

This Week at St. John's

September 16, 2007

About the Readings

Exodus 32:1, 7-14

Intertwined with the account of the giving of the Ten Commandments is the story of the golden calf. This part of that story pictures Moses as the great intercessor. God has disowned the apostate Israelites. (He refers to them as "Moses' people," not "my people," v. 7.) Moses pleads with God to be true to his character and his promise to Abraham. So God, in effect, reaffirms his commitment to be the merciful and forgiving father of his people.

Psalm 51:1-11

This psalm contains the essence of true penitence. Here is the way in which one who is genuinely penitent comes into God's presence, seeking his mercy and forgiveness.

I Timothy 1:12-17

This bit of biographical information about Paul makes it clear that the great work he ultimately did was possible because of God's mercy and forgiveness.

Luke 15:1-10

In his parables of the lost sheep and the lost coin, Jesus teaches that God is not only merciful and forgiving to those who have willfully strayed, like sheep. He is equally concerned for those who are lost through no fault of their own, like coins.

(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.

World Hunger Program

The second evening event on World Hunger will be presented by Dr. Innocent Onwueme on September 19th. This event will be held in the parish hall at 6:30 p.m., following Wednesday Mass at 6:00 p.m. The 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 Central Africa and for the Most Rev. Bernard Amos Malango, Archbishop of Central Africa and Bishop of Upper Shire.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Church of the Ascension, Springfield; and for the West Missouri Academy for Lay Education and Ministry.

Birthdays

September 16	Martha Cutting Larry McMillen
September 17	James Defazio Jackson Osborn
September 18	Charlotte Hall Sherry Iott
September 19	Charles Leshner
September 20	Christopher Deck
September 21	Terry Greer
September 22	Mary Ann Boyd Ronald Daniel Kara Dickemann Nadine Gentry Patricia McCall Adam Scott

Anniversaries

September 17	John & Jessica Blomberg
September 19	Darrin & Charlotte Hall
September 20	John & Louanna LeCompte
September 21	Douglas & Ashley Patton Todd & Page Wilkinson

Faithful Departed

September 10	Jim Burroughs
September 16	William Decatur Phillip Vicory
September 18	Jerrold Bachus
September 19	Leva L. Hiler
September 21	Mary Bondi Norbert Bondi
September 22	Eleanor Webb

Prayer Requests

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

Calendar

Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Mass– Rite I
September 16 (16 Pentecost)	9:30 a.m.	Rector's Forum Youth Class Church School Mass– Rite II (sung)
Monday	9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
September 17 (Hildegard of Bingen)	5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Evening Prayer Mass Vestry
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
September 18 (Edward Bouverie Pusey)	5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer Mass AA (Women's Group) AA
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
September 19 (Theodore of Tarsus)	5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer Mass Dinner World Hunger Program
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
September 20 (St. Matthew)	10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m.	St. Clare's Crafters Mass Evening Prayer
Friday		
September 21 (John Coleridge Pateson and his Companions)		
Saturday		
September 22 (Ember Saturday)		
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Mass– Rite I
September 23 (17 Pentecost)	9:30 a.m.	Rector's Forum Youth Class Church School Mass– Rite II (sung)
	10:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	

OUR PERSPECTIVE SHOULD BE TO VIEW GIVING AS A PRIVILEGE RATHER THAN AN OBLIGATION.

“Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver” (2 Corinthians 9:7).



What is your legacy to God's church?

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.