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# St. John's Episcopal Church E-News

760 First Ave. Chula Vista, CA 91910  
*Looking forward to seeing you this Sunday!*

November 23, 2011

## Thanksgiving Day Service at 9:00 AM

"Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever." Psalm 107:1

Have a Blessed and Happy Thanksgiving!



## Thanksgiving Outreach for South Bay Community Services a Grand Success!

Thank you to everyone that participated by bringing in Thanksgiving food bags and donating gift cards for SBCS. We surpassed our goal by collecting double the amount of 25 bags. The last count on Sunday was 50 bags with gift cards!

## Christmas at St. John's

The Greening - Saturday Nov. 26th



9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Join the Flower and Altar Guilds to "green" the sanctuary of St. John's. We'll start getting the church ready by placing the evergreen, setting the creche, and adding the flowers of Christmas. Refreshments and Christmas music will be a great way to get into the Christmas spirit and start sprucing up the church in preparation for Jesus' birth!

## ***Christmas Flowers***

This Sunday's bulletin contains an envelope for Christmas flower donations and may be made in memory of a loved one. Please write in the lower left corner of your check "Flowers". This year we are hoping to fill the sanctuary with the beauty of Christmas greenery and flowers. Poinsettias and other seasonal flowers will be placed throughout the church and around the altar and manger to adorn the birth of Jesus Christ. Please help fill the church by donating towards the purchase of flowers. After the holidays the flowers will be placed in the breezeway for members to take home and enjoy or plant in your garden.

The Christmas "Jesse" tree will be set-up in the Narthex to display the ornaments from the Sunday School program.

The Jesse Tree represents the family tree, or genealogy of Jesus Christ. It tells the story of God's salvation plan, beginning with creation and continuing through the Old Testament, to the coming of the Messiah. The name comes from Isaiah 11:1, "Then a shoot will spring from the stem of Jesse, and a branch from his roots will bear fruit." Each Sunday of Advent ornaments will be added to the Jesse Tree, a tree made of evergreen branches in the Narthex. These symbolic ornaments represent a prophecy foretelling of Christ. You can help by bringing in a small photo (about 3") of yourself, family or friends and the children will place it in an ornament and add it to the tree.



Don't miss the Parish Hall Quarterly Meeting inviting members, teachers, and parents to learn about how we are moving forward. Join your Vestry members on Wednesday Nov. 30th at 6:30 p.m. in Nale Hall.

## Events at St. John's

**Monday, November 21- Friday, November 25- Thanksgiving Holiday;**  
Office and school are closed.

**Thursday, November 24 @ 9:00 AM-** Thanksgiving Service

**Saturday, November 26 @ 9-11 AM-** Greening of St. John's

**Wednesday November 30 @ 6:30 PM -** Parish Hall Quarterly Meeting -All members of the church, parents and teachers of the school are invited to attend and learn about the plans to continue moving forward into 2012 at St. John's Episcopal Church and Day School.

**Monday, December 12 @ 6:00 PM -** Women of St. John's Christmas Potluck Dinner - Ham and turkey will be served, please bring a side dish and RSVP to the list on the counter in the Narthex.

**Saturday, December 17 @ 6:00 PM -** Men of St. John's Christmas Dinner - RSVP to Sarah or Jack Tolley.

**Saturday, December 24 @ 5:00 PM -** Christmas Family Service

**Saturday, December 24 @ 9:00 PM -** Christmas Eve Service

**Sunday, December 25 @ 9:00 AM -** Christmas Day Service

## Advent Baby Shower

Now through Dec 14th, we will be collecting gifts of new unwrapped baby clothing (newborn to age 5) for an Advent Baby Shower to benefit new moms. Joy Winter and Joan Bond of St. Dunstan's are organizing the event and there are lots of New Babies and First Time Moms. Episcopal Refugee Network already has 14 new mothers and ECS is supporting 30

families. Decorated laundry baskets filled with appropriate gifts will be divided between the Episcopal Refugee Network and the ECS program for new mothers. Gently used strollers, carseats, etc. are always welcome. Donations can be deposited in the basket in the Narthex (Norma will take them to St. Dunstan's 2 days before the deadline) or delivered to St. Dunstan's Church 6550 Park Ridge, SD 92120. If you have any questions, contact Norma Dunn. Thank you for your support!



## OPERATION DIAPER DROP!

The diocesan service summit invites everyone to participate in Operation Diaper Drop! The diaper drive will benefit ECS's Head Start programs and will be held on Sunday, January 29. Each quarter, congregations work together on one project. The goal is for each church to hold a diaper drive sometime in January to collect diapers of all sizes: newborn to pullups and swimming diapers. During the late afternoon on Sunday, January 29, (not Superbowl Sunday, don't worry), each church is invited to deliver the diapers to a Head Start location to be determined. The hope is that this visual event will attract media attention and generate community awareness about our Episcopal churches. One easy way to get started is to begin collecting diaper coupons from the paper in December and January. A basket has been placed in the Narthex where you can place your coupons. If you have any questions, contact Norma Dunn. Let's show them how awesome St. John's is!



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