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This Week's Readings

Rector's Ramblings



In the Benedictine communities, the welcoming of guests is one of the most important obligations of Monks. Each guest is to be received as Christ, and treated as Christ. How we welcome strangers in our midst says much about our Christian commitment and faith. I know that we are a friendly lot and welcome folks warmly, but we need to do a better job of formalizing that welcome and following up with our guests.

Hence, the last, but probably the most important, role assigned to a current MLT member is that of Doorkeeper. It is a bit of a funny title, but it comes from the Rule of St. Benedict and the officers of the monastery. This officer is directly responsible for the welcome of visitors, not to keep them out, but to usher them in. They are to be assisted by others in the community who feel a strong call to welcome the stranger amongst us as Christ would be welcomed.

Our Doorkeeper is Rose Adams who has a long history of taking people under wing and helping them adapt to Christian community. Rose will be working on ways to improve our welcoming, tracking, and follow up with visitors, as well as, ensuring they are invited to fellowship at Coffee Hour.

You can do your part by

The Good News

October 20, 2017



Parish Education

Parish study of the Book of Judges on Wednesday evenings - 6:00 p.m. begin with a very light meal at 5:30 if interested.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for children meets at 5:45 after the supper.

All are invited.

Youth Gathering

The youth will gather in the Parish Hall on the 29th of October at 6PM. agenda is a mystery, but will be fun and informative. Feel free to bring friend.

Supporting Oakland School

The Student Council and School Promise Council of our neighborhood grade school, Oakland School is holding a 'Fun'draiser on November 3rd, 6-8 p.m. It is a team trivia contest called *Racing Into 1st*.

Cost is \$15 per person and teams can be pre-arranged or form the event. Please see the poster on the main hallway bulletin board.

Synod Thanks

Thank you to all who helped out with the planning and hosting of Synod weekend. We received several nice notes of appreciation and thanks from delegates and clergy who attended. Well done, all!

continuing to actively engage anyone you do not know after the service. If you want to be a part of Rose's team, please let her know.

In Christ,

Fr. Dave
309-660-8515

Ministry Links

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

Men's Breakfast

Will be held at 8AM on Saturday 10/21. All men of the Parish are welcome.

Mission Leadership Team

Meets on Monday, 23 October, at 7PM. The meeting is open to all who wish to attend.

The Daily Devotional Reading

is available by clicking of the link below:

[Good News Daily](#)

Guild of the Holy Rosary

Meets immediately after the 10:00 service on Sunday morning.

Serving Schedule

22-October

7:30

Greeter: Doug & Dede Dyson

Lector: Chris Bennett

E.M.: Bill Johns

10:00

Acolyte: Alley Roberson

Lector: Robin Levine

E.M.: SB Carter

Monday Counter: Pam Laws

Coffee Hour: Valarie & Rex Schaeffer

29-October

7:30

Greeters: Ray Durham

Lector: Julie Bennett

E.M.: Chris Bennett

10:00

Acolyte: Christian Pitts

Lector: Amy Halt

E.M.: Robin Levine

Monday Counter: Gary McGinnis

Coffee Hour: Susan Long & SB Carter

Outreach Opportunities

ITEMS-OF-THE-MONTH

Why the big white box in the hallway across from the office?

That's where we're asking you to place clean, gently used coats no longer wear. We will deliver them to The Salvation Army's local headquarters for distribution to needy people this fall and winter. We'll also collect other gently used winter wear (gloves, hats, scarves). THANK YOU! The Outreach Committee

Parish Schedule for the week of October 22nd

Coffee Hour follows 10:00 a.m. worship in the Parish

Sunday-7:30 a.m.-Rite I
Sunday-10:00 a.m.-Rite II '
Sunday-11:00 a.m.-Guild of the Holy Rosary
Sunday-5:30 p.m.-Evensong
Monday-7:00 a.m.-Morning Prayer
Monday-5:30 p.m.-Brownies
Monday-7:00 p.m. - M.L.T. meeting
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.-Light supper
Wednesday-6:00 p.m.- Adult formation & CGS
Thursday-7:30 a.m.-Morning Prayer and breakfast
Friday-7:00 a.m.-Morning Prayer

Office Hours: Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.

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

Readings & Music for October 22, 2017

Hymns: #686, #372, #594

Old Testament

Isaiah 45:1-7

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped
to subdue nations before him
and strip kings of their robes,
to open doors before him--
and the gates shall not be closed:
I will go before you and level the mountains,
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron,
I will give you the treasures of darkness
and riches hidden in secret places,
so that you may know that it is I, the Lord,
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.
For the sake of my servant Jacob,
and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me.
I am the Lord, and there is no other;
besides me there is no god.
I arm you, though you do not know me,
so that they may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is no one besides me;
I am the Lord, and there is no other.
I form light and create darkness

from light and create darkness;
I make weal and create woe;
I the Lord do all these things.

Psalm 96:1-9

Cantate Domino

1 Sing to the Lord a new song; *
sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.
2 Sing to the Lord and bless his Name; *
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
3 Declare his glory among the nations *
and his wonders among all peoples.
4 For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; *
he is more to be feared than all gods.
5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; *
but it is the Lord who made the heavens.
6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! *
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!
7 Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; *
ascribe to the Lord honor and power.
8 Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; *
bring offerings and come into his courts.
9 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; *
let the whole earth tremble before him.

The Epistle

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God
Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but with power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know we are of such kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place; your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead-- Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

The Gospel

Matthew 22:15-22

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed and they left him and went away.

Birthdays & Anniversaries from October 22 - 29

Anniversaries

Birthdays

Adrienne Ives

Chris Bennett

Mark Smith

Collect for Sunday, October 22nd

Almighty and everlasting God, who in Christ hast revealed thy glory among the nations: Preserve the works of thy mercy, that Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of thy Name; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, on God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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