



## “Ordinary Time?” Galatians 5:22,23

I love the Farmer's Market in Monterey; maybe, because it's such a reminder of my growing up in the San Joaquin valley. There, every country road would have fruit and vegetable stands operated by whichever family's farm you happened to be passing at that moment. The Market here is such a throwback to those marvelous roadside produce stands; except that they are all gathered together in one place, instead of scattered for miles. The produce is fragrant, fresh, colorful, and bursting with flavor, just the way I remember it being as a kid. Every bite brings back the joy of the season. It's hard to believe that we once thought of this kind of thing as ordinary.

Then again, ordinary means regular; the way things are meant to be; the standard by which other things are measured. We have now entered, what the Church calls, Ordinary Time, the time after Trinity Sunday until the first Sunday in Advent. The kind of growth that creates abundant fruit is what the season of Ordinary Time is all about. So often, we think that Ordinary Time can feel like a let-down. But there's nothing ordinary about the anticipation of freshly picked strawberries lovingly turned into a warm delicious cobbler, or simply cut fresh, and left to “juice-up” in a bowl. It makes the heart sing.

Ordinary Time is an occasion for growth in the Spirit, for being nurtured. Like the summer fruit, we too bud forth. In fact, in St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians, he uses this metaphor to speak about the Spirit. Paul tells us that if we welcome the presence of the Holy Spirit within us, then the Spirit will produce fruit in us. “The fruit of the Spirit,” he says, “is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity (generosity or goodness of spirit in giving freely of oneself), faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control” (Gal. 5:22–23).

Through baptism, these virtues, these gifts of the Spirit, are planted in our soul. Yet just as the fruits we see in spring need care to grow, we too are to cultivate the Spirit's fruit so it can increase in and among us. So, during this season of Ordinary Time, choose one of the fruits Paul mentions and work on cultivating it.

For instance, let's say we pick kindness. In times of economic stress, it is easy to exercise a critical spirit. We might snap at a store clerk or honk our car horn more than usual. Kindness seems distinctly absent. Instead of reacting, perhaps we might try pausing, taking a deep breath, and remind ourselves that following Jesus means interacting with our neighbors in a more Christ-like and gentle way.

Taking such actions allows us, in turn, to be more considerate of God's creation in ways that we haven't been in the past. We can respond to those in need with generosity; another of the fruits of the Spirit. We find new options to help those living in poverty or without adequate healthcare. The Spirit also opens in us the recognition of earth's suffering and sets us free to care for our fragile earth. As the fruit of self-control enables us to curb consumption and exploitation of creation, we discover ways to sustain our world for generations to come.

Thus, we see that, along with self-control, these kind, gentle, and generous actions also produce another fruit; that of peace. Choosing to actively produce just one of the fruits of the Spirit creates a serenity within that can affect everyone around us, and our world.

In season or out of season, producing the Spirit's fruit transforms us and the creation. It's a chance to let your ordinary days flourish in extraordinary ways. So, pick some fruit! It's time to become extraordinarily Ordinary!

Fr. Rick

## St. John's Chapel, Del Monte: A Distinguished History

President Theodore Roosevelt, who attended services on May 10, 1903, while a guest at the Hotel Del Monte.

St. John's Chapel was founded on property donated by railroad magnate Charles Crocker. For its first five decades, the chapel associated with the Hotel Del Monte, a sprawling resort spa financed by the Central Railroad's "Big Four," Mark Hopkins, Leland Stanford, Collis P. Huntington, and Charles Crocker. The chapel's founding was supported by many of the hotel's San Francisco guests, who were parishioners of that city's St. John the Evangelist Church, designed by eminent Arts and Crafts architect Ernest Coxhead. The San Francisco rector, Dr. E. B. Spalding, encouraged his flock to establish an initial fund to build a Chapel of Ease at Monterey. (A Chapel of Ease is a church located at a distance from, but supported by, its mother church.)

Ernest Coxhead designed the chapel, which featured a shingled redwood and stone block exterior. When completed, it faced the Hotel Del Monte, reached via a short footpath stroll away. Named for its mother church, St. John's Chapel, Del Monte was dedicated June 14, 1891. The Rt. Rev. William Ford Nichols of the Diocese of California officiated, assisted by the Rev. Dr. E.B. Spalding and the Rev. Charles S. Fackenthal, who was priest-in-charge of St. Mary's-by-the-Sea, Pacific Grove and chaplain of St. James Episcopal Church, Monterey.

For its first three decades, St. John's was served by circuit riding priests from St. Mary's-by-the-Sea and St. James, who held Sunday afternoon services at the chapel for both hotel guests and the public. The chapel's first fulltime rector, the Rev. Griffen Marshall Cutting, was installed in 1920.

Among the prominent worshippers at St. John's was



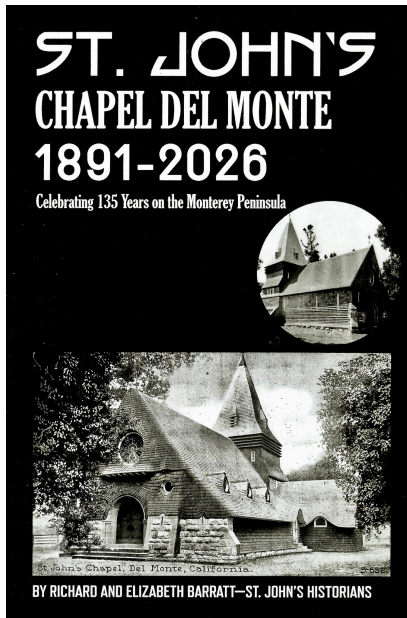
Over the next decades, celebrities, society figures and movie stars were married at the chapel, to include the 1939 wedding of screen actors Joan Fontaine and Brian Aherne (the maid of honor was Joan's sister, Olivia de Havilland) and the 1997 wedding of film star Brooke Shields and tennis pro Andre Agassi. Joan Fontaine returned to the Monterey Peninsula in retirement and was a faithful parishioner at St. John's.

The ties between St. John's and the Hotel Del Monte ended following World War II when the hotel property was purchased by the U.S. government to establish the Naval Postgraduate School. Robust church life at St. John's has continued since that time, supported by residents, military families, and visitors. In 1957, due to construction of U.S. Highway 1, the chapel was moved 500 yards from its original location to its present site. Award-winning architect Robert Stanton designed additional buildings surrounding the chapel.

St. John's Chapel is considered an outstanding example of Ernest Coxhead's distinctive Shingle Style. Today's architecture students visit our chapel to tour the church and study his unique design techniques.

Since its inception, St. John's Chapel has welcomed both the local population and the area's visitors. The chapel maintains community outreach programs that benefit those in need in our society and provides for the spiritual needs of all who enter its historic doors. Our congregation will celebrate the beloved chapel's 135<sup>th</sup> anniversary on June 14, 2026 with a service of Holy Communion at 10:00 AM followed by a Silver Tea.

St. John's Chapel Del Monte was placed on the National Register of Historic Places on October 21, 2020.



**It's here! The history of our beloved chapel, which has taken Dick and Elizabeth Barratt the past four years to research and complete (Elizabeth wrote the text, Dick organized and set up the illustrations) is now available for purchase. You may buy your copy after the Sunday service during the upcoming weeks, or at our Festive Luncheon at the Monterey Elks Lodge. Book cost: \$30.**

**Come one, Come all!**

Have you RSVP'd your Festive Luncheon invitation?

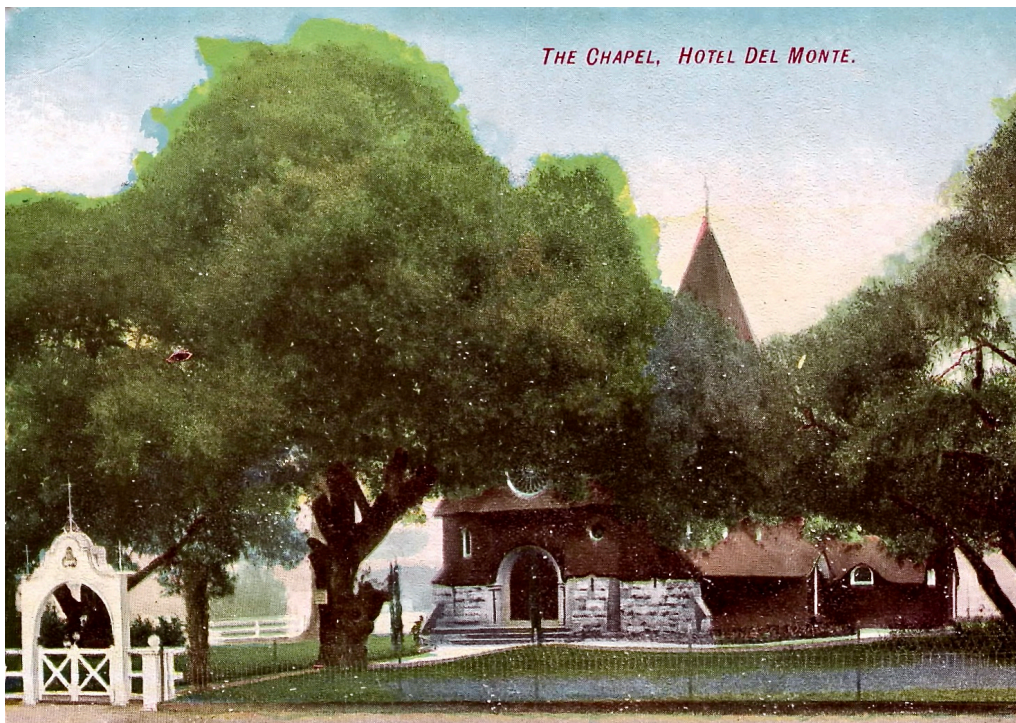
Our celebratory event will be held on June 13, 2026 at the Monterey Elks Lodge.

There will be a slide show presentation by Dick and Elizabeth Barratt on the history of St. John's Chapel, plus book sale of their volume, "*St. John's Chapel Del Monte 1891-2026: Celebrating 135 Years on the Monterey Peninsula*"

Final reservation and payment deadline (firm) is **June 4, 2026!** (Sorry, we cannot accommodate last minute walk-ins).

Need more information? [HRHANDQE3@gmail.com](mailto:HRHANDQE3@gmail.com)

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# The Business News

## Finance Committee Update

Since the publication of the May newsletter, we have had several good things happen. While no one has adopted an expense, we have received a couple of extra donations, and a few people have caught up their pledges. All good news.

Please keep St. John's Chapel in your prayers as we navigate the months ahead.

Sincerely,  
Finance Committee

### St. John's Chapel Current Financial Encapsulation May 2026

Balance in Checking as of May 7, 2026	\$ 5,711.43
Deposits May 13 <sup>th</sup> (Sunday offering)	\$ 4,707.00
Deposits May 19 <sup>th</sup> (Sunday offering & check)	\$ 52,256.14
<b>Available income so far for May</b>	<b>\$ 62,674.57</b>
May Expenses	\$ 16,562.99
<b>Bottom Line (+/-)</b>	<b>\$ 46,111.58</b>

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.



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

Date	Activity	Notes
June 7 <small>Trinity 1</small>	10:00 AM - Holy Communion	Fr. Rick Miles Presiding
June 13	11:30 AM St. John's Chapel 135 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Festive Luncheon	Monterey Elks Lodge 1285
June 14 <small>Trinity 2</small>	135 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St. John's Chapel, Del Monte 10:00 AM - Holy Communion Silver Service Tea following	Fr. Rick Miles Presiding
June 21 <small>Trinity 3</small>	10:00 AM - Holy Communion 11:30 AM – Vestry Meeting Father's Day	Fr. Rick Miles Presiding Centennial Hall
June 28 <small>Trinity 4</small>	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.

**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.**



# OPERATION: OVERLORD

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*Utah Beach, 6 June 1944*  
Pinterest



*Utah Beach, 20 March 2026*  
Barratt



*Colleville-sur-Mer, 20 March 2026*  
Barratt

**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.***

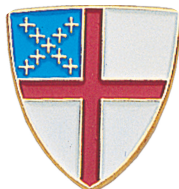
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