

This Week at St. John's

November 18, 2007

About the Readings

Malachi 3:13-4:2a, 5-6

The ungodly see no good in serving God. Then, through his prophet, the Lord speaks to the faithful about the coming day of retribution.

Psalm 98

The psalmist has utter faith in God's ruling power. God's righteousness and justice will prevail throughout the world.

II Thessalonians 3:6-13

Here is Paul's work ethic. He was a hard worker and expected all Christian brethren to follow his example.

Luke 21:5-19

Jesus foresees both a historic crisis within a generation and a final crisis at the end of history. Do not mistake the former for the latter, he says here, and beware of those who do. Like an Old Testament prophet, he exhorts those who are loyal to him to be steadfast.

(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 Karen and Ron Ollis.

The Outreach Ministry Group (OMG) would like to extend their thanks to the parishioners for their participation in the Thanksgiving Baskets program. We collected a large amount of food for families this Thanksgiving season. Now that our pantry is empty, the OMG would like to appeal for "Emergency Food" donations to help Mid-town families during the winter months. Examples: food ready to eat, soups with pull lids, tuna, peanut butter and crackers, ravioli, cereal, baby food, diapers, and the like—anything someone could eat even if they don't have the means to cook it. St. John's Parish gets a lot of requests for food at our door. Please think of these people as you go shopping this winter.

The scheduled bake sale for Fr. Jesse has been postponed: watch for details.

About the Episcopal Church

Proper: Those texts of the eucharist or daily offices that vary according to the day or season, as opposed to the texts that always remain the same, which are called the ordinary. The proper of the day consist of the collect, the lessons, and the variable proper preface.

Intercessions This Week

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Diocese of Waiapu, New Zealand; the Rt. Rev. John William Bluck, Suffragan.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. Luke's Hospital, the Rev. John Pumphrey, Chaplain; the Rev. MaryCay Armer, Chaplain; and the Rev. Marshall Scott, Chaplain.

Birthdays

- Nov. 18 Anna Hall
- Nov. 19 James Chaffin
Karen Ollis
- Nov. 20 Robert D. Richardson, Sr.
- Nov. 21 Amberley Havens
Francis Kunkler
- Nov. 23 Buena Esther
Joan Iott
- Nov. 24 John O. Howell
Eve Manary
Kerri Mothersead

Anniversaries

- Nov. 19 James & Terri Price
- Nov. 24 Bob & Clara Bradley

Faithful Departed

- Nov. 19 Ross J. Whitlock
- Nov. 20 George Harvates
- Nov. 22 Hortense Bowman
- Nov. 24 David Gorman

Prayer Requests

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| Trudy | Maxine |
| Terri | Dee |
| Gladys | Susan |
| Ella | Lauretta |
| Ruth | Jerry |
| Ken | Dixie |
| Rachel | Mirth |
| Pamela | Mary |
| Buddy | Tony |
| Carmon | Karol |
| Darryl | David |
| Carolyn | Sandra |
| Harry | Louis |
| Joe | Laura |
| Emelia | Kevin |
| Kathleen | Brenda |

Calendar

Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Mass— Rite I
November 18 (25 Pentecost)	9:30 a.m.	Rector's Forum Youth Class Church School
	10:15 a.m.	Mass— Rite II (sung)
	10:30 a.m.	
Monday	9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
November 19 (Elizabeth of Hungary)	5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Evening Prayer Mass Vestry
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
November 20 (Edmund of East Anglia)	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
November 21 (Feria)	5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer Mass
		<i>No meal, choir, or classes</i>
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
November 22 (Thanksgiving Day)	10:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	Mass Evening Prayer <i>Office Closed</i>
Friday		<i>Office Closed</i>
November 23 (Clement of Rome)		
Saturday		
November 24 (Feria)		
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Mass— Rite I
November 25 (Christ the King)	9:30 a.m.	Rector's Forum Youth Class Church School
	10:15 a.m.	
	10:30 a.m.	Mass— Rite II (sung) (incense)

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.

To teach us selfless service, Jesus demonstrated a perfect example of servant leadership. He washed the dust and dirt off his disciples' feet (John 13:1-17). On the day before his crucifixion, Jesus, who was both Son of Man and Son of God, took a towel and a water basin and washed their feet. Finishing his task, Jesus told them: "So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you." (vs. 14-15). With Jesus as our example, we should seek opportunities to serve others. Our service will not only bless those who we serve, we will also be blessed.

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