

# *This Week at St. John's*

October 28, 2007

## **About the Readings**

### **Jeremiah 14:[1-6] 7-10, 19-22**

It was a time of drought. The prophet recognizes it as divine punishment of the people for their sins. Along with reiterated confessions of sin, this passage also contains repeated professions of faith in God: "Leave us not." "Do not spurn us." "We set our hope on thee."

### **Psalm 84**

This is the song of pilgrims on their way to the temple at Jerusalem. The people whose strength is in the Lord are those who are honest about themselves and confess their sins. They have set their hearts on the pilgrim's way. Truly happy (or blessed or justified) are those who put their trust in the Lord.

### **II Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18**

Here are the dying words of one who has been a vigorous and faithful proclaimer of the Gospel.

### **Luke 18: 9-14**

The parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector is one of our Lord's best-known parables on prayer. The tax collector is "justified" in God's sight not because he is good and the Pharisee bad, but rather because he has faced the truth about himself and has cast himself on God's compassion. His approach to God is one of open-eyed honesty.

(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 loved ones and in thanksgiving for God's blessings, by Karen Horny.

**The Ton of Food Program** will continue during the fall 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**

**Oil Stock:** Small cylindrical container filled with cotton soaked with holy oil. When anointing, the minister first touches the thumb to the cotton, then makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of the one being anointed.

# Intercessions This Week

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer,** we pray for the Bishop of Toronto, Ontario, Canada; the Rt. Rev. Colin Robert Johnson; and Toronto's, Credit Valley; the Rt. Rev. Philip Poole; Toronto's Trent-Durham; the Rt. Rev. Michael Hugh Harold Bedford-Jones; Toronto's, York-Scarborough; and the Rev. Canon Patrick Yu; and for Toronto's York-Simcoe; the Rt. Rev. George Elliott.

**In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer,** we pray for Christ Church, Warrensburg; the Rev. Alfred Jewson, Rector; the Rev. Dayna Jewson, Deacon.

## Birthdays

- Oct. 28 Jon Scot Aldridge
- Oct. 29 Deborah Jones
- Oct. 30 Theresa Bunch  
Robert N. Howell  
Page Wilkinson
- Nov. 1 Emily Jean McCroskey
- Nov. 2 Sydney Cox  
John Le Compte

## Anniversary

- Oct. 28 Dean & Laurie McCroskey

## Faithful Departed

- Oct. 28 John David Achord
- Oct. 29 John L. Braig
- Oct. 31 Marie Ruth Price  
Charles Saltgaver
- Nov. 1 Robert J. Moon, Sr.
- Nov. 2 Sheila Bucy  
William W. Reaves
- Nov.3 Robert James Ewing, Sr.

## Prayer Requests

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| Trudy    | Maxine   |
| Terri    | Dee      |
| Gladys   | Susan    |
| Ella     | Laurette |
| Ruth     | Jerry    |
| Ken      | Margi    |
| Rachel   | Nancy    |
| Pamela   | Kathy    |
| Tracey   | Buddy    |
| Julie    | Laurie   |
| Pat      | John     |
| Bill     | Thomas   |
| Dixie    | Mirth    |
| Mary     | Tony     |
| Carmon   | Karol    |
| Darryl   | David    |
| Carol    | Carolyn  |
| Harry    | Sandra   |
| Joe      | Louis    |
| Laura    | Kevin    |
| Kathleen |          |

## Calendar

<b>Sunday</b>	8:00 a.m.	<b>Mass– Rite I</b>
<b>October 28</b>	9:30 a.m.	Rector's Forum
(22 Pentecost)		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>October 29</b>	5:30 p.m.	Evening Prayer
(St. Simon and St. Jude)	6:00 p.m.	<b>Mass</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
<b>October 30</b>	5:30 p.m.	Evening Prayer
(Feria)	6:00 p.m.	<b>Mass</b>
	6:30 p.m.	AA (Women's Group)
	8:00 p.m.	AA
<b>Wednesday</b>	9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
<b>October 31</b>	5:30 p.m.	Evening Prayer
(Feria)	6:00 p.m.	<b>Mass</b>
		<i>No Dinner, Choir, Adult Bible Study</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
<b>November 1</b>	10:00 a.m.	St. Clare's Crafters
(All Saints' Day)	12:00 p.m.	<b>Mass</b>
	5:30 p.m.	Evening Prayer
<b>Friday</b>		
<b>November 2</b>		
(All Souls' Day)		
<b>Saturday</b>		
<b>November 3</b>		
(Richard Hooker)		
<b>Sunday</b>	8:00 a.m.	<b>Mass– Rite I</b>
<b>November 4</b>	9:30 a.m.	Rector's Forum
(All Saints' Sunday)		Youth Class
	10:15 a.m.	Church School
	10:30 a.m.	<b>Mass– Rite II</b> (sung)

Jesus said, "You are the light of the world . . . Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven" (Matthew 5:14-16). Jesus is the light of the world. He became one of us to overcome the darkness of sin, wickedness, and unbelief. As Christians, we are the light of the world because we reflect the light of Jesus. When we live our lives in such a way that people are able to see the difference Christ makes in us, our lights shine brightly. Interestingly, Jesus does not say that he wants us to be lights. He tells us that we are lights because he has changed us into people who live to glorify and serve him. With God's strength, our lights will never be darkened but will shine brightly.

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?**