

Sunday Link

Emergencies--Reach Robyn Mayfield at 410-455-0443 or leave a message on the Church's answering machine and we will get back to you. (410-944-6683)

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Sunday, , January 11, 2009 Epiphany 1

*Here is my servant, in whom
my soul delights.*

1000 a.m. Parish Eucharist

11:15 a.m. Adult Education

11:15 a.m. Sunday School

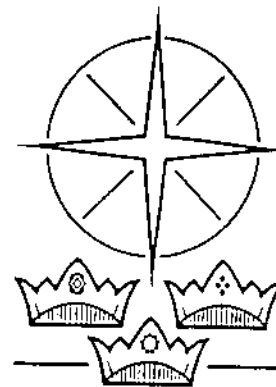
TODAY IS \$5.00 SUNDAY

Monday- 11:00 a.m. SENIOR SEEKERS followed by
12:00 Noon Bible Study
7:00p.m. EFM

Tuesday- 7:00 p.m. Evening Prayer in Church

Thursday - 7:00 p.m. Evening Prayer in Church
7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Saturday - 5:00 p.m. Compline in the Church as we prepare
for Sunday's Service



Sunday, January 18, 2009 Second Sunday after the Epiphany
10:00 a.m. Parish Eucharist
11:15 a.m. Adult Ed.
11:15a.m. Sunday School

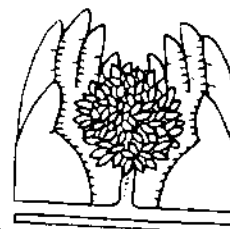
Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.

BIBLE READINGS FOR SUNDAY, January 18, 2009

*I Samuel 3: 1-10 Psalm 139: 1-5, (12-17) I Corinthians 6: 12-20
John 1: 43-51*

Those who will serve on January 18, 2009

Altar: Robyn and Virginia Mayfield
Torches: Alexis Roberts and Natalie Mactavious
Acolytes: Frank Alger and Barbara Reid-Williams
Chalicerist: Richard Holmes
Ushers: Cecelia Neepaye and Nick Herbert
Healing: Nancy Murdock
Readers: Jim Deponai and Pat Kingsland
Psalmist Alexis Roberts
Prayers of People: Linda Deponai
LEMS: John Mochaa-Uchefuna
Tellers: Dave and Sandy Baker



Spiritual
Growth

Watch For the Light

One day St. Francis and Brother Leo were walking down the road. Noticing that Brother Leo was depressed, Francis turned and asked :” Leo, do you know what it means to be pure of heart?”

” Of course, it means to have no sins, faults , or weaknesses to reproach ourselves for.”

” Ah, “ said Francis, “ now I understand why you’re sad. We will always have something to reproach ourselves for.”

”Right,” said Leo. “ That’s why I despair of ever having purity of heart.”

” Leo, listen carefully to me. Don’t be so preoccupied with the purity of your heart. Turn and look at Jesus. Admire him. Rejoice that he is what he is—your Brother, your Friend, your Lord and Savior. That, little Brother, is what it means to be pure of heart. And once you’ve turned to Jesus don’t turn back and look at yourself. Don’t wonder where you stand with him.

The sadness of not being perfect, the discovery that you really are sinful, is a feeling much too human, even borders on idolatry. Focus your vision outside yourself on the beauty , graciousness and compassion of Jesus Christ. The pure of heart praise him from sunrise to sundown. A heart like that is stripped and filled—stripped of self and filled with the fullness of God. It is enough that Jesus is Lord.

After a long pause, Leo said,” Still, Francis, the Lord demands our effort and fidelity.”

” No doubt about that ,” replied Francis. “ But holiness is not a personal achievement. It is an emptiness you discover in yourself. Instead of resenting it, you accept it and it becomes the free space where the Lord can create anew. To cry out , ‘you alone are the Holy One , you alone are the Lord,’ that is what it means to be pure of heart. And it doesn’t come by your Herculean efforts and threadbare resolutions.”

” Then how?” asked Leo.

” Simply hoard nothing of yourself; sweep the house clean. Sweep out even the attic, even the nagging, painful consciousness of your past. Accept being shipwrecked. Renounce everything that is heavy, even the weight of your sins. See only the compassion , the tender love of Christ. Jesus is Lord. That suffices. Your guilt and reproach disappear into the nothingness of non-attention. You are no longer aware of yourself, like the sparrow aloft and free in the azure sky. Even the desire for holiness is transformed into a pure and simple desire for Jesus.”

Leo listened gravely as he walked along beside Francis. Step by step he felt his heart grow lighter as a profound peace flooded his soul.

Brendon Manning in

’ Watch for the Light’. taken from Synthesis , Year B, 2003

ALTAR FLOWERS

2009

We are accustomed to having two (2) bouquets on the Altar. Two families may share these memorials and when they do, the cost will be shared as well. One bouquet costs \$25.00. If there is only one family or person who is giving the flowers the cost is \$50.00 for both bouquets. However, if only one bouquet is desired, please note that on the slip you will fill out and the church will then be responsible for the cost of the second bouquet. We will try to work with you to keep cost down for both,you and the Church. If you have any questions please contact Virginia in the office and she will explain more fully. If you request flowers, please be aware that you will be responsible for the cost.

In most instances, after the service, the flowers are taken to the sick or shut-ins. If you need them to take for a grave or a shut-in, you must let the Altar Guild know so that they can prepare them for you to take. If they are not informed, they will make the assumption that the LEMS will be taking them to those to whom they are going to visit. Under no circumstances should they be taken without the knowledge of the ladies of the Altar Guild. The ladies on duty will transfer them to the green plastic vases. This is important as we have lost two sets of liners for the brass vases and that creates an added expense for the Church. A check for the cost of the flowers should be placed in the alms basin at the time your name is added to the flower chart.

Also, when you select a date from the chart, write YOUR name on the chart and fill out a form found in the pocket next to the chart. Place the completed form back in the pocket . This will allow the office to know what to put in the Sunday Bulletin regarding the reason for these memorials and who will be responsible for paying for them. Always make sure your telephone number is on the slip in the event we should have some questions.

Many thanks for your cooperation!!

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