

# *This Week at St. John's*

*September 9, 2007*

## **About the Readings**

### **Deuteronomy 30:15-20**

This is the conclusion of Moses' third address to the Israelites, in which he discusses their covenant with God. He puts the decision up to them whether they will accept the covenant or not.

### **Psalm 1**

This psalm opens with a beatitude—a word of comfort promising happiness to those who have made the choice of godliness.

### **Philemon 1-20**

This is a letter Paul gave to Onesimus, a runaway slave, who was voluntarily returning to his master, Philemon. It tells us something of the quality of life and relationships in the Christian community in the early days of the Church.

### **Luke 14: 25-33**

The Semitic way of saying “I prefer this to that” is “I like this and hate that.” Thus, for the followers of Jesus to hate their families meant giving the family second place in their affections. Ties of kinship or any other ties must not be allowed to interfere with their absolute commitment to the kingdom.

(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 marriage by Bob and Della Hosutt.

**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.

## **World Hunger Program**

A two evening event on World Hunger will be presented by Dr. Innocent Onwueme on September 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. These events will be held in the Parish Hall at 6:30 p.m. following Wednesday Mass at 6:00 p.m. Each evening will begin with a catered dinner from Pasta Express, followed by an educational presentation and informal discussion on world hunger. Eradicating world hunger is part of the strategic plan of ERD. Donations of canned food items for the presentation will be gratefully accepted and contributed to the Ozarks Food Harvest, and monetary donations will be sent to ERD. In order to have adequate food for the dinner, parishioners are asked to sign up on the Outreach bulletin board.

# Intercessions This Week

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer**, we pray for the Diocese of South West Tanganyika, Tanzania.

**In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**, we pray for Bishop Spencer Place, Kansas City; the Rev. William Crain, Chaplain; the Rev. Linda Yeager, Chaplain; and for Christ Church, Springfield; the Rev. Kenneth L. Chumbley, Rector; the Rev. Jonathan Frazier, Asst. Rector; and we pray for the Clergy Conference.

## Birthdays

September 9 Helen Vanderhoof  
 September 10 Michelle Hogan  
 September 11 Kristin Swearingin  
 September 12 Jason Becker  
 Michelle Sage  
 September 15 Phoebe Havens

## Anniversaries

September 9 Bob & Della Hosutt  
 September 14 Donald & Stephanie McCroskey

## Faithful Departed

September 9 Bill Gamel  
 September 10 Arthur W. Beck  
 J. J. Sand  
 September 11 Charles H. Evans  
 September 13 Vincent Bondi  
 September 14 Homer Ingenthron  
 September 15 Eliza White

## Prayer Requests

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

## Calendar

<b>Sunday</b>	8:00 a.m.	<b>Mass— Rite I</b>
<b>September 9</b>		<i>Brotherhood of St. Andrew Brunches</i>
(15 Pentecost)	9:30 a.m.	Outreach
		Rector's Forum
		Youth Class
	10:15 a.m.	Church School
	10:30 a.m.	<b>Mass— Rite II</b> (sung)
<b>Monday</b>	9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
<b>September 10</b>	5:30 p.m.	Evening Prayer
(Alexander Crummell)	6:30 p.m.	<b>No Mass</b>
		Evangelism Committee
		Stewardship Committee
<b>Tuesday</b>	9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
<b>September 11</b>	5:30 p.m.	Evening Prayer
(Feria)	6:30 p.m.	<b>No Mass</b>
	8:00 p.m.	AA (Women's Group)
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<b>Wednesday</b>	9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
<b>September 12</b>	5:30 p.m.	Evening Prayer
(John Henry Hobart)	6:00 p.m.	<b>Mass</b>
	6:30 p.m.	Dinner
	7:00 p.m.	World Hunger Program
<b>Thursday</b>	9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
<b>September 13</b>	10:00 a.m.	St. Clare's Crafters
(Holy Cross)	12:00 p.m.	<b>Mass</b>
	5:30 p.m.	Evening Prayer
<b>Friday</b>		
<b>September 14</b>		
(Cyprian of Carthage)		
<b>Saturday</b>		
<b>September 15</b>		
(Feria)		
<b>Sunday</b>	8:00 a.m.	<b>Mass— Rite I</b>
<b>September 16</b>	9:30 a.m.	Rector's Forum
(16 Pentecost)	10:15 a.m.	Youth Class
	10:30 a.m.	Church School
		<b>Mass— Rite II</b> (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.

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

In Luke 12:21, Jesus predicted disappointment for those who are not "rich toward God." Have you wondered what it means to be "rich toward God"? Certainly, we are rich toward God when we see everything as a gift from him. Those who are rich toward God are givers rather than takers. By grace, we freely receive, and we freely give. Through faith, we are empowered to express God's love and to be rich toward God as we love our neighbors. Those who are rich toward God will seek first his righteousness and do God's will.