



# St. John's Chapel Newsletter

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## Happy New Year!

*Matthew 6:33*

New Years" in September?

I realize that if you've looked askance at the title of this message, the greeting, "Happy New Year!" can seem out of place as we enter the month of September. After all, we tend to reserve that greeting for January 1<sup>st</sup>: the beginning of the calendar year. Yet if we think about it there are several "New Years" every year. There are those that we note, even if we don't necessarily celebrate: The Chinese New Year, and the Jewish New Year, centered on the festival of Rosh Hashanah, and usually celebrated during the month of October. Then there is the liturgical "New Year" which officially begins in Advent when we focus our worship on the approaching birth of Christ at Christmas.

Yet, the truest "New Year for most of us, that is, the "emotional" one—the one that we "feel in our bones," is actually right now in September. Vacations are winding down. The coming Labor Day weekend is, for many of us, the "last hurrah" of summer. Children and grandchildren are being prepared for school, if they are not already there. Long range plans for family holidays and celebrations are being called into focus. There is in most of us just now a deep-down sense that we are at a beginning point. This is certainly true here at St. John's Chapel as we are already looking ahead as our Lord leads us.

With all this, at church and in our home lives, it is no

wonder that we feel this time of year to be the real "New Years." That is all the more reason then to follow Jesus' command in Matthew 6:33: "*Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.*" Or as I like to paraphrase it, "Put your relationship with God and his priorities for your life first, and everything else good you need, and plan for, and hope for, and long to see come true will all fall into place."



This is a great promise of God. Jesus is directing us to focus our lives on him, so that all our commitments will stay in proper perspective. If we will make the center of our life's focus be what God wants us to do and to be, then all of these "New Years" hopes, which so easily become mid-year worries and end-year non-accomplishments, will be sifted by his will, and the very best of it all and more will be worked through by him. Remember, our life's work is not the accomplishment of "all these things."

Rather, our life's work is our relationship with Jesus Christ as our sovereign, that he may accomplish "all these things" through us.

Let this "New Year" be a time of promise that does not disappoint, a time of new beginning with a sure arrival. Center everything around your relationship with Jesus Christ. Your commitment to worship and fellowship at St. John's Chapel will help you to get and to keep "all these things" centered. May this September begin a "Happy New Year!" for you.

Fr. Rick





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## The Reformation in England

In England the movement of reform was launched with the quarrel between Henry VIII and the Pope. It was not primarily a religious quarrel, but a political one. When the Pope refused to annul Henry's marriage to allow him to marry again to provide England with a male heir to the throne, Henry's cause became that of all England. With some justice, Henry felt that the Pope had denied to him what other sovereigns were granted from time to time

The national English conscience, long aroused against Papal interference in the affairs of the English Church, burst in open revolt. The King, Parliament,

Church and people identified themselves with the abolition of papal authority. The convocation of the English Church clergy solemnly declared that the Roman pontiff had no greater authority in England than any other foreign bishop. Thus, the Church of Henry's England became a national Catholic church.

No religious revolution like that in progress on the Continent under Calvin and Luther had taken in England. Parliament had clearly stated that in none of its statutes on the abolition of Papal power was there any intention "to decline or vary from...the Catholic faith of Christendom." But with the removal of papal jurisdiction, reform leaders in the national Church moved to eliminate the worst evils and abuses in the Church's faith and practice. This led them farther in matters of religious reform than Henry VIII was prepared to allow.

For many of the leaders, including Archbishop Thomas Cranmer, one aspect of the Church's life most urgently needing reform was her worship. Even during the reign of Henry VIII, he took the first steps towards the Prayer Book.

During the first decades of the English Reformation, Cranmer was the chief architect of The Book of Common Prayer. Steeped in the New Learning of the Christian Renaissance since his student days at Cambridge University, he had long been an earnest opponent of Papal authority in England.

Like reformers elsewhere in Europe, he was convinced that the claim of the Papacy to universal supremacy had no foundation, either in the Scriptures or in the history of the Early Church. He was essentially a scholar and a man of extraordinary spiritual perception. As a reformer, he was chiefly interested in rooting out the erroneous doctrines and superstitions which the Church in the Middle Ages had allowed to grow. Cranmer and the reformers clearly saw that the real question was not how harmless such beliefs and practices might be in themselves, but the place which they occupied in the Christianity of ordinary people. The harm that they did was to provide men with a set of half-pagan, formalistic and mechanical acts of worship, in place of a means of constant self-offering in the companionship of Christ, which is the heart of the Gospel.

## The Reformation in England

- ✦ Henry VIII (1509 – 1547)
- ✦ Catherine of Aragon (First Wife)
- ✦ Henry seeks to dissolve marriage
- ✦ Anne Boleyn (Second Wife)
  - ◆ Elizabeth I
- ✦ Act of Supremacy (1534)
- ✦ Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury
- ✦ Edward VI (1547 – 1553)
- ✦ Mary I, "Bloody Mary" (1553 – 1558)
  - ◆ Intends to restore Catholicism to England
  - ◆ Alliance with Spain

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Excerpted from "the Struggle for the Prayer Book," The National Church, 1945



## Early Presidential Visits to the Hotel Del Monte

*By Elizabeth and Richard Barratt, St. John's Historians*

Besides dignitaries, members of high society, movie stars and businessmen, the Hotel Del Monte welcomed politicians over the years, to include at least four U.S. Presidents.

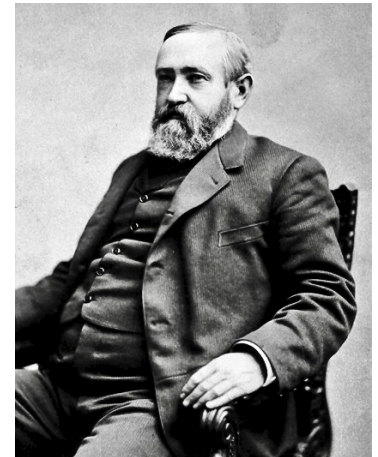


President Rutherford B. Hayes stayed at the Hotel Del Monte in 1880 not long after the resort opened.

*Getty Images, Bettmann*

The first Presidential visit occurred in September 1880, when President Rutherford B. Hayes became the nation's first sitting chief executive to visit California and the first to travel to California on the transcontinental railroad. The tour was intended to promote American progress. President and Mrs. Hayes arrived at the newly opened Hotel Del Monte on September 15, 1880, and spent the night. The next morning, the Presidential party was taken on a carriage ride to downtown Monterey, driving through rows of pines, chopped down in the hills, taken into town and placed in holes dug alongside the streets. Beneath a massive floral arch at Alvarado, Pearl and California streets, the party paused to hear the brass band play "Hail to the Chief." Proceeding to the flag and foliage-festooned balcony at Colton Hall, President Hayes spoke to the adults and schoolchildren below, praising Monterey's history and the pleasant California climate. He was accompanied by General William Tecumseh Sherman, who also gave a brief speech. Following the ceremonies, the party enjoyed a carriage ride to the Presidio, Pacific Grove, Cypress Point and Carmel. That night, a grand ball was held at the hotel. President Hayes remarked prior to his departure on September 17, 1880, that his Monterey visit was one of the most enjoyable of his life.

President Benjamin Harrison arrived on April 29, 1891. His party took up the second-floor western wing of the Hotel Del Monte, occupying Rooms 253 to 278, according to the May 2, 1891, Monterey Cypress. As with the Hayes visit eleven years earlier, President Harrison, accompanied by Charles Crocker, was taken by carriage into Monterey. Following a band-led parade down Alvarado Street, and a drive past the Custom House, the party arrived at Colton Hall, where, like President Hayes eleven years earlier, he gave a speech from the upper balcony. He was then presented with a silver plate bearing an image of the Custom House by Mayor W. J. Hill of Salinas, who said it was a gift on behalf of the county and people of Monterey. Following additional speeches, the Presidential party departed for a carriage ride along the Seventeen-Mile Drive. He later noted, "This is a lovely spot. I wish I could stay here for a week and rest up. Your climate seems so invigorating and your scenery, what little I have seen of it, is grand."



President Benjamin Harrison arrived in Monterey for a visit in 1891.

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On May 10, 1901, President William McKinley and his wife Ida arrived at the Hotel Del Monte. The next morning, while Ida, who was ill, stayed at the hotel, the President was welcomed in downtown Monterey by Mayor Robert Johnson. In a grand reception beneath a massive floral arch at the intersection of Alvarado and Franklin Streets. McKinley gave a brief speech to the citizens, as reported in the May 18, 1901, Monterey Cypress, "*My Fellow Citizens, I am glad to stand in this memorable city, the early capital, and in the place where the first convention assembled... This is indeed historic ground. This quaint old town of toil and traffic, of traditions and of history, is most interesting to your fellow countrymen generally, and is especially interesting to me.*"



*Pixels.com: Monterey County Historical Society County*

### Presidential Visits: *Continued from page 3*

The President then visited Pacific Grove where he met and spoke with veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic in front of the Hotel Carmelo before proceeding to an Assembly Hall. He addressed them, *"The nation you served so well owes you a debt of gratitude which it can never repay. You saved the jewel of freedom for the family of nations. You preserved with your sword and your sacrifices the freest government on earth."* The party then proceeded along Seventeen-Mile Drive for a tour. When McKinley returned to the hotel to join his wife, he found her health had changed for the worse. They remained at the Hotel del Monte for another night, proceeding directly to San Francisco and canceling plans for a speech in San José the next day.

President Theodore Roosevelt's brief local stay was part of a lengthy tour of the western United States. Due to his late-night arrival in Monterey on May 9, 1903, he spent the night in his rail car at the Del Monte Station. The hotel manager met him in the morning and escorted him to his room. After breakfast, he took a brief tour of downtown Monterey where he was greeted by crowds and gave a short speech before taking off on a horseback ride of the Seventeen-Mile Drive.

May 10, 1903, was a Sunday, he asked to spend the rest of the day in privacy. Following lunch, President Roosevelt attended a 3 PM service at St. John's Chapel. Afternoon services were held at the chapel during this period. The chaplain, the Rev. Hobart Chetwood, who was priest-in-charge of St. Mary's-by-the-Sea in Pacific Grove, rode over to hold afternoon services at St. John's. President Roosevelt entered the chapel accompanied by military officers, several Cabinet members and Secret Service agents. Following the service, he strolled through the Hotel Del Monte grounds to admire the pines and cypresses. The May 13, 1903, Monterey New Era reported, "This is probably the only case on record where a President of the United States touring the country has been entertained by a hotel management, entirely unaided by officials or citizens' committees."



President Theodore Roosevelt stays at the Hotel Del Monte and visits St. John's Chapel May 1903.

Roosevelt's visit to Del Monte was all too short. He left by train at 8:00 the next morning. He later wrote to his daughter Ethel about the experience, "This is a beautiful hotel...with gardens and a long seventeen-mile drive beside the beach and the rocks and among the pines and cypresses."

### St. John's Chapel, Del Monte & Our Military Connection



David Jones, longtime member of our congregation, is undertaking the daunting task of chronicling the members of St. John's who have served in the military. Our connection to the military goes back even before the US Navy acquired the Del Monte Hotel. David is asking everyone in the congregation to search their memories and provide him with names and any history you might have. He can be reached at [davedianel@comcast.net](mailto:davedianel@comcast.net), or you're welcome to chat with him during "coffee hour" after service on Sundays.



## St. John's Chapel, Del Monte September 2025 Schedule

Date	Activity	Notes
<b>SEPTEMBER 7</b> Trinity 12	10:00 AM - Holy Communion	Fr. Richard Miles Presiding
<b>SEPTEMBER 14</b> Trinity 13	10:00 AM - Holy Communion 11:00 AM – Vestry Meeting	Fr. Richard Miles Presiding Centennial Hall
<b>SEPTEMBER 21</b> Trinity 14	10:00 AM - Holy Communion	Fr. Richard Miles Presiding
<b>SEPTEMBER 28</b> Trinity 15	10:00 AM – Morning Prayer	Licensed Lay Reader Conducting



### THE BENEFIT SHOP ACCEPTS

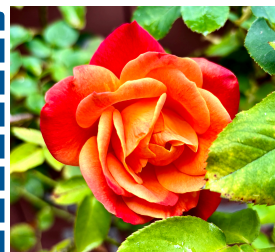
Clean, gently used clothing  
Clean, working small appliances  
Clean Kitchen items  
 Chinaware, Glassware  
 CDs and DVDs  
 Knick knacks and bric-a-brac  
 Small furniture items in good condition  
 Art and Art objects  
 Holiday items  
 Jewelry

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 Soiled or worn-out clothing or shoes  
 Cassettes or VHS videos  
 Non-working small appliances  
 Broken, chipped, or cracked items  
 Worn kitchen ware  
 Broken jewelry or watches

***Please Note: We do not have the woman-power to dispose of unsaleable items.  
Please do not leave items at the gate, it is unlawful.***

**Altar Flowers:** The Flower Chart is in its usual place in the Parish Hall. Reserve those important dates now. Costs are \$30.00 for regular seasonal flowers, greenery and candles, OR \$40.00 for roses.





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## St. John's Chapel Current Financial Encapsulation For the Month of September 2025

<b>Income</b>	<b>\$149,967.27</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$153,302.76</b>
<b>Bottom Line (+/-)</b>	<b>\$ 3,335.49</b>

### Can You Help St. John's Cut Expenses?

Dear Parishioners,

We are always in need of extra toilet paper and paper towel supplies. If you're shopping at COSTCO or another big box store, would you please pick up a packet of these items and bring them to church on Sunday? These small donations really add up in helping the Chapel defray extra expenses. Thanks so much for your help!

### Volunteers Needed for All Ministry Areas

We need help in all ministry areas including acolytes, altar guild, lay readers, and ushers. If you're able to assist even one Sunday a month please contact the Church Office at (831) 375-4463

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