

This Week at St. John's

October 21, 2007

About the Readings

Genesis 32:3-8, 22-30

This is the story of Jacob returning to his homeland after a long absence. Years earlier Jacob had received the blessing intended for his brother Esau and had left the country to avoid Esau's wrath. Now he returns, and a meeting with Esau is imminent. All of his life Jacob has gotten things by devious means. Now he wrestles in the darkness with a stranger and then learns that he has wrestled with God. Perhaps that wrestling was necessary before he was able to rely on God in his meeting with Esau.

Psalm 121

The quiet confidence of this psalm needs to lie behind all our relations with God. "From where is my help to come? . . . from the Lord." A person with this deep conviction is persistent in prayer.

II Timothy 3:14-4:5

The serial reading of this epistle continues with the author's comments on the inspiration of Scripture and his charge to Timothy to fulfill his ministry.

Luke 18: 1-8a

In Jesus' parable on prayer, the widow strove against an unscrupulous judge with no weapon but her persistence, and she prevailed. Our prayers need to have this same characteristic.

(Commentary from *Sunday's Scriptures: An Interpretation* by William Sydnor)

Announcements

Visitors: We are glad you have chosen to worship with us at St. John's this morning, and invite you to enjoy coffee and fellowship in the parish hall after the service.

Child care is provided from 9:15 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. An usher will assist you.

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Betty White, by her children and grandchildren.

The Ton of Food Program will continue during the fall months. Any food and food-related items will be accepted, as well as detergents, cleaning supplies and personal hygiene items. Canned fruits and vegetables and fruit juices are always in demand and appreciated. The Outreach Ministry Group would like to extend their thanks to the parishioners for their participation in the Ton of Food Program.

About the Episcopal Church

Lectern: Reading stand, either simple or elaborate, that holds the Bible or lectionary texts for the reading of scripture lessons.

Intercessions This Week

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain and for the Rt. Rev. Carlos López-Lozano.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. Philip's Church, Trenton; and we pray for the Annual Gathering and 118th Convention of the Diocese of West Missouri at Tan-Tar-A Resort, Osage Beach.

Birthdays

- Oct. 21 Theresa McCullough
Ashley Patton
- Oct. 23 Tanya Roop
- Oct. 24 Thomas Arnall
Anson Hall
Robert Ratcliff
- Oct. 27 Samantha Tellatin

Faithful Departed

- Oct. 23 Albert B. Cutting
- Oct. 24 Ella C. Morris

Prayer Requests

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| Trudy | Maxine |
| Terri | Dee |
| Gladys | Susan |
| Ella | Lauretta |
| Ruth | Jerry |
| Ken | Margi |
| Rachel | Nancy |
| Pamela | Kathy |
| Tracey | Buddy |
| Julie | Laurie |
| Pat | John |
| Bill | Thomas |
| Dixie | Mirth |
| Mary | Tony |
| Carmon | Karol |
| Darryl | David |
| Carol | Carolyn |
| Harry | Sandra |
| Joe | Louis |

Names submitted by parishioners will remain on the parish intercession list for 30 days. After 30 days, the names will be removed, unless they are resubmitted. There is no limit on how many times a prayer request can be renewed. This new policy will allow the clergy to better manage the official prayer list of the parish. If you have any questions, please contact Father Miller.

Calendar

Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Mass— Rite I
October 21	9:30 a.m.	Rector's Forum
(21 Pentecost)		Youth Class
	10:15 a.m.	Church School
	10:30 a.m.	Mass— Rite II (sung)
Monday	9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
October 22	5:30 p.m.	Evening Prayer
(Feria)	6:00 p.m.	Mass
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
October 23	5:30 p.m.	Evening Prayer
(St. James of	6:00 p.m.	Mass
Jerusalem)	6:30 p.m.	AA (Women's Group)
	8:00 p.m.	AA
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
October 24	5:30 p.m.	Evening Prayer
(Raphael the	6:00 p.m.	Mass
Archangel)	6:30 p.m.	Dinner
	7:00 p.m.	Choir
		Adult Bible Study
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
October 25	10:00 a.m.	St. Clare's Crafters
(Feria)	12:00 p.m.	Mass
	5:30 p.m.	Evening Prayer
Friday		
October 26		
(Alfred the Great)		
Saturday		
October 27		
(Feria)		
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Mass— Rite I
October 28	9:30 a.m.	Rector's Forum
(22 Pentecost)		Youth Class
	10:15 a.m.	Church School
	10:30 a.m.	Mass— Rite II (sung)

**THROUGHOUT SCRIPTURE,
HARD WORK IS ENCOURAGED
AND SLOTHFULNESS IS CON-
DEMNED.**

“Whatever your task, put yourselves into it, as done for the Lord and not for your masters”
(Colossians 3:23).



What is your legacy to God's church?