

# *The Shepherd's Staff Newsletter*

*The Right Reverend D. M. Ashman*

*August 2026*

*Saint Joseph of Arimathea Seminary*

## *Summer Session Recap*

As the Provost, I heartily thank all who participated in Summer Session, but I wished that more clergy and postulants would have attended, yet we averaged ten to fourteen participants in our zoom classes and ten more overall joining in for the Daily Offices. I remembered the in-house sessions at the seminary and the numbers sitting around the classroom table and they were about the same. So we did a pretty good job. The lectures dealt with the Sacraments, the Prayer Book and the Missals and there was much lively discussion in exchange of ideas. There were also clergy with day jobs or pastoral vocations who dropped in when they could; and I got some nice feedback. I want to extend my deepest thanks to all who participated in Morning and Evening Prayer with special kudos the Canon Matthew Weber who led us in the singing of Evensong. I also want to thank Bishop Mitchell for his presentation of ministering to the sick, the dying and their families. We even discussed choosing a more inexpensive location than Berkeley next year; perhaps in Oklahoma or Arizona.

## *Saint Joseph's Seminary Fall Semester*

**Starting on August 19<sup>th</sup>, Bishop Hansen** will be teaching **Dogmatic Theology**, based on *Dogmatic Theology* by Francis Hall via Anglican Dogmatics Vol 1 and 2, Nashotah House.

**16 one to one and one half hour lectures live via Zoom and published on YouTube, with notes, reading assignments, discussion which will cover the following subjects.**

- I. **Theology** – The Queen of sciences, nature and supernature, miracles, faith; Approaches and difficulties, sources, Anglicanism, Dogmatic value and necessity, practical application
- II. **Authority** – Truth claims and basis of them, grounds, Creeds, Episcopacy, Tradition, Councils, Biblical Interpretation, Essentials and non-essentials
- III. **God** – Self existence, Apologetics for, Theism of Christianity, Proofs v. Agnostics, The uncaused cause, Teleological argument, moral argument, Ontological, Monotheism, Attributes of God
- IV. **Trinity** – Defined, Catholic doctrine, Revelation sources, Developing doctrine, Biblical sources, difficulties, meaning of Persons in God, Threefold Being, shared and unshared attributes and roles, Father, Son, Spirit
- V. **Creation & Man** – Creation ex nihilo, Father, Son, Spirit's parts in Creation, Free Will and evil, Angels, Man, Religion, Sin, the Fall, Salvation, God's will, the question of predestiny, sanctification
- VI. **Incarnation** – Central truth of Christianity, Anglicanism, Biblical, developed doctrine, Virgin Mary; Christ's Godhead, Christ's humanity, Union of Person, Dual natures; Kenotic Theory, twofold operation, what he knew, Prophet, Priest, King

- VII. **Passion and Exaltation** – Sin, Redemption, Sacrifice, Death of Jesus; Mediator, Harrowing of Hades, Christ's Resurrection; Denials, Features of the cross, 40 days following, Ascension
- VIII. **The Church** – Holy Spirit in OT, NT, Spirit and human souls, Ecclesia, Body of Christ, The Kingdom; Ministry, NT to Post Apostolic, Unity, Holiness, Catholic and Apostolic; Anglicanism, Grace by sacramental system: inward spiritual, outward
- IX. **Sacraments** – Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Eucharist in Bible, developed doctrine; Eucharistic implications, benefits, varying theories; Penance, Holy Orders, Holy Matrimony, Unction
- X. **Eschatology** – Developed ideas, Biblical warrant, Death and beyond; of saints, The Day of the Lord, the General Resurrection; and Punishment, the Heavenly Wedding and Eternal Life

*Weekly reading, questions and discussion, two mid-course quizzes and final exam.*

### **Bishop Ashman will be teaching:**

**Elementary Latin** (starting at unit 13), will begin on Tuesday, August 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m.

**World History & Religion** (starting at lesson 40) will begin on Tuesday, August 25<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.

No prerequisite is required – You can join at any time.

**The Screwtape Letters** (starting with Letter 25) will begin on Thursday August 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

No prerequisite is required – You can join at any time.

After Letter 31 is completed, we will move on to *Mere Christianity*

**Advanced Latin** (starting at Saint Luke, 14.15) beginning on Friday, August 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

**Advanced Greek** (starting at lesson 26 and Saint Matthew) on Friday, August 28<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.

### **To Register send the following information via email to each of the following:**

Bishop Ashman, [bishopashman@gmail.com](mailto:bishopashman@gmail.com)

Bishop Hansen, [augustine.chico@gmail.com](mailto:augustine.chico@gmail.com)

Canon Weber, [palaeologos@gmail.com](mailto:palaeologos@gmail.com)

Be sure to include the following information:

Your name,

Your parish and parish priest,

Your email,

Your phone number

### **Please list each class you wish to take**

The tuition is \$150.00 for each class.

The audit fee is \$50.00 for each class

*There is a good supply of tuition relief money; just ask*

You can mail your checks to:

**St. Joseph of Arimathea Anglican Theological College**

**2316 Bowditch**

**P.O. Box 40020**

**Berkeley, CA 94704**

I would like to know (if I don't know you) what your goals are.

## *Two Weddings in Portland*



On June twenty-seventh Bishop Ashman, the Bishop Ordinary, was privileged to preside over the lovely wedding of Taylor Anderson and McKenna Holmes at the Parish of Saint Mark in Portland.

## *And then on July Eighteenth*

Our Suffragan Bishop Scott Mitchell (and at that time Priest in Charge of the Parish of Saint Mark) presided over the marriage with a nuptial mass for Kristen Barrett and Joseph Ortiz, both of whom had been confirmed by the Ordinary on July twenty-eighth



*And also from the Parish of Saint Mark:* we are happy to pass along that Father Caleb Roberts is moving from Arkansas with his family and has accepted the call to be Rector and will start his ministry on September eighth! We are also grateful for the hard work the of Saint Mark's Vestry, Kim Brooksby, Senior Warden, and Bishop Scott Mitchell.

## By the Way...

- + On July twenty-sixth at 11:00 a.m. the parish families of All Angels Anglican Catholic Church and Province of Christ the King Parish in Washington DC came together to celebrate a joint mass honoring the fortieth anniversary to the priesthood of the Reverend Carlton Clarke who serves both parishes. Bishop Johnson (ACC, Diocese of Mid-Atlantic States) celebrated the Mass and Bishop Benton Jones (APCK, Diocese of the Atlantic States) preached the sermon.
- + Of your charity please pray for the repose of the soul of Father D. Peter Sandercock (*March 16, 1937, Edmonton, Alberta – May 29, 2026*) of Sidney (Victoria), British Columbia. He was a teacher, principal and priest serving parishes in Victoria, Prince Albert, Calgary, and Nanaimo – not to mention dedicated service in Big Brothers, the Power Squadron and a scout leader. In his later years he was Padre to the Royal Canadian Legion. He served our Diocese faithfully! Please keep his wife Dianne in your prayers. Bishop Hansen said that Father Peter was a good friend and man of God. May light perpetual shine upon him.
- + Note that Easter falls early next year so the 2027 (36<sup>th</sup>) Synod for the Diocese of the Western States will be hosted by several parishes in the Diocese on April 13-17, 2027, in Walnut Creek, California. A block of rooms has been reserved at the Embassy Suites Hotel, 1345 Treat Blvd. Walnut Creek, CA 94597.
- + Christ Anglican Church in Cave Creek AZ will hold a Woman's Retreat all day (9 to 6) Friday August 28<sup>th</sup> at nearby Spirit of the Desert Retreat Center. For more details including a Thursday evening Meet and Greet and hotel information contact Carol Jensen at 602-740-3702 or Gail Huntsman at 480-458-8592 or Deaconess Jocelyn at 602-565-0522.
- + Christine Sunderland wants us to know that Histroria Books, publisher of The Fire Trail, her sixth novel, is offering a special promotion through the end of August, 30% off with the code FIRE30. See CSunderland47@gmail.com
- + And please of your charity, please pray for Father Paul Hauge (longtime assistant at St. Peter's Oakland), who is in the care of a skilled nursing facility in or around San Mateo.



## ACW-DWS News

Preparation are underway for the 2027 annual Synod, to be held April 13-17 at Embassy Suites Hotel, Walnut Creek, CA. Now is the time for ACW members to consider fund-raising activities to send delegates to the Synod. Registration is \$210, and with transportation and accommodation, the cost is considerable. If each church raised funds to defray some of the cost for their delegates, more people would be willing to attend. The Synod is a required annual business meeting for the diocese, but it gives attendees the opportunity to meet members from other churches and enjoy our church family. We have the annual meeting for ACW-DWS, as well as our Drawings to benefit Bishop Morse Youth Camp and Student Support at the Seminary. There are workshops, meetings of the Standing Committee and the Board of Directors, and of course the entertaining Bishop's Auction and our annual Banquet. The hotel is well appointed, and central to BART, with standard rate self- parking and rates include a very comprehensive breakfast and complimentary 'Happy Hour'. Please consider signing up for one of the classes offered this fall. The 'Screwtape Letters' and 'The Case for Christianity' is an obvious choice. You can learn so much, and enjoy it with other church members, making new friends!

Gillian Golden, ACW President, Diocese of the Western States



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## Churchman's Ordo Kalendar

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| January 2027                                                                                                                                                     |                                                               |                                                                               |                                                                                               |                                                                                  |                                                                              |                                                                                       |
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| <i>Ashby Co., Erie, Pa.</i>                                                                                                                                      |                                                               | <i>Anglican Ordo Edition</i>                                                  |                                                                                               |                                                                                  |                                                                              |                                                                                       |
| Sunday                                                                                                                                                           | Monday                                                        | Tuesday                                                                       | Wednesday                                                                                     | Thursday                                                                         | Friday                                                                       | Saturday                                                                              |
|                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                               | Note 1<br>Use Propers for the<br>Consecration of<br>Bishops                   |                                                                                               |                                                                                  | The Circumcision<br>of Christ<br><b>1</b><br>Glo.Cr.P.P.                     | Octave of St. Stephen<br>D.M.<br><b>2</b><br>Glo.P.P.                                 |
| The Second Sunday after<br>Christmas (comm. Octave<br>of St. John, Ap. Ev.)<br><b>3</b><br>Glo.Cr.P.P.                                                           | Octave of the Holy<br>Innocents, M.M.<br><b>4</b><br>Glo.P.P. | The Vigil of the<br>Epiphany<br><b>5</b><br>Cr.P.P.                           | The Epiphany, or the<br>Manifestation of Christ<br>to the Gentiles<br><b>6</b><br>Glo.Cr.P.P. | Of the Octave<br><b>7</b><br>Glo.P.P.                                            | Of the Octave<br><b>8</b><br>Glo.P.P.<br>Fast and Abstinence                 | Of the Octave<br>(comm. St. Lucian & His<br>Companions, M.M.)<br><b>9</b><br>Glo.P.P. |
| The First Sunday after<br>the Epiphany<br><b>10</b><br>Glo.Cr.P.P.                                                                                               | Of the Octave<br><b>11</b><br>Glo.P.P.                        | Of the Octave<br>(comm. St. Benedict<br>Biscop, Ab.)<br><b>12</b><br>Glo.P.P. | Octave of the Epiphany<br><b>13</b><br>Glo.Cr.P.P.                                            | St. Hilary, B.C.D.<br><b>14</b><br>Glo.Cr.                                       | St. Paul, the First Hermit<br><b>15</b><br>Glo.<br>Fast and Abstinence       | Bl. William Laud, B.M.<br><b>16</b><br>Glo.                                           |
| The Second Sunday after<br>the Epiphany (comm. St.<br>Anthony, Ab.)<br><b>17</b><br>Glo.Cr.P.P.                                                                  | St. Prisca, V.M.<br><b>18</b><br>Glo.                         | <b>19</b><br>Glo.                                                             | St. Agnes, V.M.<br><b>20</b><br>Glo.                                                          | <b>21</b><br>Glo.                                                                | St. Vincent, D.M.<br><b>22</b><br>Glo.<br>Fast and Abstinence                | <b>23</b><br>Glo.                                                                     |
| Septuagesima (comm.<br>St. Timothy, B.M.)<br><b>24</b><br>Cr.P.P.<br><b>31</b><br>Sexagesima (comm. SS<br>Peter Nolasco &<br>Raymond Pennafort, C.C.)<br>Cr.P.P. | The Conversion<br>of St. Paul<br><b>25</b><br>Glo.Cr.P.P.     | St. Polycarp, B.M.<br><b>26</b><br>Glo.                                       | St. John Chrysostom,<br>B.C.D.<br><b>27</b><br>Glo.Cr.                                        | Preservation of the<br>American Episcopate<br><b>28</b><br>Glo.Cr.P.P.<br>NOTE 1 | St. Francis de Sales,<br>B.C.D.<br><b>29</b><br>Glo.Cr.<br>Fast & Absintence | Charles I of England,<br>K.M.<br><b>30</b><br>Glo.                                    |

## Provincial Anglican Church Women (ACW)

2038 Carlsbad Caverns Court, Newman, CA 95360-9635 \* Cell Phone 1 (209) 324-5009

Trinity, 2026

Dear Friends in Christ,

It is time to **place your order** for the **2027 Liturgical Ordo Kalendar**. In addition, to being a great reference guide for church information the Ordo Kalendar is a good tool to introduce new members to your church. The kalendar in full color has been edited by The Rev. Canon Matthew L. Weber for use with the 1928 Book of Common Prayer, and with the Anglican and American Missals. After receiving the calendars, there is a place on the front of the kalendar where a parish may, if desired, insert a label with its name and address.

To be assured a sufficient number of calendars is printed to take care of your needs, please place your order as soon as possible. Our plan for the **delivery** of the calendars will approximately be in **September**.

Faithfully, *Nona Bourley, Provincial ACW President*

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