

# All Saints Episcopal Church

## GOOD NEWS *Graduates Edition*

God of journeys, endings, and new beginnings, through the highs and lows, the twists and turns this class has faced along the way, we have faith that your love has guided them from the moment they began up to graduation day.

We give you thanks and praise for the goodness that shines in the relationships formed, knowledge learned, and memories made through this school.

Bless the body, mind, and soul of every graduate, that they may celebrate your glory in themselves and all creation, and use their education to build your kingdom of peace.

Amen.

-The Rev. Timothy J.S. Seamans

*Congratulations!*  
to all of the  
Graduates!



### The Graduates

Zachary Sawley

Olivia Schirle

Elliott Colaluca

Rebecca Kurtz-Garcia

Jacob Garcia

Joseph Hall

Jonathan Rico

Jonathan O'Connell

Will Ellien

Jude Ellien

Arthur Hilland



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# ZACHARY SAWLEY

Zachary graduated from Point Loma Nazarene University on Saturday May 4, 2024, with a Bachelor's degree in Psychology. This fall, he will start his Master's degree program at California Baptist University in Sports & Performance Psychology. Zach graduated Magna Cum Laude from PLNU. Zach's parents are Duffy and Liz Atkinson, and grandparents are Gene & Susan Miller.







# OLIVIA SCHIRLE



Olivia graduated Summa Cum laude, as a Phi Beta Kappa, with a Bachelor of Science in Biology last year from Colby College. This June she graduates from Dartmouth with a degree in engineering.

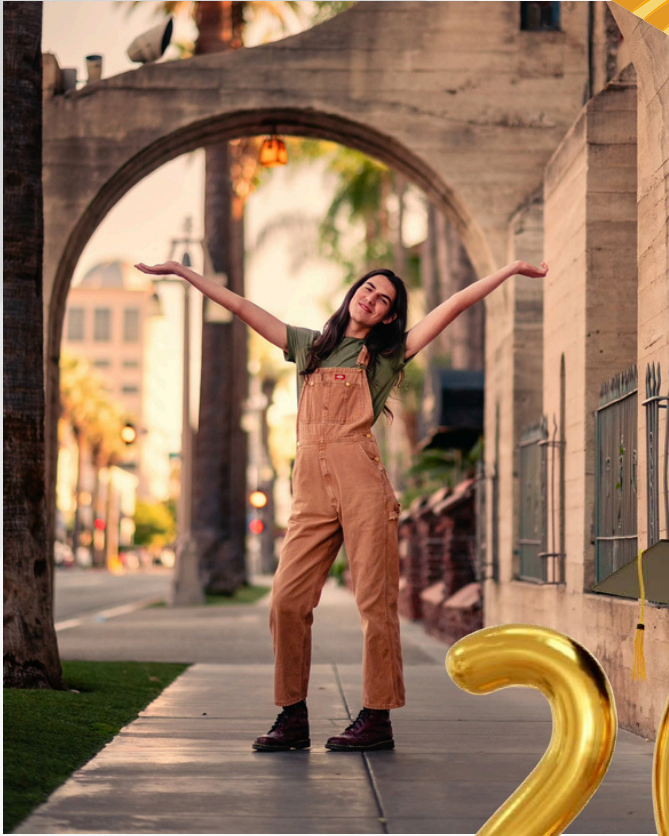
Olivia's proud grandfather is Father Conrad Nordquist.

# 2024





# ELLIOTT COLALUCA



2024

Luke and Lindy are overjoyed to announce the graduation of Elliott Colaluca. Elliott is such a fine young person who brings warmth and joy wherever they go. Elliott completed high school a semester early and is now taking concurrent coursework at RCC, with an emphasis in the arts. It has been wonderful watching Elliott become a thoughtful, creative, and kind human being, growing into who they were meant to be: a wonderful person, a fun-loving sibling, a tenacious student, and a deeply loyal friend. They serve their church and community with a strong sense of faith, especially both justice for and devotion to marginalized peoples. We are so proud of Elliott's past and also very excited to see where the future will take them!



# REBECCA KURTZ- GARCIA



# JACOB GARCIA



Rebecca Kurtz–Garcia and Jacob Garcia both completed their PhD programs at UCRiverside. Jacob’s PhD is in Mathematics while Rebecca’s is in Statistics. They met while at UC Davis for their undergraduate degrees, attended Ball State in Indiana for their Masters, then received teaching fellowships at UCR. They were married at All Saints in September 2019, with Bishop Diane Bruce officiating. They are now professors at Smith College in Northampton, Massachusetts. But they promise to be back at All Saints, alternating years Christmas and Easter.

# JOSEPH HALL

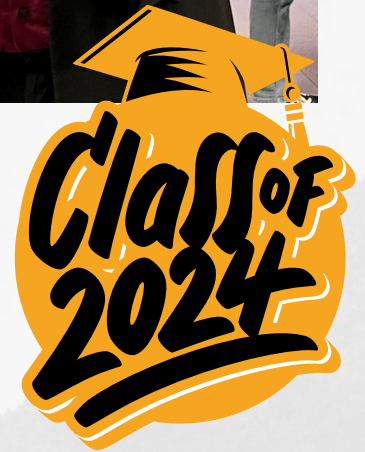
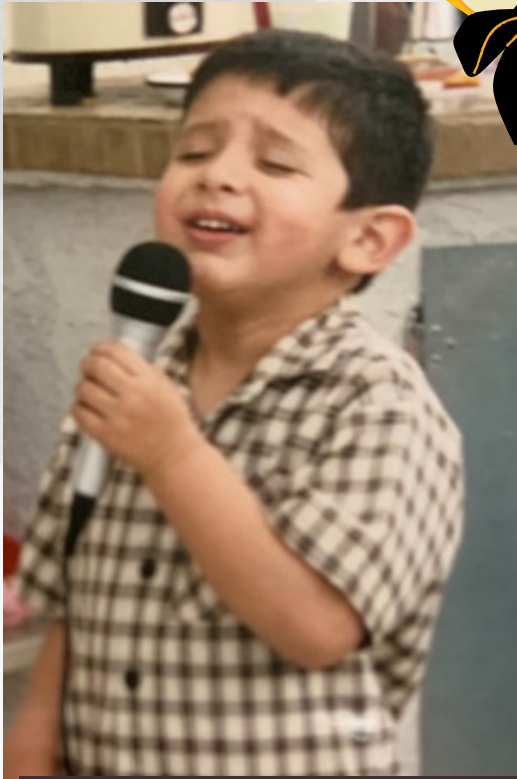


Joseph Hall was homeschooled and has now graduated from Heartland Charter School. He is 18 and will be attending Cerro Coso Community College. His proud grandmother is Elaine Hall.

**Congratulations, Joseph!**



# JONATHAN RICO



Jonathan Rico, a native of Chino, CA began his musical journey in elementary school where he studied saxophone and flute. Jonathan went on to study at Chino High School performing as a member of the Chamber Choir. Jonathan was the recipient of the Chino High School Director's Award, given to a gifted instrumentalist and vocalist in the Music Department. During his time at Riverside City College, Jonathan has been a member of the Chamber Singers, Vocal Jazz and Concert Choir. Jonathan is a student of Juan Castañeda and currently serves as the Bass Section Leader for the Chamber Singers and Vocal Jazz as well as the Tenor Section Leader at All Saints Episcopal. He will be transferring to Cal State Long Beach this fall to continue studying vocal performance. Jonathan has also performed with the Los Angeles Philharmonic and the San Bernardino Symphony, and has toured in Hawaii, Chicago, South Korea, and will head to Bali this summer.



# JONATHAN O'CONNELL



Jonathan O'Connell, was promoted to Staff Sargent on May 2, 2024. His future plans include being married on November 1, 2024. His sport hobby is playing golf. Penny Ellen is Jonathan's proud grandmother.



# WILL ELLIEN



Will Ellien will be attending St. Francis next year. He hopes to play basketball, among a few other sports next year, and is overall excited to start high school. Will is also looking forward to going to a Catholic high school to discover more about his faith. Will's proud grandmother is Penny Ellien.

# Congratulations



# JUDE ELLIEN



Jude Ellien will be entering Huntington Middle School in San Marino in the fall. This will be a new school district for him with an opportunity to meet new friends. Jude is an avid soccer and baseball player. Will's proud grandmother is Penny Ellien.

C O N G R A T S



CONGRATS

# ARTHUR HILLAND



Arthur recently had a TK graduation at his daycare, Temple Beth El Child Development Center. He is off to Victoria Elementary School this fall!



# A Special *Thanks*

**TO ALL THE SAINTS AT ALL SAINTS,**

I wanted to take a moment to commemorate what a glorious year we have had in our Small Saints Room. This year, we have nearly doubled the number of children we serve and created a thriving environment for both learning and prayer (not to mention play and fun!). This is in no small part due to the extraordinary efforts of our own Janie Hilland. Janie stepped into the breach post-COVID when the digital manager position grew and required me to step away from organizing our children's ministry. Janie jumped at the chance to lead and expand our offerings to the smallest saints among us and did so with patience, grace, and joy that brought everyone a renewed sense of excitement.

The children now have regular opportunities to offer their singing during Mass; they have a schedule full of charismatic, loving Sunday School teachers; and they have weekly prayer circles where they deepen their relationship with each other and with God. Janie has two young children of her own, but if you walked into Small Saints room, you'd think they were all hers, as her gentleness and care are given to every young person that walks through that door. I know that I speak for the entire All Saints staff, volunteers, parishioners, parents, and, of course, the Small Saints, when I say THANK YOU to Janie! Thank you for a year of growth, excitement, and love in the Small Saints program. We are grateful to God for making All Saints and Small Saints your church home.

thank you  
  
so much

**WITH GRATITUDE AND LOVE,  
LINDY COLALUCA-POLLING**





# Laundry Love

**NEW  
UPDATE**

Laundry Love washes the clothes and bedding of low/no income families and person(s) across the United States. We brighten the lives of people through love, dignity, and detergent by partnering with a local laundromat.

Laundry Love Riverside (LLR) started in January 2020 at the Sparklean laundromat at the corner of University Avenue and Chicago Boulevard. For over three years, LLR helped its clients by providing detergent and dryer sheets as well as paying for the machines so the clients could get their clothes and bedding clean. On the third Wednesday of every month, LLR showed up to the Sparklean laundromat and assisted hundreds of clients with thousands of loads of laundry.

In March 2023, the Sparklean laundromat sold and the new owner was not interested in continuing its partnership with Laundry Love Riverside. Starting in the summer of 2023, Sherri Bradley and I visited 15 laundromats in Riverside looking for a new home for LLR. Many laundromats do not have staff onsite nor do they have contact information for the owner.

For the few owners that we were able to make contact with, only one owner was interested in pursuing a partnership with LLR. From June 2023 - January 2024, LLR was in contact with the owner who was interested in helping the community but unable to assuage the fears of his staff. His staff felt unsafe with the prospect of a service to the community and how they've experienced many negative contacts with their unhoused neighbors. Ultimately in January 2024, communication with the owner ended.

In May 2024, another of the previous owners whom Sherri Bradley and I spoke to a number of times called me and stated he was interested in partnering with Laundry Love Riverside. He has staff onsite and with each visit to his laundromat, his staff was very enthusiastic about the prospect of this partnership. Ultimately, he is on board for supporting his community and partnering with LLR.

On July 17, 2024, Laundry Love Riverside will be back! We are hosting our first event of our re-boot at Rachel's Lavanderia on the corner of Iowa Avenue and Massachusetts Avenue from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. We are in need of volunteers! If you are able to volunteer, please contact me at [lizatkinson@att.net](mailto:lizatkinson@att.net).

For more information about Laundry Love, please go to the website:

**[laundrylove.org](http://laundrylove.org)**

Love never ends... neither does laundry!

See you on July 17th!

**Liz Atkinson**

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# All Saints



## Endowment Program Page

Those of a certain age may recall the scene when Steve Martin's character, Navin Johnson, in the 1979 cult classic *The Jerk*, first sees his name in the **phone book**. (Of course we may need to explain what a phone book is to some of our younger members.)

Our long awaited All Saints Endowment Program page is now on the church website. Although the program has been around for a while and has begun to receive bequests and gifts, I still feel a little like Navin when I see the program on the internet. We are somebody now!

Click **here** to view the page. There is a brief overview of the program along with a link for full information and a link to see what has already been done with endowment disbursements for the life of our community. If you have any questions, please contact me at kurtmarcks@mac.com.

**Kurt Marcks, All Saints Endowment Program Chair**

LEGACY



# St Michael's Foodshare

## Update

The long winter is finally behind us! Over the last few months we experienced a decrease in the fresh fruit and vegetables available to our friends at St. Michael's. The incessant rains ruined many crops and there were many weeks we supplied canned foods to augment our usual foodstuffs. However, God never failed to provide us with an overabundance of Brussel sprouts which our dedicated volunteers bagged weekly. In the last four weeks we served 165 families in spite of the limited foods available. God provided for all—no one was left out.

Everyday miracles seem to be all around us on Thursday mornings. A few weeks ago I went into the back room to get more bags and came across four of the regular St. Michaels workers conducting a spontaneous prayer circle with no clergy present. Their sincerity was evident in the loving manner in which they took turns speaking. There was an ongoing incident taking place on the church grounds where the police were removing one of the female tenants from the apartments because of her erratic and belligerent behavior. Everyone was holding hands and praying for her to be safe and get the help she needed, recognizing her challenges and acknowledging the “goodness” that was lying deep within her. I was a bit overwhelmed at what was transpiring in that darkened room. God is everywhere, everyday.

We still need volunteers on Thursday mornings (also someone to help us pick up the bread) and donations of plastic and paper bags to recycle. Clothing donations are also appreciated. There is clearly marked bin in the entry to Smith Hall entry where you can place your donations. God Bless.

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