

Inside...

Find out how parishioners are dealing with the pandemic.



-Drawing by Chris Ellis

**As bad as it gets,
it could get worse.**

Welcome to our Newsletter and "Shout Out" to all the great contributors, our editor Sharon Harper, and graphic designer Courtenay Hrubesky! We have just welcomed our new priest associates Michael Sahdev and Naomi Tutu! You will be hearing from them often as they visit online or in person with safe-distancing. They will both be holding office hours, preaching and reaching out! Don't hesitate to be in touch. They are both thrilled to be here and excited to meet you. What great blessings await us as we see their ministries unfold! Our next edition will have an interview with Naomi and more information about new offerings during these "CovidTimes."

-Janet

The Quarantimes

an update from All Saints' Beverly Hills

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Join us in congratulating Joan Horsfall Young on the publication of her book, *Visions of A Few Prophets*. Here is an article printed in the local paper about the book. The cost of the book is \$25 and a portion of the proceeds from the sales go to food banks. If you are interested, please let Joan know if she can be of assistance. Email her at jhorsfally@sbcglobal.net.

HOW ARE YOU STAYING BUSY DURING THE QUARANTINE?

Young Publishes Book of Her Biblical Paintings

"Visions Of A Few Prophets," by Joan Horsfall Young

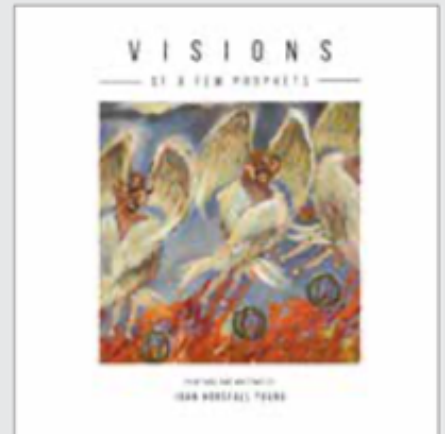
McCarty Drive resident Joan Horsfall Young completed paintings that depict Biblical prophecies and published them in her book "Visions of A Few Prophets," to keep busy during the quarantine.

Young began the project after realizing there was a gap in knowledge on the bible, according to the introduction to her book. Each page of her new book depicts a Biblical prophecy from before, during and after the building of the second temple. Below her art, she also included short descriptions of their meanings.



Joan Horsfall Young

"I hope that these paintings will inspire viewers to want to read the rest of the passages," Young wrote.



She began the project at the start of the quarantine and said she was able to get them published because her printer also prints for the UCLA Medical Center – which makes it an essential business.

Young said she plans to donate some of the income she receives from the book to Food Banks and is happy to send them to children who live far away.

"This is a good book for young and old who know little about this period in history," she said.

Readers interested in receiving a copy can reach out to Young at jhorsfally@sbcglobal.net.

How Has the Pandemic Changed Your Life?



Neville Anderson...

I am a pediatrician and the sole owner of my practice, so I am a small business owner as well as a general pediatrician. I went on my first All Saints' Honduras Medical Mission trip in March. It was an amazing week where I experienced so much in terms of service, my faith, and being a doctor with less resources than I normally have. It truly was an incredible week.

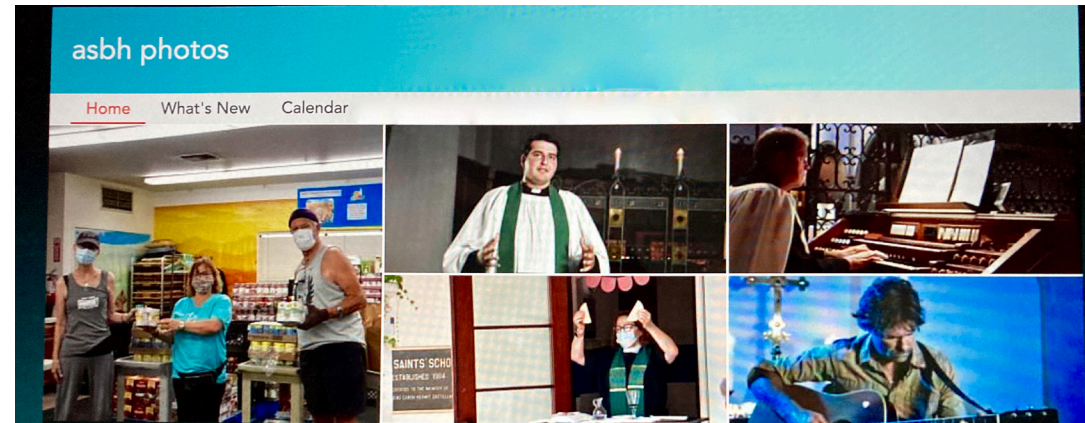
We arrived back to Los Angeles on Thursday March 12 to a world living in a pandemic. I wasn't able to reflect on how my experiences in Honduras would change me going forward. Instead I hit the ground running to figure out how to operate my business during a pandemic. We quickly decided to schedule well child visits (i.e. checkups) in the morning and sick visits in the afternoon. We have all our staff wearing PPE, deep clean our exam rooms between patients, installed plexiglass at our front desk, and have curbside check-in. Telemedicine (virtual doctor visits) has been a whole new way of practicing medicine and we are now using it on a daily basis.

With the stay-at-home orders, children aren't around each other as much, so they aren't getting

sick. I used to see 5–15 children a day with a fever and/or a cough. Now I see a fever about five times a week and I have only treated one child with a cough in the last six months. This is unheard of in the world of pediatrics. With fewer kids getting sick and parents afraid to bring their children in to our office, our business plummeted. Even with telemedicine, we were seeing significantly fewer patients. All of a sudden I was worrying about keeping my business afloat and paying my staff. Fortunately, we were able to get a PPP loan and I didn't have to lay off any of my employees.

While kids are less likely to contract the virus, there are a lot of other issues that come up for parents and kids, and they turn to us, their pediatricians, for advice. I was making a lot of decisions about my practice, as well as helping parents make decisions about their lives, and it was exhausting. Do they send their children to daycare or preschool? Do they let their nanny or housekeeper come to their home? Do they form a pod with other families? Do they let the grandparents visit? How do they talk to their kids about Black Lives Matter? I also found myself talking with a lot of teens and their parents about anxiety and depression and helping them cope.

A core element of being a general pediatrician is doing well visits (i.e. checkups). Checkups are still very important. It's important to continue to vaccinate children right now so we can prevent further epidemics when this pandemic is over. Checkups are also important because we do a full physical exam on a patient. We do screening



tests for vision, hearing, exposure to lead, developmental delays, autism, anemia, high cholesterol, etc. I wish we could complete these visits via telemedicine but there is so much we learn and find by actually physically examining a child so it is important for parents to bring their children in.

It has been difficult establishing relationships with children because they can't see our smiles and our faces while we are wearing masks. But I do think they are learning to read our eyes and the tone of our voices. Yesterday I had a six-month-old giggling just because of my eyes and my voice. I wish she could have seen my smile too!

Finally, I spend a lot of my free time reading about Covid so that I can best give advice to my patients and their parents. It is hard to keep up and the information is always changing so what I said last week may no longer be true.

While it hasn't been easy to be a pediatrician these last few months, I am blessed to have developed meaningful relationships with my patients and their parents and I am honored that they trust me to come to for advice in navigating this chaotic time.

Colleen Dodson Baker...

As the official "unofficial photographer" for the past eleven years, I have taken thousands of photos of the All Saints' community. My ASBH Shutterfly site has 2,877 albums starting with The Blessing of the Animals on October 3, 2009. I miss being on Camden with my camera around my neck—capturing images of services and service and smiles across all ages.

What's kept me centered and creative during these times of separation is working with Brian Ide and the Media Group, and Courtenay Hrubesky in Communications. My involvement with these teams has me going back through old photos, which I find moving, and inspires me to continue taking photos.

On Sunday afternoons when cars pull up in front of the church for the Food Drive Drop Off I'm there with my camera documenting moments of community, love and generosity. The joy of seeing familiar faces is hard to describe. And yes, I can tell that people are smiling even behind their masks.

I'm a believer that images tell stories. Through photography I'm hoping to keep the stories of All Saints' alive.

We asked members of our parish to tell us how the pandemic has changed their lives—personally, professionally, and within the parish. Here are some of their responses. You are invited to offer your stories for future editions.

Lonnie Hinckley...

On May 4, the Monday Meal Ministry launched our 100 sandwich bag lunches. Let Lonnie Hinckley know if you would like to be a part of this wonderful ministry and she will get the SignUp Genius info to you. Lonnie's email is lonnie@hincshowroom.com.

A group of seven Monday Meal volunteers are busy behind the scenes feeding the needs of our community partners like Safe Parking, Westwood Shelter, LGBT Center and others committed to serving the homeless and food insecure. We have provided over 500 masks, 250 hand towels and wash clothes to the LGBT Senior Housing, 250 bath towels to the mobile showers, and hygiene supplies to Good Shepherd and LGBT Center.

We have also launched a Food Drop Off program allowing you to drop off non-perishables curbside at ASBH on Sundays from 3 to 5:30 pm. Stay for outdoor communion on the patio if you like! The food donations are sorted and put in our newly established Food Pantry and distributed to various pantries in need like the LGBT low income senior housing project, Good Shepherd, Prince of Peace Episcopal Church in Woodland Hills and others that are open to distribute food to the food insecure.

Our team: Colleen Dodson-Baker, Ray Baker, Barbara Linder, Tracy Jarvis, Donald Akin, Paula Madelon and Lonnie Hinckley.

We thank you for your generosity and continued support! Boots on as we walk the way of Jesus!



Living on The Edge of Zoom

by Sharon Harper

Several days each week, I find myself in Zoomworld, where my face joins a collection of faces all lined up across the screen like tchotchkes on a shelf, but in little rectangular boxes, objects of curiosity where our reading choices are scrutinized, our decor, our families, our art and the lack thereof. Our mindless habits and idiosyncrasies are publicly revealed, and the lines between public and private, personal and public blurred as we sit staring at other faces, waiting for whatever to begin.



Three Zoom Observations During Thursday Night Vocal Improv Workshop

1. There is a woman sitting in a middle rectangle, eating. She's using chopsticks to shovel food into her mouth from a white take out box and she's licking her fingers, which is not a good look. It's hard to stay focused on the speaker and at the same time watch her reel that noodle into her mouth like a fisherman with a hooked tuna. She's eating so fast I'm hoping there's someone with her in case she needs to be Heimlich'd. Still I want to ask what's in the box and where she got it, because it looks really good. I'm guessing from the noodle place on Shattuck. Visions of their garlic noodles with giant prawns occupy my thoughts and it's hard staying focused. That's something else that goes along with this new state of being, of being confined to the four walls of your own home, thinking a lot about food, pick up or deliver, Thai or Japanese? I want to remind the woman, though, to never lick her fingers, at least not in public. But is she really in public? I miss much of what the speaker is saying.
2. Up in the left corner, a little girl about five or six and holding a bath towel, streaks across the screen behind her mother, naked as a jay bird. Should I say something? I don't and neither does anyone else. We don't notice these things. After all, it's her home and her child, what could anyone say? The rest of us, all fifteen, smile in amusement. Life within our rectangles goes on. That's polite Zoominess.
3. In another rectangle, a man begins speaking to a woman who's entered the room. He hasn't muted himself. Oh my. Off to the right, the message flashes like a traffic signal, "Please mute." This is a variation of quieting terms we've become familiar with over the past few months. "Please mute," "mute yourselves," "you're not muted," "you are muted now," "the host has muted you," which has replaced, "pardon me" or "shssh," or annoyed glances when we've made a nuisances of ourselves. We don't get annoyed on Zoom, we just "mute."

More observations to follow. Please feel free to submit your observations about Zoomworld, funny, poignant, whatever.