

## Two Months for Love John 13:34-35

May and June are coming. While that brings up lots of possibilities for things to think about, this message is about a recurring theme in those two months: Love!

That theme will be expressed though Mother's Day and Father's Day. Perhaps because I'm writing this just two weeks after Holy Week, my mind is still on Jesus' Great Commandment, "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The Apostle John, in his first letter, underscores this commandment. "Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God, and they that love are born of God, and know God. They that do not love, do not know God for God is Love" (I John 4:7&8). He goes on to remind us how God's love works in our lives. "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 Propitiation (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."

How do we love as God loves us? By willingly giving of ourselves to others in ways that nurture a self-giving and self-sacrificing love in others. Nurturing love in others only becomes possible as we are nurtured in love by Christ and each other. Here is a poem on this nurturing kind of love that I'm sure you have all heard before. It was originally written by Dorothy Law Nolte to guide the rearing of children.

If a child lives with criticism, she learns to condemn.  
If a child lives with hostility, he learns to fight.  
If a child lives with ridicule, she learns to be shy.  
If a child lives with shame, he learns to feel guilty.  
[But,] If a child lives with tolerance, she learns to be patient.  
If a child lives with encouragement, he learns confidence.  
If a child lives with praise, she learns to appreciate.  
If a child lives with fairness, he learns justice.  
If a child lives with security, he learns to have faith.  
If a child lives with approval, she learns to like herself.  
If a child lives with acceptance and friendship, he learns to find love in the world.

Though Mother's Day happens this month, and Father's Day occurs next, these thoughts are not just about the rearing of our children. Since we are all "Children of God" we are all meant to be about the business of loving each other in the same manner. Our love for each other is to be one that nurtures and grows faith, and trust, and love.

Peace,  
Fr. Rick

# The Business News

## From Your Senior Warden



One Sunday morning, as a 23-year-old newcomer, I entered the parish hall of the church I attended just outside Baltimore, Maryland. Hoping to grab a quick cup of coffee before the service, I turned the spigot on one of the two large coffee urns sitting on the kitchen counter. The coffee was not only cold but had been left sitting for so long that it formed a murky rim inside the urns. I hastened back up the stairs and rushed up to the priest, who was about to enter the church to begin the service. “Father Joe,” I reported, “do you know there’s no hot coffee for after service and the coffeepots are dirty?” Startled at my sudden urgency over a matter like old coffee when he was about to begin the Processional, he stared at me. “Elizabeth,” he quickly responded, “I am hereby appointing you as head of the newly formed Coffee Committee.” The organ music began and he strode up the aisle.

I pondered his announcement during the service. Among my swirling ideas were, “Why wasn’t anyone making the coffee on a scheduled basis,” and “Who was supplying the coffee?” and “Why would anyone just leave without cleaning the urns?” Then Fr. Joe’s announcement settled in: he had given me my marching orders. The next day, I was in the church kitchen, scrubbing the pots and wiping down the counters. From then on, each Sunday, I made sure there was sufficient coffee along with the sweeteners and creamers. It became a focus, and one with purpose. My appointment to the nonexistent Coffee Committee taught me that each of us has a mission, no matter the size, that offers the opportunity to serve. For the two years I attended the Baltimore church, the kitchen remained spotless and the coffee was always fresh.



This recollection, of course, reminds me that here at St. John’s Chapel, each of us also has a mission. Small or large, we’re all a part of our beloved historic church. There is a job for every person attending our chapel. For some, it’s helping in the garden, for others, it’s bringing coffee hour treats. A few feed the I-HELP women who stay overnight once a week, volunteer in the Benefit Shop, or lay read regularly. Right now, we have an especially urgent mission that affects each of us, and that is our income status. We are asking each member to prayerfully consider the mission of helping to pay the bills. It takes an adequate amount each month to keep the lights on, the insurance paid, and salaries met. We will continue as a thriving spiritual presence in the community only if our finances thrive. Your Vestry, and the Finance Committee, request that, beyond your regular pledge, will you please consider

“adopting” a bill to pay? Each of us is asked to take on the mission of maintaining our financial health. We will then continue to keep St. John’s doors open, as they have remained, for the past 135 years. And we’ll always make sure that the coffee is ready, and fresh.

### St. John’s Chapel Current Financial Encapsulation April 2026

<b>Available Funds in Checking</b>	<b>\$ 7,173.40</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 22,419.27</b>
<b>Bottom Line (+/-)</b>	<b>-\$ 15,245.79</b>

## A Golden Opportunity! Adopt an Expense!

The Vestry of St. John’s Chapel, Del Monte is asking the congregation to help with monthly bills by adopting one (or more) of the recurring monthly expenses of the Chapel above and beyond their normal pledge. This is a tax-break opportunity to help the St. John’s Chapel meet its monthly expenses. The attached list shows those recurring expenses. Simply select the number of the item you wish to support (fund), let our treasurer (Monica Nathan, [jcbstdtr@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jcbstdtr@sbcglobal.net)) know, then, each month write the check to “St. John’s Chapel,” and specify which expense this is for on the memo line. Thank you for joining us in securing St. John’s continued service to the congregation and community.

### Monthly Expenses

#	Vender	Amount
1	First Alarm - security services	\$ 268.07
2	Elemental Association (HOA for Rectory)	\$ 665.00
3	Diocese of El Camino Real - 2026 Fairshare	\$ 920.00
4	Razzolink - email accounts #456631	\$ 15.00
5	AT&T - Telephones	\$ 365.35
6	PG&E - electricity & gas	\$ 1,418.14
7	Mary Clare Martin - 4 Sundays @ \$250.00	\$ 1,000.00
8	Cal-Am - Water	\$ 613.21
9	Fr. Miles - Salary (2,965.85 twice monthly)	\$ 5,931.70
10	Payroll Taxes	\$ 833.72
11	Arclight Digital - web hosting	\$ 60.00
12	Monterey City Disposal	\$ 271.67
13	Carl Patience - Morning Prayer officiant	\$ 50.00
14	Tansill & Lund - accounting services	\$ 300.00
15	Pinecone Ads	\$ 160.00
16	US Bank Equipment Finance - copier lease	\$ 513.45
17	Cynthia Brown - salary	\$ 2,100.00
18	Jose Martinez - sexton services	\$ 950.00

**Adopted**



## St. John's Chapel, Del Monte May 2026 Schedule

Date	Activity	Notes
May 3 Easter 4	10:00 AM - Holy Communion	Fr. Rick Miles Presiding
May 10 Easter 5	<b>Mother's Day</b> 10:00 AM - Holy Communion 11:30 AM – Vestry Meeting	Fr. Rick Miles Presiding Centennial Hall
May 17 Sunday after Ascension	10:00 AM - Holy Communion	Fr. Rick Miles Presiding
May 24 Pentecost/Whitsunday	10:00 AM - Morning Prayer	Licensed Lay Reader Conducting
May 25	Memorial Day	
May 31 Trinity	10:00 AM - Morning Prayer	Licensed Lay Reader Conducting

### 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, photographs in uniform (or partial thereof), any military memorabilia, and any

history you might have. He can be reached at [davediane1@comcast.net](mailto:davediane1@comcast.net), or you're welcome to chat with him during "coffee hour" after service on Sundays.



# The Great Easter Egg Hunt!



**Altar Flowers: The Flower Chart is in its usual place in the Parish Hall. Reserve those important dates now. Costs are \$40.00 for regular seasonal flowers, greenery and candles, OR \$50.00 for roses.**



We'll be celebrating St. John's 135<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on June 14, 2026, with several special observances. To help fund the event, Elizabeth Barratt is offering for sale this set of 8 luncheon/dessert plates from the historic Hotel Del Monte. Although priced at \$120 per plate, she is offering them to St. John's members at \$100 each for 7 plates in pristine condition, one for \$75 with a small chip not visible on the top; or \$775 for the set. These Syracuse China Co. plates date to the 1930s. If you are interested, please email Elizabeth at [HRHANDQE3@gmail.com](mailto:HRHANDQE3@gmail.com) or call 831-241-6927.



## BENEFIT SHOP

### 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

### WE CAN NOT ACCEPT

ELECTRONICS: such as MEDICAL EQUIPMENT, PRINTERS, COPIERS, LAPTOPS, CELL PHONES, TELEVISIONS, OR COMPUTERS.  
 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.*

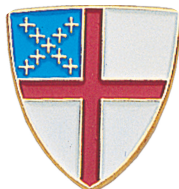
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