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## Rector's Ramblings

Lent 2017 begins on 1 March! Be prepared!

Details of the weekly schedule and special events during this time set apart for repentance and renewal can be found to the right of this space. Please take advantage of any opportunities you have to make your Lent one of spiritual growth.

With the arrival of Lent in mind, and with the goal of keeping things a bit light, I offer you this article from [The Babylon Bee](#). NB: Yes, it is satire.

"TANZANIA, AFRICA-A team of short-term missionaries from Sovereign Christ Reformed Church recently returned from sub-Saharan Africa, having successfully provided a remote Tanzanian village with safe, clean craft beer to drink, sources confirmed Wednesday. The missionaries delivered 20 kegs of top-shelf brew and then spent several weeks teaching village elders how to brew dark porters, hoppy IPAs, and zesty wheat beers, while helping build a pipeline from the new village microbrewery to the various surrounding homes.

"Before we came, villagers were trudging miles each way to get their hands on sub-par, low-quality macrobrews," one of the missionaries told reporters. "Now, every household in the village has nearly unlimited access to fresh, clean, craft beer piped right to their own spigot."

"We were just going to bring the

## The Good News

February 17, 2017



### Parish Education

We are currently studying Revelation. All are invited to study this work together and discover the history and meaning of this most enigmatic of books.

### Breakfast Fellowships

Men's breakfast meets this Saturday 2/18 at 8AM.

### Ash Wednesday & Lent Schedule

Ash Wednesday Service will be held at 7PM on March 1st.

Stations of the Cross will be prayed at 5:30 each Friday in Lent.

Fr. Halt will be available to hear confessions from 3-6PM on Ash Wednesday, 3-5 on Fridays in Lent, and between services on Sunday. Other times may be scheduled as needed.

To help prepare for confession a small booklet is available in the literature racks.

### Movie Night

Join us Saturday Evening, March 11, for the movie "Risen" starring Joseph Fiennes as a Roman Tribune assigned to investigate the strange events around a Jewish prophet.

Movie will begin at 6:00 PM. Pizza, popcorn, and drinks will be provided.

A short discussion will follow. Friends are always invited.

The movie is rated PG-13.

kegs, but we knew we had to go further than that. We needed to teach them how to brew the perfect, high-ABV beer if our clean beer initiative is to see lasting, sustainable impact." According to the missionaries' presentation upon returning home, the entire village danced for joy when the clean craft brew project was completed.

"It was pretty emotional for everyone. When the women realized they wouldn't have to lug 24 packs of Budweiser back from the nearest town every day, they began weeping and hugging each other."

The team of missionaries isn't done yet: according to leaders at the Reformed church, they'll be returning next summer to show villagers how to grow and cultivate sustainable facial hair."

In all seriousness, as we decide from what we will fast this Lent, let us commit ourselves to remembering those for whom a fast is not a choice or a discipline.

In Christ,

Fr. Dave  
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## **Ministry Links**

St. Matthew's Webpage  
The Episcopal Diocese of  
Springfield  
Rector's Blog

## **Lenten Book**

This year instead of a "Lenten Study" I am recommending that we read together Archbishop Justin Welby's, [Dethroning Mammon](#). I have several copies available if you wish to purchase one for \$11.41. Copies can also be purchased online at Amazon, Barnes & Noble, or as an e-book.

A discussion of the book will be held each Sunday evening in Lent after Evensong (6PM).

## **Morning Prayer - Standard Schedule**

Morning Prayer is offered at 7AM on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, and at 7:30 AM on Thursday. The fourth Thursday at 7:30 AM is often Holy Eucharist.

## **Intercessory Prayer**

Intercessory Prayer is offered at 8 p.m. on Monday, and on Thursday at 12:15.

## **Guild of the Holy Rosary**

Meets immediately after the 10:00 service on Sunday morning and Wednesdays at 5:30pm.

## **Outreach Opportunities**

### **January & February Items of the Month**

During the cold winter months of January & February 2017, the Outreach Committee will be collecting items for the Salvation Army, with emphasis on products for its local shelter. The shelter houses and feeds men, women, and children in need of a warm place to sleep and a good breakfast and dinner.

You can help by filling the outreach baskets with such items as: 1. Cleaning Products: laundry detergent, dish detergent, bathroom cleanser, bleach; Paper & Plastic Products: toilet paper, napkins, 40-45-gallon garbage bags, latex gloves; Personal Hygiene Products: razors, shampoo, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, foot powder, lotion; Miscellaneous Products: dish towels, face towels, coffee, gift cards from Sam's Club (for general operation of the shelter).

Many, MANY thanks for your marvelous generosity to those in need in our community. The Outreach Committee

## **Parish Schedule for the week of February 19th**

*Coffee Hour follows worship in the parish hall.*

Sunday-11:00 a.m.-Guild of the Holy Rosary

Sunday-5:30 p.m.-Evensong

Monday-7:00 a.m.-Morning Prayer

Monday-8:00 p.m.-Intercessory Prayer  
Tuesday-7:00 a.m.-Morning Prayer  
Tuesday-10:00 a.m.-Quilters  
Wednesday-7:00 a.m.-Morning Prayer  
Wednesday-5:30 p.m.-Guild of the Holy Rosary  
Wednesday-5:30 p.m.-pot-luck supper  
Wednesday-6:00 p.m.-Catechesis of the Good Shepherd  
& Adult Bible Study  
Thursday-7:30 a.m.-Holy Eucharist & Breakfast out  
Friday-7:00 a.m.-Morning Prayer  
Friday-6:00 p.m.-Brownie Troup meeting

Office Hours: Monday - Friday: Mornings, 8:00 a.m.- noon

*If you have anything you would like added to the schedule or announcements in the bulletin and news letter please send an email reply to the newsletter, or call the office.*

### **Good News Daily**

This Week's Good News Daily is [here](#).

SORRY, DUE TO CORRUPTED COMPUTER FILE - NO Good News Daily  
IS AVAILABLE THIS WEEK.

### **Readings & Music for February 19, 2017**

Hymns: #518, #674, #602, #637

Leviticus 19:1-18

Ritual and Moral Holiness

19The Lord spoke to Moses, saying:

2 Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy. 3You shall each revere your mother and father, and you shall keep my sabbaths: I am the Lord your God. 4Do not turn to idols or make cast images for yourselves: I am the Lord your God.

5 When you offer a sacrifice of well-being to the Lord, offer it in such a way that it is acceptable in your behalf. 6It shall be eaten on the same day you offer it, or on the next day; and anything left over until the third day shall be consumed in fire. 7If it is eaten at all on the third day, it is an abomination; it will not be acceptable. 8All who eat it shall be subject to punishment, because they have profaned what is holy to the Lord; and any such person shall be cut off from the people. 9 When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap to the very edges of your field, or gather the gleanings of your harvest. 10You shall not strip your vineyard bare, or gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the alien: I am the Lord your God.

11 You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; and you shall not lie to one another. 12And you shall not swear falsely by my name, profaning the name of your God: I am the Lord.

13 You shall not defraud your neighbour; you shall not steal; and you shall not keep for yourself the wages of a labourer until morning. 14 You shall not revile the deaf or put a stumbling-block before the blind; you shall fear your God: I am the Lord.

15 You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbour. 16 You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbour: I am the Lord.

17 You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbour, or you will incur guilt yourself. 18 You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbour as yourself: I am the Lord.

#### Psalm 119:33-40

33 Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, and I will observe it to the end.

34 Give me understanding, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart.

35 Lead me in the path of your commandments, for I delight in it.

36 Turn my heart to your decrees, and not to selfish gain.

37 Turn my eyes from looking at vanities; give me life in your ways.

38 Confirm to your servant your promise, which is for those who fear you.

39 Turn away the disgrace that I dread, for your ordinances are good.

40 See, I have longed for your precepts; in your righteousness give me life.

#### 1 Corinthians 3:10-23

10 According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it. 11 For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ. 12 Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw- 13 the work of each builder will become visible, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each has done. 14 If what has been built on the foundation survives, the builder will receive a reward. 15 If the work is burned, the builder will suffer loss; the builder will be saved, but only as through fire.

16 Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? 17 If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

18 Do not deceive yourselves. If you think that you are wise in this age, you should become fools so that you may become wise. 19 For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written,

'He catches the wise in their craftiness',

20 and again,

'The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise,  
that they are futile.'

21 So let no one boast about human leaders. For all things are yours, 22 whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future—all belong to you, 23 and you belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to God.

#### Matthew 5:38-48 Concerning Retaliation

38 'You have heard that it was said, "An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth." 39 But I say to you, Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also; 40 and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well; 41 and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile. 42 Give to everyone who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you.

#### Love for Enemies

43 'You have heard that it was said, "You shall love your neighbour and hate your enemy." 44 But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, 45 so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. 46 For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax-collectors do the same? 47 And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? 48 Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

### **Ministry Assignments for February 19 & 26**

19-February

7:30

Greeters: Ray Durham

Lector: Liz Gordon

E.M.: Diane Gardner

10:00

Acolyte: Alley Roberson

Crucifer: Brent Baughan

Lector: SB Carter  
E.M.: Jack Pitts  
Monday Counter: Gary McGinnis  
Coffee Hour: Andersons

26-February

7:30

Greeters: Doug & Dede Dyson

Lector: Bill Johns

E.M.: Bill Johns

10:00

Acolyte: Liam Halt

Crucifer: Christian Pitts

Lector: Cris Embree

E.M.: Bob Kohlase

Monday Counter: Susan Clark

Coffee Hour: Cris Embree & Gary Ploense

## **Birthdays & Anniversaries February 19 - 25**

### Anniversaries

#### Birthdays

Ken Barling

Matthew Nadakavukaren

Ron Gordon

Lynn Gray

Carlos Levine

### **Collect for February 19th**

O Lord, who hast taught us that all our doings without charity are nothing worth: Send thy Holy Ghost and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before thee. Grant this for thine only Son Jesus Christ's sake, who liveth and reigheth with thee and the same Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### **Contact Information**

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