

This Week at St. John's

August 26, 2007

About the Readings

Isaiah 28:14-22

In this awesome oracle, the prophet berates the rulers of Jerusalem because they have deliberately entered into a covenant to serve, in return for protection, the god of the underworld (Death) rather than the God of their fathers.

Psalm 46

The strength and hope generated by profound trust in God are superbly expressed in this poem. Notice the repeated references to the shaking of the foundations of life; but God "our stronghold" is "a very present help in trouble."

Hebrews 12:18-19,22-29

These are obviously words of warning like those of an Old Testament prophet. God will "shake not only the earth but also heaven." Those who have received the kingdom will survive; for others this will be their doom. Here is warning, but the dominant note is assurance.

Luke 13:22-30

The kingdom of God is entered by a narrow door through which one must thrust oneself with determination. It will not remain open indefinitely, and those who miss the present opportunity may find that they are too late. Throughout this passage Jesus is also saying that the standards of the heavenly kingdom are so different from those of earth that there are bound to be many surprises.

(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 by St. Mary's Altar Guild.

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

Rector: Chief sacramental and liturgical leader of a parish, who is called by and accountable to the vestry. The term is derived from the Latin word for "to lead" or "to rule."

Intercessions This Week

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Most Rev. Francis Kyung Jo Park, Presiding Bishop of the Anglican Church of Korea and Bishop of Seoul.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Department of Christian Social Ministries and for the Department of Communications.

Birthdays

- August 26 Wilma Burnett
Joseph D. Ollis
Blake Roop
- August 27 Patricia Schreiner
- August 30 Liesl Aldridge
Nancy Richardson
- Sept. 1 Karen Daniel

Anniversary

- August 31 Jerry & Joan Iott

Faithful Departed

- August 19 Norman Jones
- August 27 Marion L. Stephens
- August 28 Mary Elin Veigh
Lena Wilhoit
- August 30 Irma Edwards
- August 31 John L. Butler
Clarence Iott
- Sept. 1 Margaret Peltcher

Prayer Requests

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| Trudy | Maxine |
| Terri | Dee |
| Gladys | Susan |
| Pricilla | Jude |
| Ella | Dorothy |
| Clara | Lauretta |
| Ruth | Harry |
| Karol | Darryl |
| Carmon | Louis |
| David | Ken |
| Tony | Carolyn |
| Rachel | Carol |
| Sandra | Luke |
| Larry | Jerry |
| Pamela | Margi |
| Tracey | Jim |
| Julie | Nancy |
| Pat | |

Calendar

Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Mass– Rite I
August 26	10:30 a.m.	Mass– Rite II (sung)
(13 Pentecost)		
Monday	9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
August 27	5:30 p.m.	Evening Prayer
(Thomas Gallaudet and Henry Winter Syle)		No Mass
Tuesday		No Mass
August 28	6:30 p.m.	AA (Women’s Group)
(Augustine Of Hippo)	8:00 p.m.	AA
Wednesday		No Mass
August 29		
(The Beheading of St. John The Baptist)		
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	St. Clare’s Crafters
August 30		No Mass
(Charles Chapman Grafton)		
Friday		
August 31		
(Aiden of Lidisfarne)		
Saturday		
September 1		
(David Pendleton Oakerhater)		
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Mass– Rite I
September 2	10:30 a.m.	Mass– Rite II (sung)
(14 Pentecost)		

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.

OUR BLESSINGS FROM GOD SHOULD LEAD US TO ACTION FOR GOD.

“Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy”
(1 Corinthians 4:2).



What is your legacy to God’s church?