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Why do we veil the crosses and images of saints in the church during Lent?

Like many of the liturgical practices in The Episcopal Church, this one isn't prescribed by canon law or by the rubrics in the prayer book. It's an amalgamation of traditions that have formed over the centuries. And like much of our liturgical ceremonial at St. Mary's, this custom has its roots in two separate-yet-intertwining traditions: the traditional Roman rite^[1], and the variation of the Roman rite that was used in parts of England prior to the Reformation: the Sarum use.^[2]

In the Sarum use, unbleached linen trimmed in red and black ("Lenten array") was typically used during Lent. Images and crosses were covered from Ash Wednesday until Easter. In the traditional Roman rite, the color used during Lent is violet. Images and crosses are veiled during the two weeks preceding Easter. Most Anglo-Catholics use violet during Lent as we do, and most Episcopal parishes observe the Lenten veil through the entirety of Lent.

What is the spiritual significance of this practice?

The Lenten veil is a visual representation of the penitential nature of the season. The cross – the sign of Christ's glorious victory over death – and the images of the saints who lead us closer to him are simply too bright for us to bear during this season of mourning and penance. The veil also reminds us of the fig leaves worn by Adam and Eve, the visible sign of the shame felt by our first parents when they ate the apple from the forbidden tree.^[3] During Lent, we hone our spiritual habits, and as we do, we become more aware of our own sinfulness with its corresponding shame. As we grow in self-awareness of our tendency to sin, we also become more and more aware that we are not able to fix ourselves on our own. We need a Savior.

The veils will come off soon enough as Easter is just around the corner. But in the meantime, the Lenten veil reminds us that we are sinners in need of a Savior. In the words Fr. Alexander Schmemmann, "The night may

be dark and long, but all along the way, a mysterious and radiant dawn seems to shine on the horizon.” [4]

[1] By “traditional Roman rite”, I’m referring to the primary liturgy used in the Roman Catholic Church from 1570 until 1962 along with its prescribed ceremonial. It is properly referred to as the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite, but commonly called the Tridentine Mass or the Traditional Latin Mass (TLM).

[2] The Sarum use is a now defunct pre-Reformation variation of the traditional Roman Rite that stems from the Diocese of Salisbury and spread to much of southern England as well as elsewhere in the British Isles. If you’re interested in an academic overview of the Sarum use, click [here](#). It is a pet peeve of mine that in The Episcopal Church today, it is common to attribute any liturgical peculiarity to the Sarum use in order to attempt to legitimize it, even if it has no basis in historical practice. For example, Episcopal parishes that use blue as the liturgical color during Advent often call it “Sarum blue”, even though blue was never the color used for Advent in the Sarum use.

[3] <https://livingchurch.org/covenant/2015/03/03/veiling-crosses-in-lent/>

[4] http://ww1.antiochian.org/great-lent-excerpts/intro_journey_to_pascha

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Fr. Charles Everson works as a banker by day and a priest by night. His love for music and liturgy led him to a suburban parish as a simple chorister, and as of late, to St. Mary's as a priest. He feels called to share the love of Jesus Christ with a broken world in desperate need of hope and reconciliation.

Greetings in the name of our Lord,

Recently, we at St. Cletet's have begun the forty day journey that is Lent. When I was a child growing up in Catholic school, the only thing I remember about Lent was that I wasn't allowed to eat meat on Ash Wednesday or any Friday thereafter until Easter. Someone may have explained to me the reasoning behind all of this, but if they had, I must not have been paying very good attention.

When I think of Lent, I liken our disciplines to being in the wilderness, for it is in the wilderness, when we are removed from things that make us comfortable, comforts that we take for granted, that we tend encounter God. This is true all throughout the bible and is a running theme within our lectionary readings during Lent. As we heard in our gospel lesson on the first Sunday of Lent, Jesus, right after his baptism enters into the wilderness to fast, pray, and be tempted before he begins his ministry. In the First Testament, we also find Moses wandering with his flock in the wilderness, about to encounter God in the burning bush. It really does seem that God is more willing to meet us when we are not setting the terms, or perhaps it might be better to say that we are more aware of the God who is consistently reaching out to us, when we are able to move out from the distractions of complacency and comforts in our lives, and realize our dependence on the one whom we call Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.

During Lent, there is much to learn from purposefully taking a season to wander into a self-imposed wilderness of sacrifice, and denial of day to day comforts which also helps us connect with the ultimate sacrifice of Jesus. This is the sacrifice that has set us free from the bondage of sin and death. Glory be to God! So, as you continue on this Lenten journey, remember that you are journeying into the wilderness. Remember that God will meet you there, and remember that it is indeed, holy ground.

Faithfully,

Fr. Kenn

Senior Warden Report for April 2019 Anchor

March was a very busy month for the church. Directory photos are complete and hopefully everyone who ordered pictures has received them. The draft for the Directory should be out the second week in April and at that time Fr. Kenn and I will review it and send the ok for completing the Directory.

Your Junior Warden has been very busy getting the side walk outside the office repaired. The framing the windows in the church have begun, what a beautiful new look to the inside of the church. The Altar wall has been painted thanks to Lisa Barnett. Have you seen the entrance to the church? The bushes are gone, the wall was power washed, and now we have beautiful plants with rock and bark landscape. Thank you to Denise and Emilito Smith and Gaylen Quarles.

The Lenten projects are being enjoyed by all, as well as the prayer net by Lisa Barnett and Gaylen Quarles and the cross candle lighting at both services by Ken Dunham and Debbi Honeycutt. The collection for the underprivileged, (Stepping up with Jesus), is being coordinated by Laura Simkins and La Benesh. Our white board in the Parish Hall of Fasting/Feasting for Lent was created by Zoe Boughton.

Winter Sanctuary completed our month at B'nai Israel where we served 100 homeless guests. The food was made and delivered by St. Clements headed by Larua and Jerry Simkins. Thank you to all who helped prepare the food and helped serve at the Winter Sanctuary. Fifteen of St. Clements Ukupalians provided music to the guests as they ate. Thank you Zoe, for arranging for the Ukupalians.

April is also a very busy month with the Confirmation of our members with the Bishop on April 7, our Palm Sunday Music Program presented by the choir and of course our 3 Easter Services at 6am, 8am, and 10 am on April 21st followed by our annual Easter egg hunt for the children after the 10 am service.

Blessings,

Debbi Honeycutt

Treasurers' Report to the Vestry for March 2019

February was a little nicer to us from a monetary point of view in that we almost broke even.

No major expenditures this time and the income was right up to the amount we had budgeted for.

Right now, I am in the middle of updating our chart of accounts by starting fresh at the beginning of the year, and getting the net assets correctly stated. When the Quick Books system was created, there were some things that didn't work quite as a good accounting system should. So, with the gracious help of Emily, we have started over with March. It is going to take a little effort to get all the ingredients installed, but it should make using the system a bit easier, and a lot more correct.

So, next month I will report with the new system, so it ought to be a little different from what you are used to seeing. I'll try to do it up right. If anyone has a special way to see accounting reports, give me a ring with your suggestions and we'll see what can be done.

Kent

Clean Up Saturday

The Junior Warden would like to have a spring clean-up day to help recover from winter. The date is April 6 and the time starts at 8:00 am. This is the day before the Bishop's visit and confirmation. Anyone who can participate see Gaylen Quarles.

Confessions Available

Dear friends in Christ,

An ancient practice of the church is to make a private confession with a priest sometime during Holy Week. In the Episcopal church, concerning private confession, we like to say that "All may, none must, some should." If you are interested in making a private confession, I will be available by appointment during Holy Week. Please contact the church office to set up a time. The office phone is:916-635-5282.

To reiterate, confession is available to any who wish it, but it is in no way mandatory.

Fr. Kenn+

Easter Schedule:

6:00am Easter sunrise Service

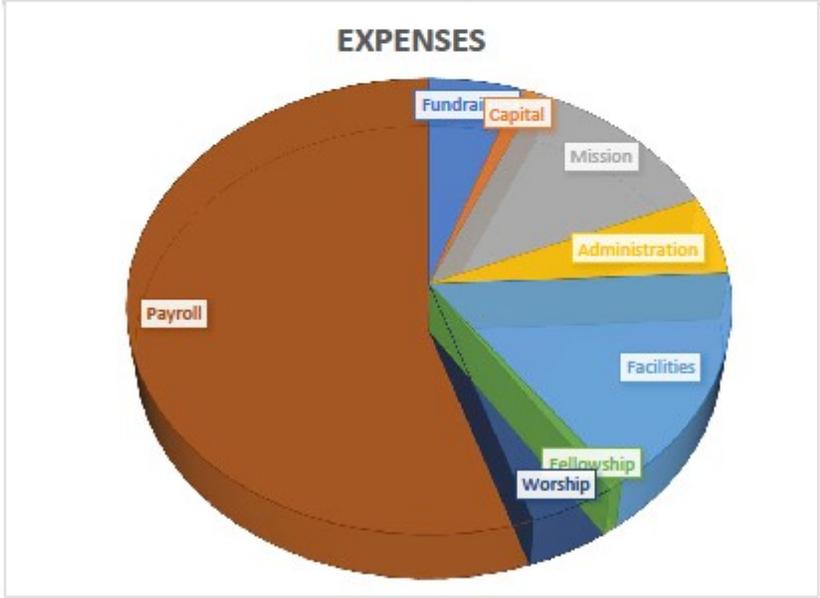
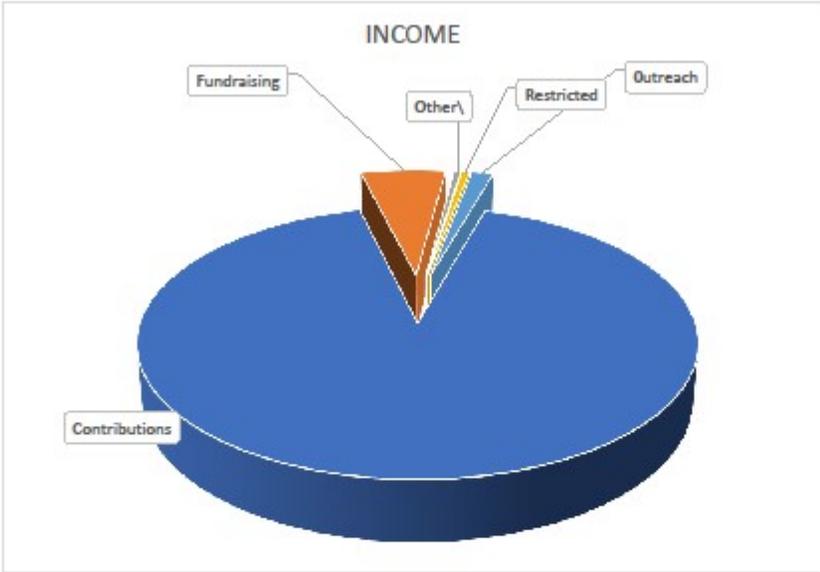
8:00am Traditional Service

10:00am Family Service

An Easter Egg Hunt follows the Family Service
and is open to all children!

The Lord's Prayer

Begin Holy Week with "A Journey Through the Lord's Prayer" presented by St. Clements's Choir on Palm Sunday, April 14, at 4:00 pm. Please invite your friends and neighbors and fill the church to hear this fabulous presentation. This journey will take us through each of the phrases of the prayer with special insights into each one and complimentary music. It will be an inspiring adventure through this oft spoken prayer. This is a wonderful way to lay the foundation for Holy Week and Easter.



Treasurer's Ramblings and Edifications for April's Vestry Meeting

At the beginning of this year it was decided the Quick Books file that we have used for the last 8 years was getting too large and cumbersome, and had a few entries that were not, at this time, consistent with the best accounting practices. Therefore, with the help of Emily Hyberg, an experienced accounting wizard and Quick Books expert, We created a new file starting January 1st 2019.

All current accounts and balances were transferred into this new file. Using current bank statement, all active accounts were balanced and reconciled. All in-active accounts were either eliminated (deleted) or marked inactive, so they would be available for future use when the need would arise. If you compare today's sheet with last month's, you will see some differences in the income reported. This is because I now include interest in the savings account and income from the money we have on deposit with the Diocese.

We moved the two accounts for 'Deposits at the Diocese' into current Assets so they more accurately reflect the Church's current financial status. Because of that the Balance Sheet shows a completely different picture than what you have seen in the past and will give you a better understanding of our current situation. We have assets of \$97,144.36 as of the 31st of March 2019.

I have included the document that describes what money we are sending to the Diocese. The \$700.00 amount for fire victims in Paradise was collected at the end of January and is being delivered now.

The large number for pledges in February is the result of many parishioner who pledged an annual amount, contributing that amount now, so it tends to skew the contribution for a while until it evens out at the end of the year. To compensate for this, I move the annual amounts into the Savings account. This has two advantages, first, it reduces the amount we need to pay to the Diocese, and Second, it builds our reserves. So, on any given month, if the pledge income is not up to what we need to operate I can move just enough to cover the outstanding checks, especially payroll. At that time, it gets reported to the Diocese and we can pay our mission apportionment, as required.

On the actual P&L spreadsheet I show the YTD actual and budget. The difference is how we are doing and at the end of the month. Currently we have a deficit of only \$4,981.00. However, the pledge income for March was more than expected giving us a positive end of month net income! I do suspect though, since the last Sunday was also the last day of the month, some of that income was early April pledges.

If you have questions, bring them to the meeting tonight 4/2/19.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kent Ransom

ST. CLEMENT'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
LAY SCHEDULE FOR APRIL 2019

	April 7	April 14	April 21	April 28
ALTAR GUILD	Jennifer Yee	Stephen Souلمان	Sharon B-Polana	Debbi Honeycutt
		Muriel Murray	Linda Simmons	Len Honeycutt
USHERS	8:00 AM Randy Grimwood	Randy Grimwood	Randy Grimwood	Randy Grimwood
	10:00 AM Pam Quarles	Bill Murray	Kent Ransom	Pam Quarles
ACOLYTES	8:00 AM Chris Wash	Harry Shippy	Janelle Fallan	Chris Wash
	10:00 AM Debbi Honeycutt	Emily Hyberg	Debbie Popp	Debbi Honeycutt
LECTORS	8:00 AM Ken Dunham	Jim Wash	Chris Wash	Marj Heineke
	10:00 AM Chuck Maxson	Muriel Murray	Len Honeycutt	Laura Simkins
INTERCESSORS	8:00 AM Jim Wash	Chris Wash	Ken Dunham	Harry Shippy
	10:00 AM Len Honeycutt	Kent Ransom	Chuck Maxson	Bill Murray
E.M. (CHALICE)	8:00 AM Chris Wash	Harry Shippy	Janelle Fallan	Chris Wash
	10:00 AM Sharon B-Polana	Debbi Honeycutt	Muriel Murray	Debbie Popp
COFFEE HOUR	8:00 AM Janelle Fallan	Harry Shippy	Chris Wash	Randy Grimwood
	Ken Dunham		Jim Wash	
	10:00 AM Potluck Sunday	Zoe Mitchell	Potluck Sunday	Victoria McKinney
		La Benesh		Elsie Webber
COUNTERS				
	Kent Ransom	Sharon B-Polana	Kent Ransom	Sharon B-Polana
	Stephen Souلمان	Harry Shippy	Guido Polana	Muriel Murray
Media Ministry	10:00 Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer

NOTE: If you cannot serve on the day scheduled please arrange to have someone else take your place.

Note: The acolyte at the 10:00 service serves as one of the chalice bearers

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If you have a need for a pastoral visit, please contact: Fr. Kenn Katona at: 916-635-5282

Clergy and Lay Eucharist Visits

Please call the church office (635-5282) or send an e-mail to the church at info@saint-clements.com if you would like communion brought to you or a family member.

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