



# SAINT JOHN'S PARISH News of the Week

February 12, 2012

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*Vision Statement: Saint John's Episcopal Parish - A Welcoming Community for All:  
Seeking God's Word • Responding to God's Call • Working for Love & Justice*

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**Come Worship this Sunday ...**



**We'll Celebrate Evolution Sunday**

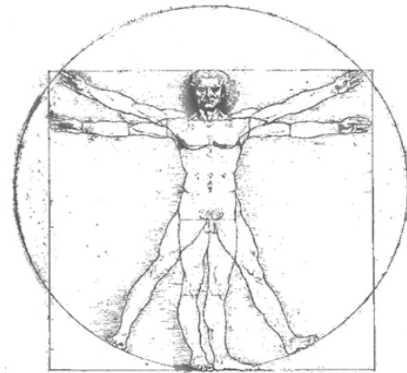
**8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I**

**10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II**

**It's our Monthly Folk Service.**

## Evolution Sunday

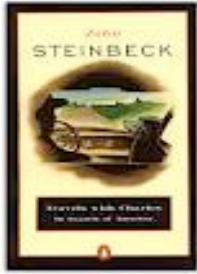
Once again this year, we will celebrate Evolution Sunday, observed on the Sunday closest to February 12th. (February 12<sup>th</sup> was Charles Darwin's birthday.) Now called Evolution Weekend, the movement began in 2004 as a response to the perception that faithful Christians don't believe in evolution. The movement has grown to include Christian and Jewish communities across the globe.



The website of the movement states that the purpose of the observance is to "provide opportunity for serious discussion and reflection on the relationship between religion and science" and in an effort "to elevate the quality of the discussion on this critical topic, and to show that religion and science are not adversaries."

This is a good opportunity to invite scientifically minded friends or family members who may be unaware that not all Christians espouse "creationism" or "intelligent design."

## Saint John's Book Club Next Meeting: Sunday, April 15th.



Saint John's Book Club's next meeting will be Sunday, April 15th at 7:00 p.m. at the Fogerson home. They will be discussing *Travels with Charley* by John Steinbeck. All are welcome. Contact the parish office for more information.



### Lent Begins on February 22<sup>nd</sup> Plan to Attend Services

**5:00 p.m. Children's Ash Wednesday Service**

**7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service**

We begin the season of Lent with the ashes from which this holy day takes its name. In the Bible, sprinkling with ashes is a sign of mourning for our sins and the desire to begin our spiritual journey afresh. As such, it is a reminder of God's great mercy and should remind us that God's forgiveness is greater than our sinfulness.

Our children's service will be brief and designed for children ages 3-12. Like the "grown up service" it will include simple music, a reading from the Bible, sharing of ashes, and communion. It will also help children understand what it means to be forgiven even when we do bad things, and it will challenge the children to pick a project for Lent. All in 45 minutes...

Parents and grandparents, make sure the children in your life can be present for this service. And all—please think to invite extended family (nieces and nephews, cousins, etc.) and friends and neighbors.

Of course adults are welcome at either service. Both service will have communion.

## It's Saint John's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Save the Date... Saturday evening, April 28<sup>th</sup>

Saint John's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration with Bishop Marc and Dr. Shelia Andrus will be Saturday evening, April 28<sup>th</sup> (more details later, but save the date).



## Devotional Booklets Offer Spiritual Nourishment for Lent

If you'd like to take a few minutes every day for some spiritual reading, we'll have three booklets which will help you do just that.

*Renewed for Life* is drawn from the writings of the 20<sup>th</sup> century spiritual master, Henri Nouwen. It is appropriate for adults and mature youth.

*With God All Things Are Possible* is written for families with school age children and youth,

*All Around Jerusalem* is a combination devotional and sticker book perfect for families with children ages 6 and under.

These devotionals will be available in time for Ash Wednesday; you'll find them on the table near the entry to the sanctuary. Feel free to take and use these devotionals. If you are able, a \$1.00 donation would be appreciated to cover the cost of each booklet.

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## Join Us on Shrove Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, for Holy Pancakes Stay for the Pancake Race!

"Holy pancakes?" OK, now that we have your attention... How did Christians in former times prepare for the penitential season of Lent? In the days of more rigorous fasting, folks gave up eggs, butter, sugar and other similar luxury items. To avoid temptation, they'd make pancakes the night before Ash Wednesday to empty the cupboards. Hence the term "Mardi Gras" or Fat Tuesday.



Join us on Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. for one last blast before Lent.

Pancake races are an English tradition going back centuries, and this year we'll hold our own race at 6:45 p.m. Bring your own frying pan to flip your pancakes as you navigate the race course! We'll have kids' and adults' categories. The winner of each category will receive a bottle of real maple syrup!

We'll take donations to offset the costs; anything above and beyond that will go to support the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, which Saint John's has supported for many years.

**Remember: Life feels good when somebody's THERE. It feels better when somebody SHARES. It feels best when somebody CARES.  
Are you THERE? Do you SHARE? Do you CARE?**

## Announcements

**Guests & Newcomers, Welcome!** We are delighted to have you join us this morning. Please be sure to sign our Guest Book located near the double doors. Please, join us for coffee after the service, and again next Sunday for worship!

**Flowers today are given by the Henshaws in celebration of Katie's birthday.** To donate flowers for your special occasion, see the chart on the wall in the back of the sanctuary. More than one household may sign up for each Sunday. If you have a special request for your floral arrangement contact the church office. Thank you.

**The Infant & Toddler Nursery** room is available for parents' use, as needed. Mikayla Little is our Nursery Attendant. The room is located across the patio in the Nursery, Room #4.

**Pastoral Contact** -- Please remember that parishioners may contact Father Peter Champion (510-245-7542) for any pastoral needs or emergencies. Contact the office (925-672-8855) or Matt Chamberlain (925-825-3546) for questions or information regarding other parish matters.

### Calendar of Events at Saint John's Parish

- February 11 Vestry Retreat, Part 1
- February 12 Evolution Sunday
- February 19 Vestry Retreat, Part 2
- February 21 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
- February 22 Ash Wednesday, Children's Svs., 5 pm, Ash Wednesday Svs. 7 p.m.
- February 26 First Sunday in Lent, Lenten Soup, Study & Prayer begins 5:30 p.m.
- April 28 Saint John's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration (more details later)

<b>Ministers of Worship – Sunday, February 12, 2012</b>				
<b>MoW</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>MoW</b>	<b>8:00 &amp; 10:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Subdeacon</b>	John Ferrante	Sherrie Hidalgo	<b>Flowers</b>	Ann Ferrante
<b>Lectors</b>	Gary Carr	Jay Hartlove	<b>Bread Maker</b>	Kathy Evon
<b>Acolyte</b>	Ann Ferrante	Samantha Tuohey	<b>Sweepers</b>	Luke Casey Gary Carr
<b>Cupbearers</b>	Barbara Fogerson	Rosemary Francis Denisen Hartlove	<b>Altar Guild</b>	Rosemary Rivers Bev Price
<b>Intercessor</b>	Suzanne Howard	Limrite Family	<b>Counters</b>	Karen Hansen-Smith Laurel McDermott
<b>Hosts</b>	Jeff Harris John Capraro	Paul Henshaw Carol Henshaw	<b>Musicians</b>	Folk Band
<b>Coffee</b>	Ann Ferrante John Ferrante		<b>Preacher and Celebrant</b>	The Rev. Peter Champion