



“Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.”

**All Saints’ Episcopal Church & Day School  
Holy Child Filipino Ministries  
Iglesia de Todos los Santos**

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**Our Mission:**  
**To Know Christ and to make Christ Known**  
**Kilalanin si Kristo at gawing kilala si Kritso**  
**Conocer a Cristo y dar a conocer a Cristo**

May 25, 2009

**Weekly Worship Schedule**

English Language Worship  
**Saturday: 5:30 pm**  
**Sunday: 8:00 & 10:30 am**

Santa Misa en Español  
**Sunday: 1:00 & 6:00 pm**

Tagalog/English worship  
**Sunday: 4:00 pm**

*See the parish web site or call  
the parish office for more  
information*

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Enclosed in this newsletter is a copy of my letter of resignation and notice of my retirement. I presented this letter to the vestry at our last meeting on May 4th. I believe the letter offers some explanation that might help you understand my decision to retire at this time. Debbie and I came to All Saints' with the intention of retiring from here and had a date in mind that's still a few years off. We made the decision to move up our retirement for several reasons, some personal, that I will not go into.

I have encountered some questions that I didn't expect and I want to answer these in a public forum just in case they are on other's minds.

"What happened to cause you to want to leave?" Nothing, there has been no event or issue in the parish, diocese, or Episcopal Church, or any disagreement with anyone that is part of this decision. In fact, the opposite is true. I believe that our parish is at a high point of health and vitality, with strong clergy and lay leadership; and at a time that offers opportunity for imagination and vision in new mission and ministry that will be strengthened by new clergy leadership.

"Are you going to another church?" No. I'm retiring from full time ministry. I intend to continue working in ministry in whatever capacity God reveals to me. I may work as an Interim, Sunday supply or assist in a parish. I intend to continue my work in multicultural ministry development at the parish and diocesan level. I'll just have to see what opportunities God puts before me. I've also considered short-term overseas mission work somewhere in Asia.

It is too early for a "farewell" sermon and we will have good opportunities to say "good bye" in the context of our relationships in the Body of Christ and All Saints' Parish. Debbie and I will miss you all and ask that you keep us in your prayers and we will keep you during this time of transition and change.

I wish you God's grandest blessings and look forward to our continued ministry together through September.

Blessings,

Fr. Ed

MAY 27TH, 6:00 P.M. **All Saints' Day School Kindergarten Graduation** followed by a reception.



MAY 31ST, 10:30 A.M. **Bishop's Visitation** – The Feast of Pentecost. The Episcopal Visitation with Bishop Dan Edwards will be held with Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion.

May 31<sup>st</sup>, 7:00 P.M. **Organ recital**, Grace in the Desert. See "Music Notes" for details.

JUNE 13TH All Saints is holding a **Parish Family Yard Sale** on Saturday, June 13 in the parking lot. Each participating family can bring their own items for sale, set them up in a display, sell them, and take down the remainder at the end of the morning. A good way to get rid of "stuff" that you don't need anymore, and incidentally, help replenish some coffers. Please keep track of your sales and contribute a "tithe" (10%) of the total amount to the parish. For more details, contact Father Ed.



COMING IN JULY – **Annual Ice Cream Social** after 10:30 a.m. service on July 5th.

**The Youth Coalition is Flourishing!** The Youth Coalition's special project this spring has been preparing music and games for the annual parish picnic. Melissa Sese reports that the group is growing, in enthusiasm as well as numbers. The Coalition meets every Wednesday from 4 to 6 PM. Everyone is invited to come and join the group to experience its youthful spirit and to celebrate God's glory.



God is the Creator. God has created all things and continues to do so. Everything belongs to God.

We are offered the role of caretaker, or manager or steward, of God's Creation. Taking care of God's Creation includes, at least, concern for our natural resources and the environment, our fellow human beings, and ourselves.

The Church is a primary resource and channel for the implementation of our personal stewardship. Our offerings of time and talents and treasure are really offerings of our very selves to the role of steward of God's Creation, through the Church, and beyond.

Motivation for a life of stewardship derives from our realization of what God has done and continues to do for us and our desire to offer our most sincere thanksgivings for those gifts.

***In the News: The Episcopal Diocese of Nevada***

*Bishop Dan Edwards' work with the Northern Paiutes* is highlighted in a front page feature story in the Las Vegas Review-Journal for Sunday May 17. The article tells of the Episcopal Church's longstanding association with the tribe and of the way Paiute traditions have been incorporated into the liturgical practices of their congregations. For example, water from Pyramid Lake, a sacred site of the Paiutes, is used in the baptismal fonts. Photos and new reports describe Bishop Dan's Easter day visits to two churches on the Pyramid Lake reservation northeast of Reno. For anyone who missed the article, it can be found online at:

[www.lvrj.com/news/45249887.html](http://www.lvrj.com/news/45249887.html), along with a short video clip

Bishop Blog – Bishop Dan invites you to comment on his blog postings at <http://bishopdansblog.blogspot.com>



**MUSIC NOTES** by Father Bede

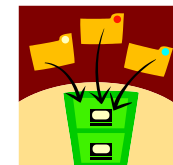
Here it is, the Merry, Merry Month of May, and several celebrations are occurring – Rogation Sunday, Pentecost, the Parish Picnic, and the final round of end of the season recitals. Grace in the Desert is dedicating their new Rodgers Allegiant digital organ on Sunday, May 31, at 7:00 pm. The guest recitalist will be Douglas Wilson, organist of Community Lutheran and accompanist for the Master Singers. Doug also serves as principal of one of the area elementary schools. Doug always selects music that is enjoyable and he plays it brilliantly. Further, Doug is known for his oral program notes which add spice to the program. You don't want to miss this recital.

As the season winds down at All Saints', the choir will be taking its summer break starting in June. During the summer, I plan to bring the choir library up to date and finish filing a lot of music. Also, we will be working on our Music at All Saints' for 2009-2010, which I hope to have completed by August 1st.

The retirement of Father Ed closes a very exciting chapter in the life of our parish, and I will miss his support and friendship. During the next year, we will be going through self-evaluations and looking at the direction we want All Saints' to take. This also includes our music program. So, I ask all of us to pray for discernment in what the Holy Spirit is asking us to do.

Have a blessed and safe summer!

Father Bede



***Daughters of the King***

St. Mary Magdalene Chapter of the Daughters of the King met the second Sunday in May. The program was on the Spiritual Theology of the Eucharist. Father Ed led a discussion on how people observe reverence in the church. Questions about the action of the Eucharist were answered. It was a synopsis of Bishop Dan's earlier workshop for the diocese.

We offer the following prayer:

**Preparing for the Eucharist: A Source of Peace**

Lord God, when I go up to your altar for communion, grant that I may derive from it a discernment of the infinite perspective hidden beneath the smallness and the closeness of the host in which you are concealed. Already I have accustomed myself to recognize beneath the inertness of the morsel of bread a consuming power that, as the Greatest Doctors of your Church have said, far from being absorbed into me, absorbs me into itself. Help me now to overcome that remaining illusion, which would make me think of touching you as touching me only in a limited and momentary way.

**The Parish Library**

INSPIRATION, INTRIGUE, MYSTERY, ROMANCE??? Did you know it is all available in the All Saints' office?? There is a treasure of entertainment and education on the shelves of the church library that many parishioners aren't aware of. It has been organized by Eleanor Williams when she came to Las Vegas and joined All Saints' about five years ago, and the books are ready to be checked out and enjoyed.



After the service, when you've had your cup of coffee, take some time and browse through the variety of reading material that includes something for every taste and age, from mature to small fry.

**HELP NEEDED!**

Contact the Church office if you are interested in contributing time and talent to these ministries.

The parish is in need of a wedding coordinator.

The Diocese is in need of a youth coordinator.

Parish History Project – Fr. Ed is seeking folks who would work on the history of All Saints'. A small group who would interview the longest attending members to capture anecdotes, historical statistics and impressions, and background information on these people starting with Mrs. Blackford whose memory is excellent.

***Parish Leaders******Clergy***

The Rev. Eldwin M. Lovelady, Rector  
 The Rev. Bede J. Parry, Music Director and Assisting Priest  
 The Rev. James Lyons, Assisting Priest and Director of Christian Formation  
 The Rev. Michael Link, The Rev. Canon Robert Nelson, Assisting Priests  
 The Rev. Karl Gustafson, Deacon  
 The Rev. Sandy Oetjen, Deacon  
 The Rev. Emma J. Gregory, Deacon  
 The Rev. Arsolin Almodiel, Assisting Priest for Filipino Ministries  
 The Rev. Bernardo Iniesta, Assisting Priest for Hispanic Ministries

***Staff***

The Rev. James Lyons, Interim Day School Director  
 Jo Anne Plog, Parish Secretary  
 Gloria Schultz, Nursery  
 Erland Moreira, Parish Sexton

***Vestry***

Will Rydell, Senior Warden	Steve Tryon, Junior Warden
Al Jackson	Pam Martin
Joan McClenahan	Carol Horton
Melissa Sese	Gladys Patrick
Jason Trauth	Mark Towne
John McClatchy	Robert Foley

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May 4, 2009

Dear People of All Saints' parish and School,

It is with a powerful set of conflicting emotions that I submit my resignation as rector of All Saints' parish and announce my retirement from full time ministry, effective on October 1, 2009. My last Sunday as All Saints' rector will be September 27, 2009. I have made this decision after many months of prayer and reflection, and with Debbie's full participation and agreement.

I am convinced that God is calling me to new ministry, although I do not yet know what that might be. I am also convinced that God has mission and ministry in mind for All Saints' parish that needs new, younger, and innovative clergy leadership. I am grateful to you and to God for the life and work we have shared and look forward to our continued relationship over the next few months.

All Saints' parish has strong clergy and lay leadership to continue the work we have done together over the past five years, and leaders with the courage, spirit, and insight to lead All Saints' into the future of powerful mission and ministry. We have faced some exciting and challenging mission opportunities together and the encouragement, support, and prayers I have felt is truly inspiring to me professionally and personally. Debbie and I feel loved by this community and we love you and will miss you.

I realize my resignation is likely to bring forth all sorts of emotions and questions from parish leaders and members, as it does for Debbie and me. We face drastic changes in our lives and work. I believe you and I can work together to deal with these issues so that our relationships as Christian people, and as deep and meaningful friends, will guide us through this transition.

I intend to continue to serve in the capacities to which you and God called me in this parish as long as I hold this position, allowing for adjustments in roles and responsibilities as the transition process works out. I will offer my insight and council as you see fit to ask and do not seek any role in your decisions about interim ministries and search for a new rector.

I have advised Bishop Edwards of my decision and he indicated he wants me to continue in the diocesan roles to which I have been appointed, and has some new ones in mind over the next few months. This includes the companion diocese relationship with the diocese of Santiago, Philippines, and as Mission District convener. I plan to attend Diocesan Convention in October as this diocese will continue as my Canonical residents, and I expect to present the Companion Diocese Relationship resolution to convention.

Debbie and I plan to move to Olympia, WA, where our youngest daughter and her family live and we will make the move the first week of October 2009.

Yours in Christ,  
Fr. Ed

# Parish Family Yard Sale

Saturday – June 13 – 7 to 11 am  
All Saints' Parking Lot



Bring all that stuff that's cluttering your home and garage

Take advantage of a great location – free advertising – great fellowship

No charge but suggest you title (10%) of your proceeds to the parish

You are responsible to get your stuff here – marking – and selling – removing anything left at the end of the sale

*We will arrange for a local charity to pick up what's left for anyone who wants to donate remaining items*

Contact Fr. Ed – 878-2373 – [rector@allsaintslv.com](mailto:rector@allsaintslv.com) for more information and if you're interested in participating