



# THE METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH

Bringing People Closer to God, and One Another



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### This Sunday at The Met®

Our sermon series on The Beatitudes continues this Sunday, March 17, in Rev. Caedmon's message, "Blessed Are the Meek and Those Who Hunger & Thirst for Righteousness." The scripture reading is Matthew 5:1-2 & 7-8.



### Holy Week

Mark your calendars for all of the Holy Week events at The Met®:

- \* **Sunday, April 14: Palm Sunday**  
Rev. Dusty preaching as Pastor Dan returns to worship
  - \* **Friday, April 19: Good Friday, 7 PM**  
"Journey to the Cross" with Mary, the mother of Jesus  
A bilingual service in English and Spanish
  - \* **Sunday, April 21: Easter Sunday**
    - Pastor Dan returns to the pulpit
    - **Rainbow Sunday School** Easter egg decorating and hunt
    - **Easter Brunch**, hosted by David Root & Bob Gromofsky, 1 PM
- Please RSVP at the Social Hall Info Table or contact **David**.



### Bake Sale a Tasty Success

For the annual Rainbow Sunday School Bake Sale on Sunday, we were blessed with a plethora of tantalizing cakes, cookies, cupcakes, and other



### Good Friday Readers

Your gifts in ministry can be used as a part of our bilingual Good Friday service on April 19. As we journey to the cross through the eyes of

Mary, the mother of Jesus, readers are needed in Spanish and English at each of the stations of the cross. To be a part of sharing this reflective and spiritual adventure, please contact **Rev. Caedmon**.

delicious treats! \$1,125 was raised to benefit our ministries such as Sunday School. That's 30% more than last year. Thank you to everyone who provided the tasty goodies; Bob Fox, Tim Pablo and Michael Prestridge of our Children's Ministry; the kids and a supportive Fundraising Team that all made for a successful, delectable event. You are awesome!

### Solar Update

April 1 is the deadline for purchasing one of our rooftop solar panels to be included in our next panel dedication and inclusion on our solar plaque. A panel can be designated in your name or as a dedication in memory or honor of a loved one. So far, 63 (or 79%) of our 80 panels have been purchased. All are helping us to go green and save funds for ministry. A full panel is \$750. To purchase one or for more information, just contact **Lee Bowman** in the church office.

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### Next Met Game Night



A ministry that truly brings people together each month at The Met®, and in a fun way, is the Community Game Night. (See the typical cast of characters.) Come join in a couple hours of Mexican Train or other table game, good informal conversation and food on Friday, March 22 at 7 PM in the Social Hall. Bring a snack to share if you can. For more info, please contact **Linda Leftwich**.

Click to view the Sunday 11 AM worship live via Facebook!

### Clergy Renewal Period Reaches Its Midpoint

We are glad to report that Pastor Dan is resting and re-energizing at the halfway point of his 6-week mini Clergy Renewal. He celebrated his father's 83rd birthday with him in Georgia, has worked in his yard, spent time in reflection and planning, and even viewed some of the spectacular displays of California poppies. He sends his love and has more travel planned before returning to the office April 8. He will join us again in worship on Palm Sunday, April 14. Continue to lift him up in prayer that this may be a truly enriching retreat time. Also pray for Rev. Dusty and her wife Joanne, as they travel stand-by between here and Santa Fe, New Mexico, to be with us most Sundays.





## The Met® Ministers to the Environment

Kudos to our River of Life Ministry for their wonderful work nurturing the San Diego River. **Steve Fitzgerald** shared this report from last Saturday:

Zak Szymczak & Grant Matthews, John Tanaka (Yoko's husband), and I participated. We had so much fun exploring, learning, and volunteering along with the more than 600 kids and 200 adults that participated in various events along the San Diego River over the weekend. We rooted out invasive species as we learned about the 5 unique ecosystems that

comprise the San Diego River estuary and how the San Diego community kept the river from being turned into a concrete channel by the Army Corps of Engineers as most rivers in California have. Only 5% of California's estuaries remain, and since they sustain over 35 species of migratory birds, only about 5% of those bird populations have survived. Our river provides spawning grounds for the many types of fish and shellfish that thrive in the ocean off of San Diego.

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### Happening with The Met®:

Saturday, March 16: Walk for Neighbors in Need (for Uptown), 8 AM

Friday, March 22: Met Community Game Night, 7 PM, Social Hall

Saturday, April 13: River of Life Ministry

Sunday, April 14: Palm Sunday

Friday, April 19: Good Friday Bi-lingual Service, 7 PM, Sanctuary

Sunday, April 21: Easter Sunday Services, 9 & 11 AM

Rainbow Sunday School Easter egg decorating and hunt, 11 AM

Easter Potluck: 1 PM, Social Hall

Saturday, April 27: **#MeTooLGBTQ Conference**, 9 AM - 5:30 PM, The Center

Saturday & Sunday, July 13-14: San Diego Pride Weekend

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