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## Thanksgiving

November is a full month, churchly speaking. Usually by its end, we start a new church year on the first Sunday in Advent. This year that will be November 27. Thanksgiving is a welcome day of gathering and feasting, this year on November 24. This year the Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service will be at St. Richard's Catholic Church, just up Church Lane from us, at 7pm. Fr. Fernando Maldonado, the rector, Pastor Mateo Mamea, the new pastor of the Methodist Church and our own Fr. George Keith will be leading the service along with members of the Borrego Min-

isters Association, including Diane Johnson, co-chair of the BMA with me. In a way, every Sunday is a thanksgiving, since Eucharist means giving thanks. It is remarkable that the central sacrament of our faith, communion in the body and blood of the Lord, is called "Eucharist." If one listens carefully there is thanksgiving all through the service, in the Glory to God in the Highest, in the prayers of the People and in our exchanging peace with each other, in the Eucharistic Prayer led by the celebrant and in the sharing of the bread and cup. We have so much for which to be

thankful and so much need the power of the Spirit given us each Sunday, to live out the Gospel the rest of the week.

At the start of the month come two days that remind us just how much we are connected to so many others. These are All Saints Day and All Souls Day, the latter also know as *dia de los Muertos*, the day of the dead. There really is nothing spooky or macabre, even though the eve of All Saints is Halloween—All Hallows Eve.



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## Thanksgiving (Continued)

The two days will be celebrated together on Sunday, November 6 with Charles playing some beautiful hymns, a prelude on the much-loved Brother James' Air and postlude from Mendelssohn. We celebrate this feast of all saints and souls on many levels. We acknowledge that it's never just us in St. Barnabas. Rather, though we cannot see them, gathered around us as we pray, "the company of heaven" -- the angels and all the martyrs, prophets, apostle, teachers, the holy women and men of the past. Along with them are those who loved us and remain beloved by us—parents, grandparents, siblings, friends and other relatives, children too. The last couple of years

have gone by and now seem a blur—maybe it's true for you as well? The pandemic, so much anger and division around us, making us very careful in what we say to others. Then there are the other regular concerns—family members, finances, health issues.

Celebrating those holy people who have gone before us but who are still with us is a great source of hope, of encouragement. Not only on All Saints Sunday, but all through this month, let us think about them, how they faced the challenges of their day, how we can follow in their path, with the Lord.

Michael Plekon

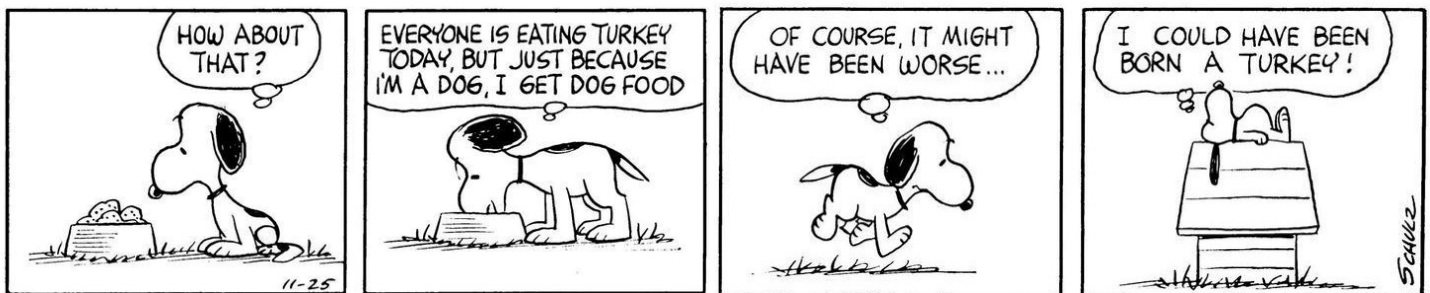
## Upcoming Events

- Brain Changes first meeting will be held on Saturday, November 5, at the Library
- Pet Spay and Neuter clinic is coming November 14
- Welcome back potluck dinner (date to be determined)
- Veterans Day Ceremony at Christmas Circle on Friday, November 11 at 11:00 am.
- Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service on November 23 at the Catholic church at 7:00 pm

## Notice

Anyone interested in submitting articles for the Carillon, we would love to hear from you about your experiences here in Borrego or wherever your travels take you.

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# Prayer Requests



## **Please remember those who have asked for our prayers**

We name before God those for whom we offer our prayers. We pray especially for . . . Our President, Our Nation, Our Men and Women in uniform, for all victims of violence, for Laura+ and Lyle Brecht, Jan Jones, Renee Davis, Don Bobren, Pam McEvoy, Mark Young, Jamie, Barb Green, Dave Shumway, Larry, Sue, Ward Staff, John and Beth, Don, Virginia Perrine, Amy, Bill and Taisia, Hannah and Emma, Victor, Julianna, Tho, Lauren, Nadia Ritchey, Carol Main, Paul, Cate and Coles, our Guatemalan students: Carlos Jose Yucute Coc, Ruth Olivares, Jason Garcia, Victor Herrera, Brandon Garcia, Maria Zamora and Angelica Abixel. We pray for all frontline workers and those who have died from COVID19 and for all who love them... for all migrants and asylum seekers, and those with decision making power over their lives, and for the people of Afghanistan. We pray for the health of planet Earth. And for those we now name . . .

## **The Episcopal Diocese of San Diego Cycle of Prayer**

***The week of November 6, 2022 – Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost/ All Saints’***

*Day* Chaplains of the Armed Forces

Members of Religious Orders, especially the Society of St. Paul

***The week of November 13, 2022 – Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost***

The faculty and students of the School for Ministry

***The week of November 20, 2022 – Last Sunday after Pentecost / Christ the King***

*Clergy and people of:* St. Paul’s, Yuma

The Dioceses of Province VIII: Oregon, San Diego, San Joaquin, Spokane, Taiwan, Utah Let us give thanks this week for blessings we have received

## **INTERNET RESOURCES**

Morning Prayer <https://www.missionstclare.com/english/>

Centering Prayer - two different resources

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3IKpFHfNdnE> Keating

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1aQmQu4lufo> Borgeault

Centering Prayer Apps found at Google Play and Apple App Store

Meditation on Scripture <https://www.thereligionteacher.com/lectio-divina-steps/>

Google “daily Bible verses” to choose from multiple resources.

A wonderful before bed exercise, “Reimagining the Examen”, can be found as Android and iPhone apps at Google Play and Apple App Store.

## Veterans Day

On Friday, November 11, we celebrate Veterans Day to honor all the men and women who have served in the Armed Forces. It began as a remembrance of the end of World War I in 1918, and was then called Armistice Day. It was renamed in 1954.

President Woodrow Wilson gave this address on November 11, 1919, in recognition of the first anniversary of the WWI armistice.

*“A year ago today our enemies laid down their arms in accordance with an armistice which rendered them impotent to renew hostilities, and gave to the world an assured opportunity to reconstruct its shattered order and to work out in peace a new and juster set of international relations. The soldiers and people of the European Allies had fought and endured for more than four years to uphold the barrier of civilization against the aggressions of armed force. We ourselves had been in the conflict something more than a year and a half.*

*With splendid forgetfulness of mere personal concerns, we remodeled our industries, concentrated our financial resources, increased our agricultural output, and assembled a great army, so that at the last our power was a decisive factor in the victory. We were able to bring the vast resources, material and moral, of a great and free people to the assistance of our associates in Europe who had suffered and sacrificed without limit in the cause for which we fought.*

*Out of this victory there arose new possibilities of political freedom and economic concert. The war showed us the strength of great nations acting together for high purposes, and the victory of arms foretells the enduring conquests which can be made in peace when nations act justly and in furtherance of the common interests of men.*

*To us in America the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country’s service, and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of nations.”*

This year, as usual, the American Legion will present a Veterans Day ceremony at Christmas Circle, November 11 at 11:00 a.m. It is always very moving, and all are welcome to attend and join the Legion members afterwards at Post 853 for free hamburgers and hot dogs. And please take the time to thank a veteran for his or her service.

Wendy Quinn



## Vestry Meeting Summary

**The Finance Committee:** September financials reviewed. As of September, pledge income exceeded pledges. Total expenses \$4,700 vs \$4,600 so in total things are being kept in line. \$5,500 operating surplus, mostly due to pledges paid in full in the beginning of the year. Bad news in September on investments...markets down and investments loss about \$40k. Cash still at \$32k.

**The Calling Committee:** Officially sent out the calling October 4th. As of October 17th, the download page had been visited 22 times.

**The Communications Committee:** Zoom Antenna bracket has arrived. Chuck will find someone to mount it. Expected to be done post-haste. Articles getting into paper for pet blessing and organist, Charles, arrival. Contact with BMA and new Methodist minister.

**The Building and Grounds Committee:** Smoke alarm replaced. Charles has proposed that middle level speaker of organ is not working as it should be. Originally installed late 90's. Technology has changed since then. Considering replace vs repair - most inexpensive is repair at \$1k

**Security Camera:** Cost as outlined previously - 160 degree view; 2 facing courtyard, one in front of church and 2 in back. Motion-activated. Works thru wifi. Can be cell-phone notified. Are battery powered and recharged via USB plug. Option for turning light on

**The Rectory Improvements:** Ugly fence at rectory. Suggestion to remove it. Stucco needs some desperate love. Garage door and 'gate to the front' need refreshing treatment of linseed oil and turpentine. Put in budget

**Brain Changes:** First meeting will be held on November 5 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm in the Borrego Springs library. This will provide information and training for anyone in the community who is a care giver.

**Pet Project:** Spay and Neuter clinic is coming Nov. 14. Bathrooms need to be opened for that day, maybe a pot of coffee.

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# Blessing of the Animals



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