

AUGUST
2026

TRINITY TALK

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CHURCH

A MESSAGE
FROM
FR. STEVE



As of August 1, I will have served this community for three years. Time truly does fly. It has been a good and meaningful season, full of both joy and challenge, and I am thankful for all we have shared together — the growth, the work, and the relationships that have formed along the way.

In these three years, we have seen both small changes and bigger ones. And while change can sometimes feel unsettling, it does not have to be something we fear. When change grows out of faithfulness, it can help us worship more clearly, more reverently, and more sincerely. As we grow in Christ, God continues to shape us as individuals and as a church.

Scripture reminds us that growth is something we live out together. In 2 Thessalonians 1:3, Paul gives thanks that faith and love are growing side by side. That is a good reminder for

us: spiritual growth affects how we pray, how we serve, how we care for one another, and how we listen for God's leading in our shared life.

Sometimes familiar patterns need to be refreshed so that they continue to serve the gospel well. That is part of being renewed by God. In 2 Corinthians 5:17, Paul says, "If anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: the old has gone, the new is here!" That promise is for each of us, and it is also true of the church. God keeps making us new, and sometimes that means letting go of what has become tired or less helpful.

We do not make these changes in fear. In Isaiah 43:19, God says, "I am doing a new thing," and Philippians 1:6 assures us that the good work God begins, He will carry on to completion. So, when change comes, it is worth asking not only, "What are we leaving behind?" but also, "Where might God be leading us?"

I have also tried to make space for conversation by offering a few educational pieces about changes in our worship. In Trinity Next Week, I discussed the Sanctus bells, and this week I shared a review of the change to the Nicene Creed. (Cont. to page 2)



My hope is that these articles will help explain why the changes were made. I don't see any foreseeable changes coming other than those that we are already experiencing.

As a result, I warmly invite you to read these articles and share with me any questions or concerns you may have. We are walking this road together, just as we worship together, and I am grateful for the chance to listen, learn, and keep the conversation going with you.

Blessings,

Fr. Steve

Fr. Steve Swartzell

MEET AND GREET WITH THE NEW BISHOP!

Please join St. Paul's, Tustin, in welcoming our new bishop, the Rt. Rev. Antonio Gallardo Lucena, at a celebration on **August 22 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** We have plenty of parking. St. Paul's will provide pasta (with a vegetarian option), garlic bread, water, lemonade, and coffee. We will meet in their Parish Hall!

We invite you to bring additional items for the lunch potluck, e.g., salad, appetizers, or desserts. Sign up sheet can be found in the back of the church.

Please call Tatiana if you would like to RSVP at 714-637-1390 by August 17th.





**NO SAS IN AUGUST! SEE YOU
IN SEPTEMBER!**



FINANCIAL CHECK-IN IN JUNE 2026

We had 367 visitors.

We averaged 92 a week.

Our expenses were \$34,214.

Our income was \$18,017.

Our plate donations were \$185.

Our pledge donations were \$17,146.

Please continue your support during
the Summer, Fall, and Winter.

SCHOOL SUPPLY **CAMPAIGN WITH WSWA**

The expenses low-income working parents face for back-to-school clothes and supplies, medical exams for school entry and immunizations can break an already over-stretched budget. Our Back-to-School clothing and supply distribution can save WSWA membership families up to \$500 – money that can be used to pay for rent, utilities, food and medicines these families will otherwise be forced to do without.

Some items you can donate are:

backpacks for all ages, pens, pencils, Children's scissors, markers, crayons, colored pencils, erasers, calculators, folders, notebooks, and more can be found on the flyer in the back of the church.

Please leave your items in the bin in the back of church labeled for WSWA.

**The deadline to bring items will
be Homecoming Sunday,
September 13th.**

HOMECOMING SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 13TH

9am service (only one service)



We welcome past and present Trinity
members to worship together!

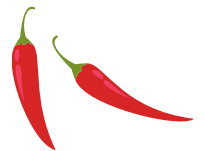
Join us for the cook off after the service along with
a ministry fair!



HOMECOMING SALSA & CHILI COOK OFF

SEPTEMBER 13TH

We will only have one service this day. we will begin
the tasting once the 9am service ends.



Please sign up in the back of the church if you would
like to participate in each of the cook offs!



PLANNED GIVING

Planned giving is a wonderful way to make a larger, lasting contribution to Trinity. To learn about planned giving, and how to get started, please contact the Vestry Liaison for Planned Giving.

Contact Rich Heim, 714-313-9252 or rich4usc@gmail.com



OUTREACH DINE OUT

Rodrigo's

Mexican Grill

Thursday, August 20th

Lunch and dinner

1230 E Katella Ave, Orange, CA
92867

Come enjoy some familiar Mexican food and support Outreach!



SAVE THE DATE



Flu season is almost upon us, and it will soon be time to receive your flu vaccination. Please join your Trinity Faith Community Nurses on Sunday, October 11, 2026 from 9:00am – 12:00n noon to receive your

FREE flu vaccination. Through the generosity of the Hoag Faith Community Nurse Program we are able to hold this very important clinic for our parishioners, family members, and friends.

We will once again have the high dose vaccine for those sixty-five and older! Quantities are limited so vaccinations will be given to adults and children age 9 and older on a first come basis while supplies last.

If you have any questions please contact
Ann Walker at 714-496-0571.





AUGUST 8TH

Messy Church is a casual service where all are invited to participate and enjoy the music and the great food.

We gather at 5:30pm for appetizers and drinks.

The service begins at 6pm.

Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided after the service,
grilled up by the Brotherhood of the BBQ.

Please bring a side dish, dessert, or appetizer to share, as well as
something to add to the drink table.

This month we will have Messy Church in the
courtyard between the church and the parish hall.

Invite your friends and family!

Don't forget your beach chair or blanket!



FAITH COMMUNITY NURSE NEWS: THE OPIOID CRISIS

The opioid crisis continues to devastate communities across the United States, driven by widespread misuse of prescription painkillers, heroin, and synthetic opioids like fentanyl. Overdose deaths have surged, making opioids the leading cause of accidental death in many regions. Narcan (naloxone) has become a critical tool in combating this epidemic. It rapidly reverses opioid overdoses by blocking opioid receptors in the brain, restoring normal breathing within minutes. Widely available as a nasal spray, Narcan can be administered by first responders, caregivers, or bystanders, making it a frontline defense in saving lives. Public health initiatives increasingly focus on distributing Narcan, expanding harm reduction programs, and connecting survivors treatment and recovery resources.

Because Narcan is readily available to the public, your Faith Community Nurses have a two dose supply in the FCN file cabinet in the “mail room,” also known as Rev Annie’s office. All our FCN supplies are kept in these file cabinets with labels for all the drawers. Please familiarize yourself where everything is located.

If you would like a personal tour of the cabinets’ contents or how to effectively use Narcan please see Ann Walker.



**The Outreach Commission
Fall Fundraiser is Coming!**

**Join us for Good Food,
Auction Opportunities,
Entertainment by Paul Wayne,
Fun and Fellowship!**

**Saturday, September 19
5:30 pm**

Mark your Calendar!

ALTAR FLOWER DONATIONS

More than one acknowledgement may be given on a Sunday. You may offer flowers as often as you wish. Each Sunday's Altar flowers cost \$160. Any amount towards the expense is very much appreciated! Please make the donation by whichever means you choose, just make sure you indicate that it is for the Altar Flowers.

THE BOOK CLUB

August 8, at 9:30am (Discussing two books, July and August books).

The book club meets in the Library from 9:30-11:00am the 2nd Saturday of each month. Come join everyone for a truly enjoyable morning and some lively literary discussions. Interested?

Please contact Laurie McKinnell at mckinnell4@aol.com.

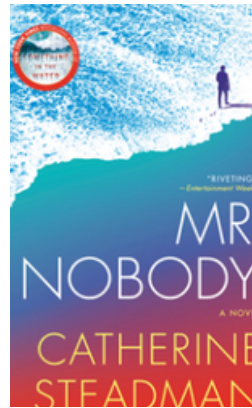
August 8th (July Book)-

Mr. Nobody

by Catherine Steadman

A neuropsychiatrist, Dr. Emma Lewis, who is assigned to a mysterious amnesiac found on a Norfolk beach, forces her to confront

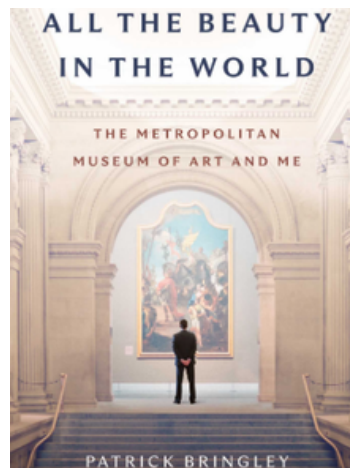
her own hidden past in the same town. The novel follows the investigation into the man's identity, nicknamed "Mr. Nobody," while exploring themes of trauma, memory, and secrets as Emma's past and the patient's identity become dangerously intertwined.



August 8th- All the Beauty in the World: The Metropolitan Museum of Art and Me by Patrick Bringley

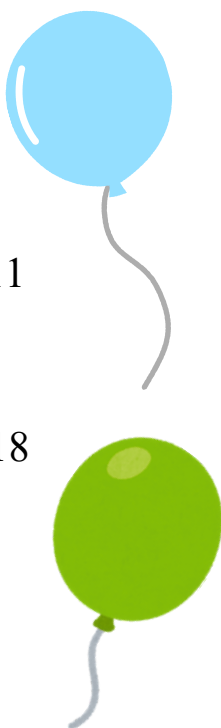
Patrick Bringley's memoir about his decade working as a guard at the Met, a job he took for solace after his brother's cancer diagnosis.

The book explores themes of grief, art, and finding community, offering a unique, insider's perspective on the museum's art and its diverse staff, transforming a personal tragedy into a story of healing and renewed appreciation for life.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Joan Greco—August 5
Stephanie Worth—August 5
Anne Roberts—August 6
Lori Chow—August 9
Rosemary Gardner—August 11
Sarah Donaldson—August 12
Marcia Nishino—August 16
Ramona Richarson—August 18
Ray Wheeler—August 27
Doug Knarr—August 27
Rocky Covill—August 27
Thomas Richter—August 29



**Happy
Birthday!**

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Doug and Kimberly Knarr—August 8
John and Lisa Jewett—August 17
Ty and Megan Richter—August 19
Frank and Lisa Simpson—August 24
Darwin and Pam Kibby—August 29



FORMAL INVITATION TO JOIN OUTREACH COMMISSION

The Outreach Commission extends a warm invitation to all women and men of Trinity Episcopal Church of Orange. Grounded in our faith and inspired by the example of Jesus, the Outreach Commission strives to reflect the heart and mission of our church by serving those in need within our local community. We plan and participate in fundraising activities that demonstrate our caring for the world beyond.

We invite you to put your faith into action through compassion, service, and connection by joining the Outreach Commission.

Be a part of a ministry that reflects Christ's love beyond our church walls. We meet on the first Monday of every month in the Parish Library from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

For any questions, please contact our Co-

Chairs: Elizabeth Blush at

714-319-1452 or Faith

Goldman at 714-235-6244.

Thank you, and we look forward to welcoming you!



SUNDAY SUPPER



GET TO KNOW OUR NEW BISHOP

The Rev. Dr. Antonio José Gallardo Lucena

The Rt. Rev. Antonio José Gallardo Lucena was ordained and consecrated the eighth bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles on July 11 – the first Latino to hold the office – in a festive multilingual ceremony celebrating the diocese's rich cultural diversity.

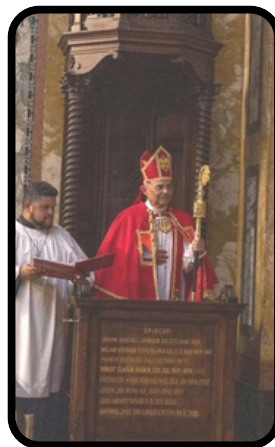
Gallardo studied at the Universidad Experimental Politécnica Antonio José de Sucre and the Universidad Centroccidental Lisandro Alvarado in his native country before obtaining a doctorate at Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. He later studied for ordination at Claremont School of Theology in Los Angeles, California. He is also an alumnus and trustee of Episcopal Divinity School.

Born in Barquisimeto, Venezuela, he was ordained a priest in 2019 in Los Angeles. He holds a doctorate in business and economics. Prior to ordination, he served as chief program officer for First 5 Los Angeles, a public foundation, from 2010 to 2013; as deputy director of the Farmworker Institute of Education & Leadership Development; and as president and CEO of Philadelphia Area Accelerated Manufacturing Education.

He is a lecturer at Cal Poly Pomona's Business School and served as instructor in UCLA's Department of Engineering, Information Systems and Technical Management from 2008 to 2015 and professor in the School of Sciences, Universidad Centro Occidental Lisandro Alvarado, Venezuela, from 1990 to 1993.

We welcome The Rt. Rev. Antonio José Gallardo Lucena as our eighth Bishop!

Photos from Consecration of New bishop



CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 7:00am Altar Guild Team 4 8:00am Holy Eucharist- Rite I 10:00am Holy Eucharist - Rite II	27	28 6:30pm Narcotics Anonymous	29 7:00pm Bible Study with Fr. Steve 7:00pm Shirts & Skirts - Advanced Class	30 10:00am Eucharist Healing Service 7:00pm AA Meeting 7:00pm Women's AA Meeting	31 9:00am Property Commission 10:00am Bible Study 12:00pm AI Anon Meeting	1 8:30am Debtors Anonymous
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9 7:00am Altar Guild Team 2 8:00am Holy Eucharist- Rite I 10:00am Holy Eucharist - Rite II 5:00pm Church Mice Square Dancing	10	11 6:30pm Narcotics Anonymous	12 6:30pm Rally Meeting 7:00pm Bible Study with Fr. Steve 7:00pm Shirts & Skirts - Advanced Class	13 10:00am Eucharist Healing Service 6:30pm Orange Historical Society 7:00pm AA Meeting 7:00pm Women's AA Meeting	14 9:00am Property Commission 10:00am Bible Study 12:00pm AI Anon Meeting 7:00pm OC Recorder Society	15 8:30am Debtors Anonymous
16 7:00am Altar Guild Team 3 8:00am Holy Eucharist- Rite I 10:00am Holy Eucharist - Rite II 5:00pm Church Mice Square Dancing	17	18 5:00pm WSWA General Medical Session 6:30pm Narcotics Anonymous 6:30pm Vestry Meeting	19 6:00pm AI-anon Information Service Board 7:00pm Bible Study with Fr. Steve 7:00pm Shirts & Skirts - Advanced Class	20 10:00am Eucharist Healing Service 7:00pm AA Meeting 7:00pm Women's AA Meeting	21 9:00am Property Commission 10:00am Bible Study 12:00pm AI Anon Meeting	22 8:30am Debtors Anonymous
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August 3rd: Outreach Meeting
 August 5th: Book Study w/ Fr. Steve
 August 8th: Book Club
 August 8th: Messy Church
 August 12th: Book Study w/ Fr. Steve
 August 18th: Vestry Meeting
 August 19th: Book Study w/ Fr. Steve
 August 20th: Outreach Dine Out
 August 22nd: Meet and Greet w/ New Bishop at St. Pauls in Tustin

Every Thursday:
 Eucharist Healing Service at 10am
Every Friday: Bible Study at 10am
Every Friday: Property Team at 9am

