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This Week's Readings

Rector's Ramblings

The time has been changed, the days are getting shorter, and there is less daylight to work or play outside. What are we to do on these longer nights? We can grab the remote or the tablet and binge watch TV series until we are one with the sofa, or we grab a book and enter into a world of delight or deep thought.

Resist the temptation to amuse yourself to death in front of a screen and pick up a book. Read, be fascinated, be enchanted, see the world from an upside down position. Find a good story, for in those stories we will find our own.

Here is my own aspirational recreational reading list for the long months:

Colin Duriez, "Bedeviled: Lewis, Tolkien and the Shadow of Evil".

Tolkien, "Beren and Luthien".

Tolkien, "The Fall of Gondolin".

John C. Wright, "Somewither".

Frederica Mathewes-Green, "The Illumined Heart".

Dorothy Sayers, "The Man Born to Be King."

Anthony Trollope, "The Warden".

In Christ,

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The Good News

November 9, 2018



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

Women's Breakfast meets tomorrow (11/10) at 8:30 AM.

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

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

Clergy Conference

The clergy of the Diocese will be in conference beginning 11/12 and returning the afternoon of 11/14.

Theology Uncorked

Meets at 6PM this Sunday. All are invited. Topic for discussion will be Advent. If you are interested in reading before the gathering a suggested tract may be found [here](#).

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.

Christian Formation

Due to the time set for the ending of the clergy conference, there will be no celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 5:30.

Bible Study commences at 6:00 focusing on Romans 5 & 6.

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.

Children's Formation

We offer Sunday School following our second service.

Immediately after receiving Communion, the children will proceed to their classroom for a 50 minute session. Keep in mind, this isn't your mother's Sunday School! Our curriculum will help the children explore the Mass readings more deeply, but we will play together and pray together, too. In time, the older children will be able to coordinate their own prayer services-developing the habit of prayer, along with meditation and a lot of fun.

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

11-November

7:30

Greeter: Ray Durham

Lector: Bill Johns

E.M.: Chris Bennett

10:00

Acolyte: Sarah Halt

Crucifer: Brad Bauman

Lector: Sandy Kohlhasse

E.M.: Emily Lavikoff

Monday Counter: Gary McGinnis

Coffee Hour: Debbie Leighton & Patty Pitts

18-November

7:30

Greeter: Doug & Dede Dyson

Lector: Mona Johnstone

E.M.: Bill Johns

10:00

Acolyte: Liam Halt

Crucifer: Christian Pitts

Thurifer: Brad Bauman

Lector: Shelley Carter

E.M.: Jack Pitts

Monday Counter: Susan Clark

Coffee Hour: Thanksgiving Potluck

St. Matthew's Weekly Activities as of November 11th

Coffee hour follows 10:00 worship in the Parish Hall

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

10:00 a.m.-Rite II

10:45 a.m.- Children's Sunday School

11:00 a.m.-Guild of the Holy Rosary

1:00 p.m.-Green Scouts

5:30 p.m.-Evensong

6:00 p.m.-Theology Uncorked

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

Wednesday-6:00 p.m.-Adult Formation

Thursday-7:30 a.m.-Morning Prayer and breakfast

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

Saturday-8:00 a.m.-Men's Breakfast

Office Hours: Monday through Friday 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 11, 2018

Hymns: #400, #686, #707, #718

Old Testament

1 Kings 17:8-16

The word of the Lord came to Elijah, saying, "Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you." So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink." As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." But she said, "As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die." Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth." She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

Psalm 146

Lauda, anima mea

1 Hallelujah!

Praise the Lord, O my soul! *

I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, *
for there is no help in them.

3 When they breathe their last, they return to earth, *
and in that day their thoughts perish.

4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! *
whose hope is in the Lord their God;

5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;
*

who keeps his promise for ever;

6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, *
and food to those who hunger.

7 The Lord sets the prisoners free;

the Lord opens the eyes of the blind; *
the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
8 The Lord loves the righteous;
the Lord cares for the stranger; *
he sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the wicked.
9 The Lord shall reign for ever, *
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Hallelujah!

The Epistle

Hebrews 9:24-28

Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

The Gospel

Mark 12:38-44

As Jesus taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

Birthdays & Anniversaries November 11 - 17

Anniversaries

Birthdays

Dedee Champion

Dedications for this week:

The Memorial lamp is lit in honor of James Adams.

Collect for Sunday, November 11th

O God, whose blessed Son was manifested that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant us, we beseech thee, that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that, when he shall appear again with power and great glory, we may be made like unto him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Ghost, he liveth and reigneth ever, one God, world without end. Amen.

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