

# *This Week at St. John's*

*July 22, 2007*

## **About the Readings**

### **Genesis 18:1-10a [10b-14]**

God promised Abraham that his descendants would be “a multitude of nations.” Here that promise begins to be fulfilled. The contrast between Abraham and Sarah is that he believed in the glory and wonder of divine possibilities while she did not.

### **Psalm 15**

The blameless life described here equips one to abide on God's holy hill, which is another way of saying to be able to appreciate the glory and wonder of things divine.

### **Colossians 1:21-29**

Paul tell his readers something of his attitude toward the apostolic ministry and his part in it.

### **Luke 10:38-42**

Here is a relaxed picture of Jesus in the home of intimate friends. Martha is preoccupied with the busy-ness of everyday affairs and misses the spiritual dimension of life which Mary received from Jesus. Martha, like Sarah (Abraham's wife), could not see beyond daily tasks and daily abilities. Mary had eyes to see the glory and wonder of things divine.

(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 our parents Claude and Ione Bradley, and Wilf and Mary Barker by Bob and Clara Bradley.

**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.

## **About The Episcopal Church**

**Rabat:** Black shirt-front with a clerical collar attached and worn over a shirt

# Intercessions This Week

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer**, we pray for the Diocese of Raiwind, Pakistan; and for the Rt. Rev. Samuel Azariah.

**In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**, we pray for All Saints' Church, Nevada; the Rev. Mimi Savidge, Rector.

## Birthdays

July 27 Christa Clifton  
Emily E. King  
John K. White  
July 28 Andree Leshner

## Anniversaries

July 23 Thomas & Mary Ann Arnall  
July 25 Champ & Angie Herren

## Faithful Departed

July 24 Julia Holiday  
July 25 Annie Coover  
Col. Harry Kirkpatrick  
July 27 M.J. (May) Barker

## Prayer Requests

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

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

<b>Sunday</b>	8:00 a.m.	<b>Mass– Rite I</b>
<b>July 22</b>	10:30 a.m.	<b>Mass– Rite II</b> (sung)
(8 Pentecost)		
<b>Monday</b>		
<b>July 23</b>		
(St. Mary Magdalene)	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>		
<b>July 24</b>		
(Thomas à Kempis)	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
	6:30 p.m.	AA (Women's Group)
	8:00 p.m.	AA
<b>Wednesday</b>		
<b>July 25</b>		
(St. James)	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
<b>Thursday</b>		
<b>July 26</b>		
(Parents of The Blessed Virgin Mary)	10:00 a.m.	St. Clare's Crafters
	<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
<b>Friday</b>		
<b>July 27</b>		
(William Reed Huntington)		
<b>Saturday</b>		
<b>July 28</b>		
(Samson of Dol)		
<b>Sunday</b>	8:00 a.m.	<b>Mass– Rite I</b>
<b>July 29</b>	10:30 a.m.	<b>Mass– Rite II</b> (sung)
(9 Pentecost)		

Can we say that there is no such thing as a selfish or stingy Christian? Isn't selfish and Christian a contradiction of terms, since Christian implies giving? In his life on earth, Christ modeled the life of giving, and, through the working of the Holy Spirit, we become more like Christ. Filled with God's love, we demonstrate our gratitude to him for his love, grace, and mercy through our giving. It is aptly said, "We can give without loving, but we can't love without giving." May God grant us loving hearts so that we become the givers that God wants us to be.

**What is your legacy to God's church?**