

This Week at St. John's

July 29, 2007

About the Readings

Genesis 18:20-33

The writer had a sense of humor. Abraham's attempt to strike a bargain with God sounds like someone haggling in the market place. The point is that the story reflects a realization that the Lord cares for the individual and that the individual is not lost in the crowd.

Psalm 138

This is a psalm of thanksgiving offered because God has answered the poet's prayer. The conviction of God's loving concern for him stems from that experience.

Colossians 2:6-15

The serial reading of this epistle continues. Here Paul makes it clear that the vital center of the Christian's life is the victorious Christ.

Luke 11:1-13

In the arrangement of Luke's Gospel, this is our Lord's primary teaching on prayer. A part of it is the parable of the friend at midnight, with its quaint touch of humor. The details are incidental. God is not compared to an unwilling neighbor, nor is his answer laid to selfish motives. The importance of persistence in prayer is the only point. If perseverance achieves its end in everyday human relationships, how much more in our relationship with God.

(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 thanksgiving for their forty and a half anniversary, by Skip and Pam Sage.

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

Reaffirmation of baptismal vows: Rite marking a significant stage in the adult faith journey, similar to confirmation and reception in the Episcopal Church. A public reaffirmation of baptismal vows in the presence of the bishop, this rite involves a blessing and greeting or laying on of hands by the bishop.

Intercessions This Week

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Diocese of Rhode Island; and for the Rt. Rev. Geralyn Wolf.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. Nicholas' Church, Noel; the Rev. Pedro Valdez, Priest In Charge.

Birthdays

- July 30 Elizabeth M. Lohman
Elizabeth Simons
Norma Tokarczyk
- July 31 Jane Cowden
- August 1 Dorothy Lines
- August 2 Bob Bradley
Douglas Patton
- August 3 Shirley Rogers

Faithful Departed

- July 29 Jack Armour
- July 31 Mildred McCarthy
- August 1 John Sellers
- August 2 Ralph Compton
George B. Morris
Fannie Price
S. I. Smith
- August 4 Arlene F. Schmidt

Prayer Requests

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| 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 |
| Luke | |

Calendar

Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Mass– Rite I
July 29 (9 Pentecost)	10:30 a.m.	Mass– Rite II (sung)
Monday		
July 30 (William Wilberforce)	6:00 p.m.	No Mass
Tuesday		
July 31 (Ignatius of Loyola)	6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	No Mass AA (Women's Group) AA
Wednesday		
August 1 (Joseph of Arimathea)	6:00 p.m.	No Mass
Thursday		
August 2 (Feria)	10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	St. Clare's Crafters No Mass
Friday		
August 3 (Nicodemus)		
Saturday		
August 4 (Jean Baptiste Vianney)		
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Mass– Rite I
August 5 (10 Pentecost)	10:30 a.m.	Mass– Rite II (sung)

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.

JUST AS JESUS CAME TO DO HIS FATHER'S WILL, IT IS OUR PURPOSE AS WELL.

“Jesus said, ‘Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them’ (John 14:23).



What is your legacy to God's church?