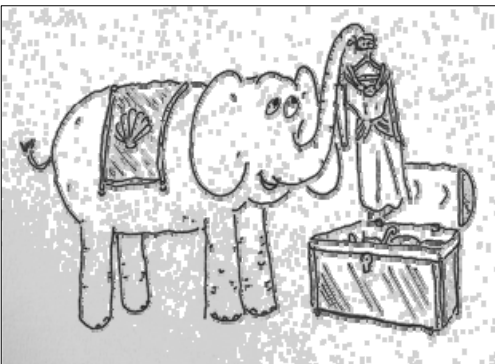
Explore different ways to understand the Resurrection with Dr. Randal Gardner. Together we will reflect and clarify our own ideas and beliefs. We begin with a service at 6 pm, then dinner, and program at 7:10 to 8:30 pm.

### ***Enjoy our final Evensong of the season***

***March 15 at 5 pm***

Sunday evenings seem to be a time when even the busiest of us may pause, take a breath, and collect our thoughts for the coming week. Time to pray, time to listen, time to think- these are some of the many gifts offered by Evensong. All are welcome to this beautiful service.

Join us on the campus of The Bishop's School in St. Mary's Chapel for a beautiful early evening service. Our final Evensong of the season will take place March 15th.



### ***So what's in your trunk?***

**2009 St. James White Elephant Sale  
September 18th–20th**

When we donate furniture, clothing, jewelry, antiques, books, wall art, toys, and holiday fare, our support helps organizations worldwide. The Episcopal Relief & Development Fund (ERD) is one of these organizations. Check it out! [www.er-d.org](http://www.er-d.org)  
*Info contact: Nan at 858 549-2322 or email Lyn at [lgansc7@yahoo.com](mailto:lgansc7@yahoo.com)*

### **LUNCH BUNCH Noon, March 18th "Crisis & Opportunity for America"**

with  
**Ambassador Robert Ellsworth**

Wednesday at noon on March 18th is a very special meeting of the Lunch Bunch, featuring Ambassador Robert F. Ellsworth speaking on "Crisis and Opportunity for America." The Lunch Bunch is fortunate indeed to have the former ambassador to NATO, and member of our parish, join us at the critical time in world affairs. Bob Ellsworth has served in many national and global roles including serving three terms in congress. He was a Deputy Secretary of Defense, a naval officer, and a Knight of Honor in the Knightly Order of St. John. This is a meeting you don't want to miss!

Please make a reservation by calling the church office at 858-459-3421 prior to noon on Monday, March 16th. The lunch in the VS Room is catered by the Girard Gourmet for only \$7.00 per person. Everyone is welcome and bring a friend.

### **Who Am I?**

**Coming April 24 to 26  
is an opportunity to explore our  
answers to this question.**

In this small-group workshop facilitated by Marietta Fahey, you will:

- clarify and strengthen your deep inner resources,
- illuminate and strengthen your positive qualities,
- identify relationships which are truly life-giving and growth-promoting,
- open pathways for growth leading to greater confidence and peace.

*The class is \$250. Please call the office, extension 110, for more information, call the office at 858 45-3421 x110 or explore the [www.prh-usa.com](http://www.prh-usa.com)*

### **Women's Dinner Group**

**Tuesday, March 10, 6 pm**

Join us for an evening with James Higgins, Volunteer & Public Relations Coordinator for **Voices for Children**, a nonprofit organization, working to ensure that abused, neglected and abandoned children who have become dependents of the San Diego County Court, will have a safe and permanent home. Through our network of trained and educated volunteer Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASAs), Voices for Children works with key agencies, legal counsel and community resources to identify and protect the best interests of each child inside and outside of court.

Call the church office at 858-459-3421 prior to noon on Monday, March 9th. The dinner in the VS Room is catered by the Girard Gourmet for \$15 per person. Everyone is welcome.

### **Building an "I HOME" in Mexico with YWAM this April**

For the first time, St. James is partnering with Icology Group to build an "I HOME" in Mexico. (Dates to be decided) This project is being developed with YWAM (*Youth with a Mission*). If you have interest in participating, contact Chris Scott, President and Co-Founder of Icology Group at 858 454 8785 or email him at [chriss@icologygroup.com](mailto:chriss@icologygroup.com).

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## The St. James Music Series

Don't miss the next concert with **The Vienna Boys Choir** on **Sunday March 8<sup>th</sup> at 4PM**. Tickets are going fast. Call Steve at 858 459-3421 x109 for more information or to purchase tickets by phone.



**SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 4 PM: The Australian Chamber Orchestra.** ACO's international tours have drawn outstanding reviews for performances in Amsterdam, London, Vienna, New York's Carnegie Hall and Lincoln Center, and the Kennedy Center. At St. James they perform with pianist Paul Lewis, one of the most sought after artists of his generation. Following their performance at St. James they will present the same program in Disney Hall.

*Tickets are available. Call Steve Townsend at 858 459-3421 x109*

