

This Week at St. John's

February 24, 2008

About the Readings

Exodus 17:1-7

This is the second of three accounts of the Israelites complaining over lack of water in the wilderness. Moses had faith in God's presence. It was this faith that made it possible for him to lead his people out of Egypt and made this a major chapter in the salvation history of God's chosen people.

Psalm 95

The first part of this psalm is familiar as the *Venite*, in which the congregation is prepared for the impending encounter with God in worship. The latter part is a warning from God, including mention of Israel's grumblings for lack of water in the wilderness. The point is that it is not the rock from which Moses extracted water but God himself who is "the rock of our salvation."

Romans 5:1-11

Like Moses, the Christian is in the right with God because of his faith. But for the Christian this is faith in the crucified and risen Lord who has brought about our reconciliation.

John 4:5-42

In his conversation with the woman at the well, Jesus turns from the need for well water to "a spring of water welling up to eternal life." He moves from her physical need to her spiritual need, and the encounter becomes a milestone in her salvation history.

(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 11:45 a.m. An usher will assist you.

Family Violence Center: The Outreach Ministry Group is collecting much-needed items for the Family Violence Center during the Lenten season. You may pick up a list of requested items on various leaflet tables through out the church.

"Emmaus Mite Boxes" are available on the table at the entrance of the parish hall. Fill them with your loose change, thank offerings, Lenten penance . . . whatever way you'd like. The proceeds will be gathered in April and sent to the Diocese for projects that fulfill the Millennium Development Goals (MDG). Any questions—ask an Outreach Ministry Group member.

Special Rector's Forum This Sunday: This Sunday, February 24, the Rector's Forum will be about gangs in the Springfield area. In order to facilitate this presentation, Father Miller has invited a senior Social Work student from Evangel University to lead a discussion about identifying, preventing, and decreasing gang activity around churches. The program will begin at 9:30 a.m. Plan now to attend.

About the Episcopal Church

Preaching gown: A long black garment with loose sleeves that is worn with a cassock when the wearer's only role in a service is to give a homily.

Intercessions This Week

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the the Church of the Province 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 St. Philip's Church, Joplin; the Rev. Frank Sierra, Rector; and for Mr. Richard Wagstaff, Diocesan Chancellor.

Birthdays

Feb. 24 James F. Anderson
Lawrence Ollis
Feb. 26 Nathan Gamel
Feb. 28 Dalton Allen
Mark Schneider
Feb. 29 Ronald Ollis
Mar. 1 John Webb

Faithful Departed

Feb. 24 Maurice Bostwick
Feb. 25 Medora Beall
Louis L. Coover
Donald J. Ketchmark
Betty Moore
Feb. 26 Carl J. Benning
Dorothy Wilkinson
Feb. 28 Alexander Bennoch
Catherine Leigh
Feb. 29 George W. Kumleh
Mar. 1 John Ellsworth Lines
Margaret Pelcher
Noi Mae Pierce
Betty White

Prayer Requests

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	Clara
Stacey	Dana
Laurie	Amelia
Karol	Darryl
David	Carmon
Harry	Sheila
Sarah	


Calendar

Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Mass— Rite I
February 24	9:30 a.m.	Rector's Forum (Gang Presentation) parish hall
(3 Lent)		Youth Class
	10:15 a.m.	Church School
	10:30 a.m.	Mass— Rite I (sung)
	5:30 p.m.	Evensong
	6:00 p.m.	Potluck Supper
	6:30 p.m.	Lenten Class
Monday	9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
February 25	5:30 p.m.	Evening Prayer
(St. Matthias)	6:00 p.m.	Mass
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
February 26	5:30 p.m.	Evening Prayer
(Lenten Feria)	6:00 p.m.	Mass
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
February 27	9:30 a.m.	Mass
(Lenten Feria)	5:30 p.m.	Evening Prayer
	6:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
	6:30 p.m.	Dinner
	7:00 p.m.	Choir
		Adult Bible Study
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
February 28	10:00 a.m.	St. Clare's Crafters
(Lenten Feria)	12:00 a.m.	Mass and anointing
	5:30 p.m.	Evening Prayer
Friday		
February 29		
(Lenten Feria)		
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
March 1	8:30 a.m.	Brotherhood of St. Andrew
(Lenten Feria)		
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Mass— Rite I
March 2		<i>Brotherhood Brunches</i>
(4 Lent)	9:30 a.m.	Rector's Forum
		Youth Class
	10:15 a.m.	Church School
	10:30 a.m.	Mass— Rite I (sung)
	5:30 p.m.	Evensong
	6:00 p.m.	Potluck Supper
	6:30 p.m.	Lenten Class

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 policy will allow the clergy to better manage the official prayer list of the parish. If you have any questions, please contact Father Miller.

The Bible tells us that in this world we will have trouble. Our reaction should not be fear but joyful anticipation as we see adversity as an opportunity for God to use us as God sees fit.

Jesus said, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom" (Luke 12:32).



What is your legacy to God's Church?