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This Week's Readings

Rector's Ramblings

For Thanksgiving Week two of my favorite quotes from Teresa of Avila.

Whenever we think of Christ, we should recall the love that led Him to bestow on us so many graces and favors, and also the great love God showed in giving us in Christ a pledge of His love; for love calls for love in return. Let us strive to keep this always before our eyes and to rouse ourselves to love Him.

All blessings come to us through our Lord. He will teach us, for in beholding His life we find that He is the best example.
Saint Teresa of Avila

In Christ,

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St. Matthew's Webpage
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The Good News

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Stewardship Pledges

Sincere thanks to all those who have turned 2019 pledge sheets to the church office. This information is vital to planning the budget for the coming year.

If you still plan to fill a sheet out, but can't find it, you will find extra gold colored sheets available at the sanctuary doors.

Fellowship Breakfasts

Men's Breakfast meets 11/17 at 8AM.

All are invited for a time of food, fellowship, and prayer.

Parish Thanksgiving

November 18 is our Parish Thanksgiving potluck dinner. There will be just one worship service that day at 9:30 a.m. with the fellowship meal following.

Please sign up in on the hallway bulletin board for your dinner donations. Turkey and a fabulous ham will be provided.

Upcoming Meetings

Mission Leadership Team will meet on Monday 11/19 at 7PM.

Parish Mission Council meets on December 2 at 4PM.

Watch this Space.

For an announcement from the Parish Mission Council. Mark

your calendars for December 16th.

Outreach Opportunities

Warm Clothing

As the weather cools, The Outreach Committee is again urging you to think about the need for warm coats, hats, gloves, and scarves in our community. Please bring your gently used coats, etc., to church and place them in the big white box in the hallway across from the office. The Committee will take them to The Salvation Army, which will distribute them to the needy through January 16, 2019. Thank you for helping us keep people warm.

Thanksgiving

This year our church will help Home Sweet Home Ministries as our holiday outreach project. As we saw in the Pantagraph, HSH Ministries is joining with Midwest Food Bank to provide food for those in need. (We support Midwest Food Bank regularly, so it is a natural extension)

Around 35 people live at the Mission now, but they expect more families as the weather gets colder. The Mission will feed a many people at Thanksgiving.

We appreciate your donations. Please write 'Outreach' on your check memo line.

Advent Evensong

Evensong is offered each Sunday at 5:30PM. This is a service of scripture readings and reflective music. All are invited to this restful service in the midst of a busy Advent.

Children's Formation

Children's Sunday School will not meet on November 18 or 25. Please watch for further details in December.

New Email

Fr. Dave is closing out his GMail account. His new email is **frhalt (at) protonmail.com**.

The Daily Devotional Reading

is available by clicking of the link below:

[Good News Daily](#)

Worship Serving Schedule

18-November

9:30 only

Acolyte: Liam Halt
Crucifer: Christian Pitts
Thurifer: Brad Bauman
Lector: Shelley Carter
E.M.: Jack Pitts
Monday Counter: Susan Clark
Coffee Hour: Thanksgiving Potluck

25-November

7:30

Greeter: Ray Durham
Lector: Mona Johnstone
E.M.: Chris Bennett

10:00

Acolyte: Shelley Carter
Crucifer: Brad Bauman
Lector: Cris Embree
E.M.: Robin Levine
Monday Counter: Shelley Carter
Coffee Hour: Susan & Eric Teoro

St. Matthew's Weekly Activities as of November 18th

Thanksgiving potluck follows worship in the Parish Hall

Sunday-7:30 a.m.-Rite I

1:00 p.m.-Green Scouts

5:30 p.m.-Evensong

Monday-7:00 p.m.-MLT meeting

Tuesday-7:00 a.m.-Morning Prayer

Thursday-Closed

Friday -Closed

Office Hours: Monday through Wednesday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

If you have anything you would like added to the schedule or announcements in the bulletin and news letter please send an email reply to the newsletter, or call the office.

Readings for November 18, 2018

Hymns: #359, #313, #607

Old Testament

Daniel 12:1-3

The Lord spoke to Daniel in a vision and said, "At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found

written in the book. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever."

Psalm 16

Conserva me, Domine

1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; *

I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord,
my good above all other."

2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, *
upon those who are noble among the people.

3 But those who run after other gods *
shall have their troubles multiplied.

4 Their libations of blood I will not offer, *
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.

5 O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; *
it is you who uphold my lot.

6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; *
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

7 I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; *
my heart teaches me, night after night.

8 I have set the Lord always before me; *
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.

9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; *
my body also shall rest in hope.

10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, *
nor let your holy one see the Pit.

11 You will show me the path of life; *
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

The Epistle

Hebrews 10:11-14 (15-18) 19-25

Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, "he sat down at the right hand of God," and since then has been waiting "until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet." For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. [And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying,

"This is the covenant that I will make with them
after those days, says the Lord:

I will put my laws in their hearts,
and I will write them on their minds,"

he also adds,

"I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more."

Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any

offering for sin.]

Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

The Gospel

Mark 13:1-8

As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down."

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birthpangs."

Birthdays & Anniversaries November 18 - 24

Anniversaries

Birthdays

Grace Johns

Dedications for this week:

The Memorial lamp is lit in honor of Joseph Zingone.

Collect for Sunday, November 18th

Blessed Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them; that, by patience and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our

Savior Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contact Information

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