

# *This Week at St. John's*

*November 4, 2007*

## **About the Readings**

### **Ecclesiasticus 44:1-10, 13-14**

In the wisdom literature of the Apocrypha we find this Paean listing those whom the wise old author thought should be remembered gratefully on an occasion like this.

### **Psalm 149**

On this occasion, the reference to the "children of Zion" brings to our minds the saints, known and unknown, for whom we are thankful to God. These are the ones in whom the Lord "takes pleasure" and whom he adorns with victory.

### **Revelation 7:2-4, 9-17**

Here is a prose-poetry picture of the seer's vision of the redeemed. Notice the contrast between their former lot on earth and the gentleness with which they are now treated.

### **Matthew 5: 1-12**

The Sermon on the Mount opens with these beatitudes, which describe those who have a place in the kingdom of heaven. Notice that they are not the famous, the gifted, and the accomplished by the world's standards. Rather they are the humble, the gentle, the innocent, the reconcilers, the concerned about others, and the persecuted. "The last shall be first, and the first last."

(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 the Iott, Brown, Hake, and Henderson families, by Jerry and Joan Iott.

**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.

**Bishop of Botswana to Visit** On Sunday, November 4, at 7:00 p.m. at Christ Church (Episcopal), Springfield, solemn Evensong will be sung and the Right Reverend Trevor Mwamba, Bishop of Botswana, will preach. The Diocese of Botswana is the Diocese of West Missouri's new companion diocese in the Anglican Communion. Following the service, a reception for Bishop Mwamba will be held in the great hall. All parishioners are encouraged to attend.

## **About the Episcopal Church**

**All Saints' Day:** A major feast day of the church that celebrates the communion of saints, that cloud of witnesses to the faith with whom God has surrounded us. All Christians are members of one another in the mystical body of Christ. The feast is observed on November 1, but may also be observed on the following Sunday.

# Intercessions This Week

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer**, we pray for the Diocese of Ukwa, Province of the Niger Delta, Nigeria; and for the Rt. Rev. Kelechi.

**In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**, we pray for All Saints' Church, West Plains; the Rev. Robert Williams, Priest In Charge, and for the Department of Stewardship.

## Birthdays

- Nov. 4 Steven Clifton  
Chris Nelson
- Nov. 5 Molly Patterson
- Nov. 6 Christopher Taylor
- Nov. 7 Barbara Daniel  
Linda Endicott
- Nov. 9 Jeanette Wilson

## Faithful Departed

- Nov. 4 Anne Ehle  
Manie Read
- Nov. 5 Emma Butler
- Nov. 7 Louis Leigh  
J. Glenn Sinclair
- Nov. 10 Willis Edward Baker  
J.J. David Bond  
James A. Nickelson

## 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>November 4</b>		<i>Brotherhood of St. Andrew Branches</i>
(All Saints' Sunday)	9:30 a.m.	Rector's Forum
	10:15 a.m.	Youth Class
	10:30 a.m.	Church School
	7:00 p.m.	<b>Mass— Rite II</b> (sung) (incense) (baptism)
<b>Monday</b>	9:00 a.m.	Evensong (Christ's Church)
<b>November 5</b>	5:30 p.m.	Morning Prayer
(Elizabeth and Zechariah)	6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer
	6:30 p.m.	<b>Mass</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	9:00 a.m.	Stewardship Committee
<b>November 6</b>	5:30 p.m.	Morning Prayer
(Feria)	6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer
	6:30 p.m.	<b>Mass</b>
	8:00 p.m.	AA (Women's Group)
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<b>Wednesday</b>	9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
<b>November 7</b>	5:30 p.m.	Evening Prayer
(Willibrord of Utrecht)	6:00 p.m.	<b>Mass</b>
	6:30 p.m.	Dinner
	7:00 p.m.	Choir, Adult Bible Study, Inquirers' Class
<b>Thursday</b>	9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
<b>November 8</b>	10:00 a.m.	St. Clare's Crafters
(Feria)	12:00 p.m.	<b>Mass</b>
	5:30 p.m.	Evening Prayer
<b>Friday</b>		
<b>November 9</b>		
(Feria)		
<b>Saturday</b>		
<b>November 10</b>		
(Leo the Great)		
<b>Sunday</b>	8:00 a.m.	<b>Mass— Rite I</b>
<b>November 11</b>	9:30 a.m.	Rector's Forum
(24 Pentecost)		Youth Class
	10:15 a.m.	Outreach Ministry Group
	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.

In Paul's letter to the Corinthians, he asked them to give to the distressed Christians in Jerusalem. Paul told them their participation in the offering to Jerusalem was a way of "testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others" (2 Corinthians 8:8). True charity and generosity can't be commanded. Paul wanted the Corinthians to prove their sincerity by giving unselfishly and spontaneously. In the same way, we show our sincerity through our giving and by doing God's will. "Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers" (Romans 12:13). By God's grace, we are empowered to give generously to those in need. In our giving, we demonstrate the love of Christ in our hearts.

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