

This Week at St. John's

February 3, 2008

About the Readings

Exodus 24:12-18

In the Bible, a cloud-topped mountain is a place of holiness. This is the setting in which Moses received the Ten Commandments. Both here and in the transfiguration of Jesus it is the setting in which God's presence is known.

Psalm 99

This is a hymn to God the Holy One. Because his worship is identified with "his holy hill," the setting for the giving of the Ten Commandments and the transfiguration come to mind.

2 Peter 1:16-21

The transfiguration of Jesus on the mountain is told in each of the first three Gospels and here in this epistle whose author was with Jesus on that occasion.

Matthew 17:1-9

The transfiguration of Christ was a watershed of insight for his disciples. It marks the occasion of their realization that their Lord had fulfilled their ancient tradition, represented by Moses and Elijah. Beyond this point Jesus' coming passion becomes increasingly the focus of attention.

(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.

Altar Flowers: Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Gary Baker by Jean Baker.

Child care is provided from 9:15 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. An usher will assist you.

The Outreach Ministry Group is collecting "Emergency Food" donations to help Mid-town families during the winter months. Please think of this need as you go shopping this winter.

Please pick up your 2008 offering envelopes in the parish hall and your 2008 calendars in the front hall.

Superbowl: The Super Bowl Party in the parish hall this Sunday, February 3, beginning at 4:00 p.m., promises to be a great time with a planned "Texas Hold'Em Poker Tournament," hot dogs with all the trimmings, chili, soft drinks, other goodies and, of course, "the game!" Please bring a snack to share and BYOB.

About the Episcopal Church

Processional Cross: Wooden or metal cross or crucifix attached to the top of a pole so that it may be carried in a procession.

Intercessions This Week

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil, and for the Most Rev. Mauricio José Araújo de Andrade, Primate of Brazil and Bishop of Brasilia.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. Peter's Church, Harrisonville; The Very Rev. Dr. Douglas Johnson, Rector; the Rev. John M. Richardson, Deacon; and for *The West Missouri Spirit*, Mr. Ben Wood, Editor.

Birthdays

- Feb. 3 Michael Irelan
- Feb. 4 Ronald Vanderhoof
Debi Davolt
Cassandra Gladfelter
- Feb. 5 Regina Albright
Patricia Baker
Ross Chaffin
Jerry Iott
Sabrina K. Ollis
Daniel Richardson
Faith Comstock Stocker
- Feb. 6 Kathy Veigh
- Feb. 7 Judy Sulzer-Kleburg
- Feb. 9 Ryan Schacher
Virginia Woolery

Faithful Departed

- Feb. 3 John S. Cogswell
John Miles
- Feb. 4 Edward Schulke
- Feb. 5 Bob Westervelt
- Feb. 6 Robert O. Cravens
- Feb. 8 Helen Keller

Prayer Requests

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| Terri | Maxine |
| Gladys | Dee |
| Ruth | Rachel |
| Ken | Lauretta |
| Dixie | Jerry |
| Ron | Mona |
| Kathy | Douglas |
| Eddie | Becky |
| Ron | Tanya |
| Alberta | Don |
| Larry | Gene |
| Margi | Kathi |
| Louis | Josh |
| Francis | |

Calendar

Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Mass— Rite I
February 3 (Last Sunday after Epiphany)	9:30 a.m.	<i>Brotherhood Brunches</i> Rector's Forum Youth Class Church School
	10:15 a.m.	Mass— Rite II (sung)
	10:30 a.m.	Superbowl Party
	4:00 p.m.	
Monday	9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
February 4 (Cornelius the Centurion)	5:30 p.m.	Evening Prayer
	6:00 p.m.	Mass
	6:30 p.m.	Stewardship Committee
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
February 5 (Shrove Tuesday)	5:30-7 p.m.	Evening Prayer
	6:00 p.m.	Pancake Supper
		Mass
Wednesday	7:00 a.m.	Mass
February 6 (Ash Wednesday)	9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
(Fast Day)	12:00 p.m.	Mass
	5:30 p.m.	Evening Prayer
	6:00 p.m.	Mass
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
February 7 (Lenten Feria)	10:00 a.m.	St. Clare's Crafters
	12:00 a.m.	Mass and anointing
	5:30 p.m.	Evening Prayer
Friday		
February 8 (Lenten Feria)		
Saturday		
February 9 (Lenten Feria)		
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Mass— Rite I
February 10 (1 Lent)	9:30 a.m.	Rector's Forum Outreach Ministry Group Youth Class Church School
	10:15 a.m.	Mass— Rite I (sung)
	10:30 a.m.	Evensong
	5:30 p.m.	Potluck Supper
	6:00 p.m.	Lenten Class
	6:30 p.m.	

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.

Work is God's gift to us, a privilege to enjoy, a high calling. Give it your all!

"Whatever your task, put yourselves into it, as done for the Lord and not for your masters" (Colossians 3:23).



What is your legacy to God's Church?