

ST. ALBAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



SUNDAY, MAY 2, 2021

9:30AM

THE REVEREND DR. DAVID L. MADSEN, RECTOR

NAOMI MADSEN, MUSIC DIRECTOR

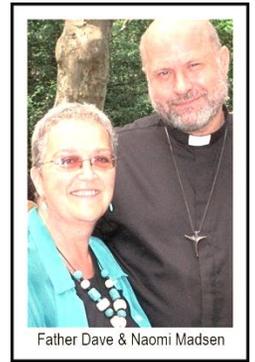
THE REVEREND DR. PAUL CARMONA, ORGANIST

Welcome Newcomers!

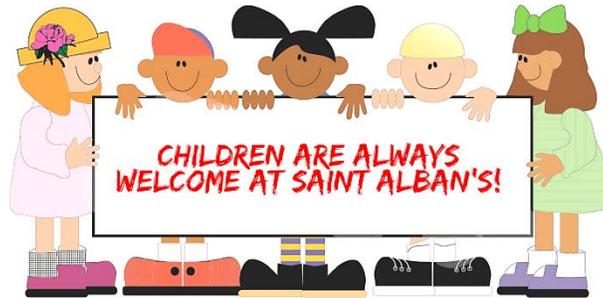
We are blessed to have you with us today. Sorry about limited movement and no opportunities to shake hands, hug or sing and other safety regulations due to coronavirus pandemic. We would usually ask you to sign our newcomer's book, but would prefer that you call the church office, or send an email or note to us and let us know who you are and your contact information. Father Dave would like to talk to you via phone or email. So sorry, we are not offering coffee hour until we see this pandemic from our rear-view window.

Our hope is that you find a home among us, in a place where the love of God is shared, the mystery of grace is experienced, and the joy and laughter of the Christian life is taught.

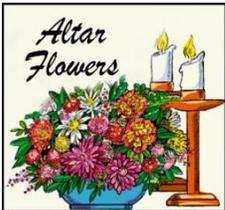
To learn more about St. Alban's, you can schedule an appointment with Father Dave by calling the office at (619) 444-8212 or email us at: generalbusiness@stalbanschurch.info. Also, check out our website at www.st-albans-church.org.



Father Dave & Naomi Madsen



Children are welcome in our worship! Sunday School is usually available in the building across the courtyard at 9:30am, but that is all on hold until a future time to be announced. Sunday School will be online. Please see the "Announcements" page at the end of this bulletin for information on how your child can join our Sunday School via the weekly Zoom meetings.



Flowers today are given to the glory of God.

Have you ever wondered how we get such beautiful flowers at St. Alban's on Sundays? They are paid for by parishioners who dedicate flowers to commemorate a special occasion such as an anniversary, a baptism, a birthday, a graduation, or in memory of departed loved ones. If you would like to dedicate flowers for a special occasion or memorial, you can do so by sending a letter to the office, or email or phone call. Donation envelopes are not available at this time.

To maintain a peaceful worship environment, please silence your cell phone. Thank you!



ACCESSIBLE RESTROOMS ARE LOCATED IN THE PARISH HALL ACROSS THE COURTYARD

The Entrance Rite

Prelude / Opening Hymn - Hymnal 686, "Come thou fount of every blessing"

The Reverend Dr Paul Carmona, Organist

1. Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace!
Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! Oh, fix me on it, mount of God's unchanging love.

3. Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee:
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, oh, take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

Welcome: Father Dave

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is Risen!
People **The Lord is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!**

Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;
People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People **One God and Father of all.**

Gloria – S280

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY –

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Celebrant: Please be seated for the readings.

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST LESSON – Acts 8:26-40

Lector: A reading from the book of Acts.

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury.

He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth."

The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

All: Amen.

Psalm Tune: "Notre Dame" (Riddagshausen)

RESPONSE – Psalm 22:24-30

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<p>24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; * I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.</p> <p>25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: * "May your heart live for ever!"</p> <p>26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, * and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.</p>	<p>27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; * he rules over the nations.</p> <p>28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; * all who go down to the dust fall before him.</p> <p>29 My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; * they shall be known as the LORD'S for ever.</p> <p>30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn * the saving deeds that he has done.</p>
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THE EPISTLE – 1 John 4:7-21

Lector: A reading from the first book of John.

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

A period of silence is kept.

SEQUENCE MUSIC

THE GOSPEL – John 15:1-8

Celebrant: The holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All: **Glory to you Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to his disciples, “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon – The Reverend Dr David Madsen

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant: Let us stand together and say the Nicene Creed

The Nicene Creed – (All say together)

We believe in one God,

**the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,**

**eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

On the third day he rose again

**in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

**With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - *(Please stand or kneel if you are able)*

Intercessor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you**

Intercessor: Let us pray.

Intercessor: We pray for those around us as they live their lives.

People: **For those close, for those far away, and for those who have no one else to pray for them.**

Intercessor: For our communities, especially El Cajon.

People: **For friends, strangers, and the ties that keep them together.**

Intercessor: For our nation – we pray for wisdom for its leaders, particularly our President, and for the health and safety for those serving in the military. Especially Kendall, Lindzy, Denny, Cris, Ben, Bryan, Matt, Clarence, David Nye, Kristyn, Eric, Stephanie, Donovan, Delia, Brandon, Madison, and for our veterans.

People: **May it shine forth as a beacon of nobility and compassion.**

Intercessor: We pray for this earth, your creation;

People: **That we may be faithful stewards of its bounty.**

Intercessor: We lift up all those on the front lines of this pandemic and their families.

People: **Jesus, Lord of life, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: We pray for unity in the Church, and peace for all its members;

People: **For those who spread your Gospel by word or by action.**

People: **We pray for the leaders of our church; for Michael our presiding bishop, Susan our bishop, Dave our rector, and for all bishops, priests and deacons.**

Intercessor: We pray for people in our world. Most especially for our Christian brothers and sisters in **Myanmar, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Burma, India, Afghanistan, Iran, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Egypt, Pakistan, Tunisia, Eritrea, Yemen, Nigeria, and Somalia**, and all places on the earth where people are in danger and treated unfairly.

People: **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer**

Intercessor: We lift up to you our concerns, praying especially all who are refugees, Dick Walter, Heather and baby Elias, Samson, Hilda & Due family, Christine Peters, Judith Taylor, Victoria, Penny, Ralph McMillen, Arlene French, Lillian, Judy Setford, Bill Bishop, Bob Johnsen, Jean K, George Elia, Sonja Bronson and family, Michael Crane, CJ, the families of Losya and Maryam, Marc, Christine and Dorothy, and Sabah O.

(Please take a few moments to express thanks to God either vocally or silently.)

Intercessor: We pray for those who have died.

People: **Grant rest to their souls and comfort to those they have left behind.**

Celebrant: Lord hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you!

All: **And also with you.**

Because of the coronavirus, please do not touch hug or leave your area of worship. Please remember that Passing the Peace is part of our liturgy. It is a time to welcome each other and to share a phrase like: "The peace of the Lord be with you", and to hear a response in kind like "And also with you". It is not intended to be a time for discussion.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – *Please remember to give announcements to someone before the service or after the service or to leave them at the office. Until further notice we ask that no-one comes forward at announcement time except for the one appointed to give announcements.*

SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES AND TRAVELERS

(If you had a birthday, anniversary last week or this week, or if you are going to travel soon, please stand and we will pray for you. Please do not come forward at this time. Thank you.)

Birthday: O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant(s) _____ as *he/she/they* begin another year. Grant that *he/she/they* may grow in wisdom and grace and strengthen *his/her/their* trust in your goodness all the days of *his/her/their* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Many happy returns on the day of your birth. May seasons of joy be given. May God in his mercy prepare you on earth for a beautiful birthday in heaven. Amen.

Anniversaries: Lord, we thank you for this couple _____ and for all of the years that they have had together.

Today, as we celebrate their anniversary, our prayer is that you will continue to bless them. Lord, we pray that you will honor their commitment to each other and to You by granting them many more years of happiness together. Amen.

Travelers: O God, our heavenly Father, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: Preserve those who travel _____; surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OFFERING PRAYER

We will not be passing the offering plate until a future time. If you have an offering with you please put it in the collection box as you come forward for communion, or on your way out, there is another collection box near the door in the back of the nave by the door to the narthex.

Celebrant: Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving and make good your vows to the Most High. *Psalm 50:14*

Celebrant: All things come from you O Lord.

People: **And of your own we have given you.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Sursum Corda (*Please stand, as you are able*)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For with your co-eternal Son and Holy Spirit, you are one God, one Lord, in Trinity of Persons and in Unity of Being; and we celebrate the one and equal glory of you, O Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name.

The Sanctus – S124 (To be read in unison)
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said,

"Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said,

"Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

People: Amen

The Lord's Prayer

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Officiant: Let us pray

The Lord's Prayer – (To be read in unison)

<p>Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,</p>	<p>as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.</p>
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THE HOLY COMMUNION

A moment of reverence is kept.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: **Therefore, let us keep the feast.**

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Hymn – Hymnal 651, “This is my Father’s world”

1. This is my Father’s world, and to my listening ears
all nature sings and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father’s world: I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas, his hand the wonders wrought.

2. This is our Father’s world, oh, let us not forget
that though the wrong is great and strong, God is our Father yet.
He trusts us with his world, to keep it clean and fair,
all earth and trees, all skies and seas, all creatures everywhere.

Please stand as you are able.

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant and People:

**Loving God,
we give you thanks
for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Blessing

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia!

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Recessional – “Blessing Song”

God bless you now and always
And may his Spirit walk with you each day
And may his Presence guide in all your ways
God bless you now, and always

PRAYERS



Please remember in your prayers all who are refugees, Dick Walter, Heather and baby Elias, Samson, Hilda & Due family, Christine Peters, Judith Taylor, Victoria, Penny, Ralph McMillen, Arlene French, Lillian, Judy Setford, Bill Bishop, Bob Johnsen, Jean K, George Elia, Sonja Bronson and family, Michael Crane, CJ, the families of Losya and Maryam, Marc, Christine and Dorothy, and Sabah O.

Pray for those serving in the military especially, Kendall, Lindzy, Denny, Cris, Ben, Bryan, Matt, Kristin, Joe Bates, Donovan Burns, David Nye, Delia, Brandon, Kristyn, Eric, Stephanie, Madison, and for our country's veterans.

We pray for peace in Holy Land most especially for our Christian brothers and sisters in **Myanmar, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Burma, India, Afghanistan, Iran, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Egypt, Pakistan, Tunisia, Eritrea, Yemen, Nigeria, and Somalia** who are suffering deprivation, torture, and death for confessing Christ as their Lord.

We pray for all people in our country who are suffering from poverty, injustices, brutality, racial and sexual discrimination; for those that are sexually, physically and verbally abused or bullied; for the unemployed and the underemployed; for the uninsured and the under insured.

In our Diocesan cycle of prayer, we give thanks today for the clergy and people of St Andrew's, in La Mesa. And also, for the children and teachers of St. Andrew's parish Day School.

In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we give thanks today for The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East.

You may also send prayer requests for the prayer chain to: pennypark@cox.net

Participants in Today's ONLINE Worship

Rector: The Reverend Dr David Madsen

Reader(s): TBD

Prayers: Judy Brown

Music Director: Naomi Madsen

Organist: The Reverend Dr Paul Carmona

Streaming Tech: Hsa Blu Moo, Hser Tha Law, Sa Nay Kyaw

Altar Assistant: Sa Nay Kyaw

Verger: Judy Brown

Worship on the campus of St. Alban's began reconvening on Sunday October 4 under the guidelines as set by San Diego County, the State of CA, and the Episcopal Diocese. Please read through them. Please call the St Alban's office at 619-444-8212 with any questions. Thank you for your help in continuing to keep our campus safe!



Thank You for Your Support
During these challenging times, we
encourage you to support your home church.
If you have no home church and like what you see here
you may support St Alban's Ministries by going to:
<https://st-albans-church.org/giving>

Announcements for the week of 5/02/2021

Sunday School Lessons via ZOOM

The Sunday School is using Zoom as an innovative way to still have Sunday lessons on Sundays. Our Sunday School director, Caroline Hurd, has created a group named "St Alban's Sunday School". **Please send a text to 619-820-0674 if your children would like to join in the ZOOM lesson** and Caroline will add your cell phone number to the Sunday School families who will have access to join this weekly group. Lessons will run about 20 min and begin at **9:00am** so families can enjoy the St Alban's live stream of the Holy Eucharist worship services at 9:30am.

Also please note: St. Alban's Sunday School has an email address: **stalbansundayschool@gmail.com** please use this as well with any questions about Sunday School or attending the Zoom Sunday School meetings.

Sunday School Zoom info: **https://zoom.us/j/93662640101**

Meeting code: 71927243001 Password: Di38xF

One tap mobile: +16699009128,,93662640101# US (San Jose)

Where to Find Other St Alban's Weekly Meetings on ZOOM

Saturday Coffee time with Father Dave & Vestry meeting -

Saturdays at 10 AM. Vestry meeting is 2nd Saturday. There is no coffee time on that Saturday.

Meeting ID - 235 055 010 Password – 688794

Coffee Hour - Sunday at 11 AM

Meeting ID - 850 7170 9773 Password – 329523

Sunday Worship Service at 9:30am, This meeting can be found on the St Alban's Facebook page each Sunday morning. Please note that this info remains the same each week. The Meeting ID's and the Passwords do not change.

Regular Notices

Prayer Requests: To make a request for the prayer chain or bulletin or to update requests, please call Penny Park at 619-328-0692 or email: pennypark@cox.net. You are also invited to add a prayer request to be read in our Sunday public prayers. Names added will be listed for three weeks only, unless otherwise requested. We can also now receive prayer requests through our website: www.st-albans-church.org

Parking: If you are able-bodied, please park in the lot on Camden or the side streets, saving the prime spots for those who require a closer parking space. Thank you!

Report Misconduct: As part of our ongoing commitment to creating a safe haven for everyone, our diocese trains people in the prevention of misconduct and encourages all to report misconduct. All reported incidences are taken seriously and investigated thoroughly and confidentially. If you believe you have experienced misconduct of any kind, please contact Mr. John Seitman, jseitman@pacbell.net, 858-793-4555 or the Rev. Janet Wheelock, jwheelock@edsd.org, 952-240-8067.

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