

Did You Know...

✠ *News and trivia from our parish and the Catholic Church* ✠
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Who made that painting?

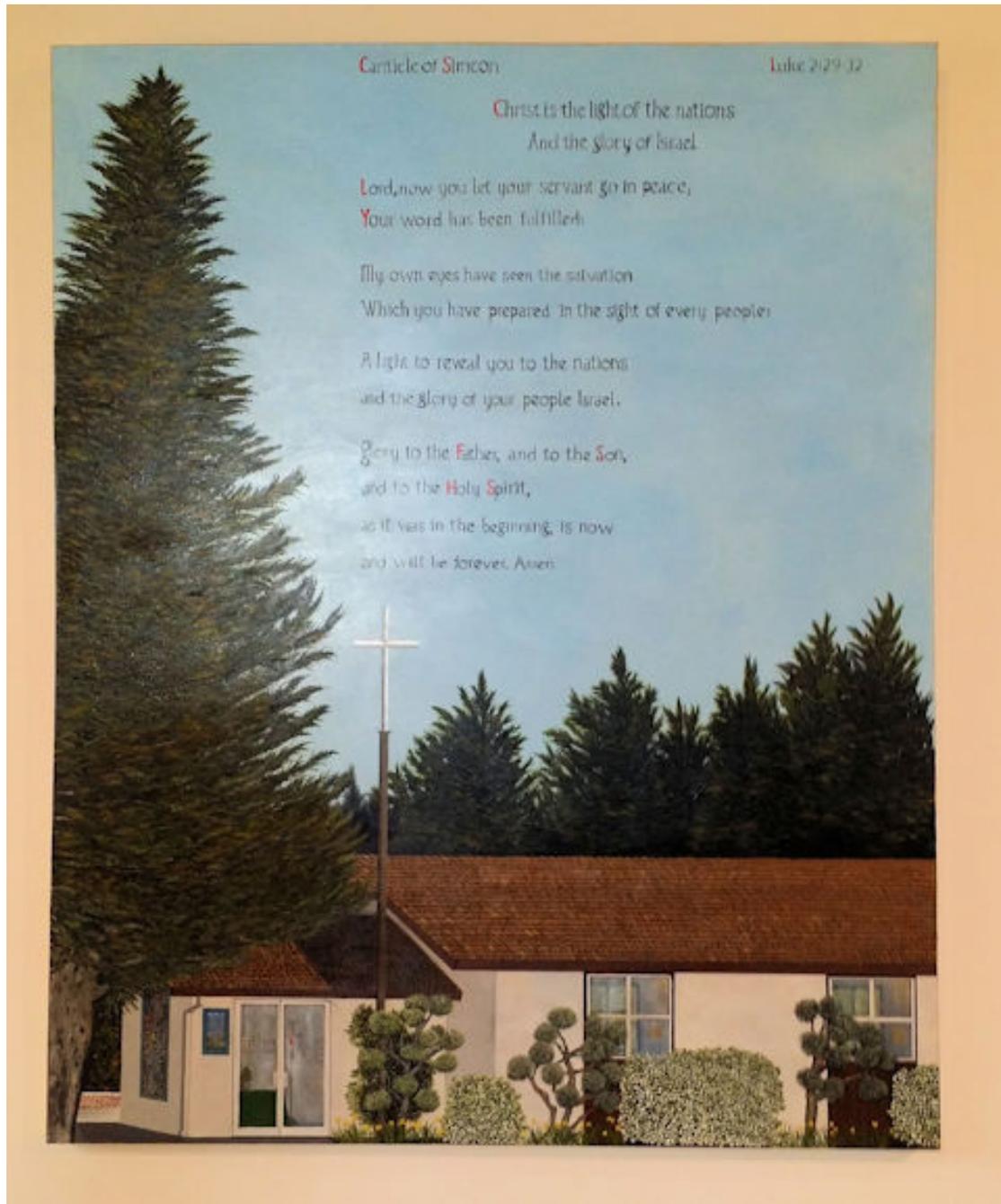
As we all attend Mass each week, our eyes are of course directed to the altar, the readings, music, and such. And, as we leave after Mass, we typically file out through the big glass doors, into the parking lot and our waiting vehicles.

So we might be forgiven, for not noticing a lovely oil painting which graces the rear wall of the Sanctuary. It's a simple image, but quite large, and it shows a peaceful view of our humble Church at a point back in time.



Long before our major projects in window and vestibule glass, Father Eugenio approached Nolan Thaxton Cordle with a mission: create a painting to capture our church's grace and simplicity, and use it to frame a message of the gift of God's love to all peoples.

Nolan was a career oil-painter of some renown (one of the very small percentage of artists who actually make a living off their work!). Father E. had some specific ideas about what was needed -- the view, the angles, the lighting, the color -- and Nolan was deeply grateful to be Father's foil for this communal effort.



As a crowning touch, the Canticum of Simeon (Luke 2:29-32) was delicately overlaid on the azure sky. The final result is a delightful display of both Father E.'s vision, and Nolan's artistic skills. Take a few moments to enjoy it on your next stroll past the rear of the Sanctuary.

A snapshot of the Church shows how faithfully the work was done.



For other works by this gifted artist, see his works on his website:

<https://thaxtoncordle.wordpress.com/>

You might also enjoy Nolan's lovely book about his wife's life and times, "Sylvia -- A remarkable life". There are copies at the rear of the Church.

--- Karin and Greg Illies

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