

This Week at St. John's

July 1, 2007

About the Readings

I Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

Elijah the prophet is told to appoint Elisha to succeed him.

Psalms 16:5-11

In many ways this is a disciple's psalm: "You are my Lord, my good above all other."

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

The apostle lists and contrasts the qualities of life that distinguish those imbued with and motivated by the Spirit of the risen Lord and those who are not. Notice that the "fruit of the Spirit" unites people and builds up brotherhood; the other list is of behavior that is entirely disruptive.

Luke 9:51-62

In the Old Testament law, one could carry out the normal acts of filial piety to one's parents, but in the Gospels a person "must be prepared to sacrifice security, duty, and affection, if he is to respond to the call of the kingdom, a call so urgent and imperative that all other loyalties must give way before it."

(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, in memory of loved ones and in thanksgiving for God's many blessings, by Linda Robertson.

The Ton of Food Program will continue during the summer 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.

July 4th Celebration: The liturgy proper to July 4, Independence Day, will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 4. Because the Eucharist will be offered at 9:00 a.m., Morning Prayer will be recited at 8:30 a.m. that day. Also, there will be no celebration of Mass that evening. After the liturgy, the Midtown Neighborhood Association Board (of which Father Miller is a member) will once again sponsor its annual July 4 parade in Midtown. The parade will begin at 10:00 a.m. and will last about one hour. The parade ends at Washington Park, where there will be free ice cream and entertainment. Mark your calendars now!

About The Episcopal Church

Purificator: Small square of white linen, usually embroidered with a cross, that is used to wipe the rim of the chalice during the reception of wine in the Eucharist and to clean the chalice during the ablutions.

Intercessions This Week

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Anglican Church of Canada and for the Most Rev. Andrew Sandford Hutchison, Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. Stephen's Church, Monett; the Rev. Katherine Calore, Priest In Charge.

Birthdays

July 1 William W. Busch
Robert Hollis Wilhoit
July 2 Joseph Bendon
July 6 Maile Michelle Bacon
Joe Havens
July 7 Nathan Branscom
Joan Schulke

Anniversary

July 5 Lawrence & Fay Ollis

Faithful Departed

July 3 George D. Burns
July 6 Florence Silsby Brown

Prayer Requests

Trudy	Maxine
Terri	Dee
Norman	Gladys
Pricilla	Susan
Ella	Jude
Clara	Dorothy
Ruth	Laurette
Karol	Harry
Carmon	Darryl
David	Louis
Tony	Ken
Rachel	Carolyn
Sandra	Carol
Charles	Larry
Pamela	

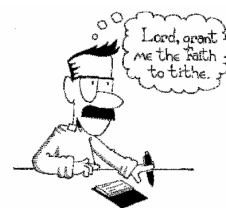
Names submitted by parishioners will remain on the parish intercession list for 30 days. After 30 days, the names will be removed, unless they are resubmitted. There is no limit on how many times a prayer request can be renewed. This new policy will allow the clergy to better manage the official prayer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

Calendar

Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Mass— Rite I
July 1	10:30 a.m.	Mass— Rite II (sung)
(5 Pentecost)		
Monday	9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
July 2	5:30 p.m.	Evening Prayer
(Feria)	6:00 p.m.	Mass
	7:00 p.m.	Stewardship Committee
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
July 3	5:30 p.m.	Evening Prayer
(Feria)	6:00 p.m.	Mass
	6:30 p.m.	AA (Women's Group)
	8:00 p.m.	AA
Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer
July 4	9:00 a.m.	Mass
(Independence Day)	5:30 p.m.	Evening Prayer
		<i>(Office Closed)</i>
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
July 5	10:00 a.m.	St. Clare's Crafters
(Vladimir of Kiev)	12:00 p.m.	Mass and Anointing
	5:30 p.m.	Evening Prayer
Friday		
July 6		
(Sexburga of Ely)		
Saturday		
July 7		
(Paladius of Ireland)		
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Mass— Rite I
July 8	9:30 a.m.	Outreach Ministry Group
(6 Pentecost)	10:30 a.m.	Mass— Rite II (sung)

IN JESUS' REFERENCE TO TITHING, HE ENDORSED THE PRACTICE OF TITHING BUT CRITICIZED PRIDE IN TITHING.

“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint, dill, and cumin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faith. It is these you ought to have practiced without neglecting the others (Matthew 23:23)



What is your legacy to God's church?