

**Rector's  
Ramblings**

Continuing with questions about the Liturgy.

Q: What is the difference in the Lectionaries, who decides what readings are used, and how do we know what year we are in?

A: This is a bit more complicated, but I shall endeavor to be clear and concise. (Yes, I am not known for the latter, and some would say the former as well).

1. There are three lectionaries that are authorized in The Episcopal Church. They are the BCP 1979 Eucharistic Lectionary, the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL) for Sundays, and the Daily Office Lectionary. Rectors can choose which Sunday Lectionary to use.

2. The 1979 BCP Lectionary was authorized by General Convention in 1979 and is published in all BCPs printed before 2006. This was a three-year cycle and was designed by the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music, and replaced the traditional one year cycle in use before the liturgical movement of the 1960s. It is meant to be thematic and tie together



**Midweek Ignatius of Antioch**

We are moving quickly through some of the New Testament Apocrypha. This week we will be reading from the Epistles of St. Ignatius of Antioch, one of the most influential members of the second generation of the Church.

Copies of the Epistles will be available on Sunday.

**Breakfast Fellowship**

Men's Breakfast will meet at 8:00 on 9/21

**Instructed Eucharist**

By request there will be an Instructed Eucharist on 10/6 at both services. This is an excellent opportunity to enter more fully the meaning of our liturgy and invite others who might have questions about what we do, and why we do it, to join you for worship.

**Adult Forum**

An Adult Forum will be held at 9AM each Sunday during the time for Children's Catechesis. This is an informal gathering to answer questions and have discussion about the Church and its life in the world.

**Sabbatical**

In full disclosure, and with the MLT's support, I am preparing to take Sabbatical beginning 1 June 2020. Sabbatical time is

the Collect and the Lessons for each Sunday under a common theme. These are known as the Propers, as in the proper lessons and collect. Each Sunday has three lessons: Old Testament/Acts, New Testament, and Gospel. A shortened Psalm is also included. The years are A, B, and C.

2. The RCL is an ecumenical lectionary published in 1992. It contains variations for various denominations (Roman Catholic, Episcopal, Lutheran, and Methodist). It, too, is a three-year cycle (A, B, C). For the Gospel, Year A uses Matthew, Year B uses Mark, Year C uses Luke, and John is interspersed in all three years. However, it is not thematic. The other main difference is that it includes two Tracks for reading during Epiphany and after Pentecost. Track 1 has longer sequential readings of the Old Testament that are similar to what we know from Sunday School. Track 2 is closer to being thematic, but being ecumenical does not track with the Collects of the BCP. No matter which Track is chosen it contains three lessons and a Psalm like the 1979 BCP Lectionary. We are currently using Track 2 of year C.

3. The Daily Office Lectionary begins on page

included in every Rector's letter of agreement and can be taken anytime after the first five years.

A sabbatical is not a vacation, or even continuing education, but a time for clergy to focus on renewal for ministry. It is supposed to be a time for developing new skills and/or learning new things that can enhance our Parish life.

For my sabbatical I will be joining Bishop Elias in Tabora, Tanzania. Bishop Daniel has tasked me in this with learning how they are doing evangelism, clergy formation, and ministry development. The expectation is that a document will be produced outlining the above and how it might be beneficial to our Diocese and our Parish. Part of the plan is not just to preach and visit congregations, but to actively participate in clergy development through teaching Scripture to those in their formation program. I will also be teaching English at St. Peter's Secondary School in Tabora.

Supply clergy will support our liturgical life, and the Mission Leadership Team will support the administrative life of the Parish.

Unfortunately, some clergy misuse this time to search for other positions. However, please know that this is not appropriate nor will this be done.

Now, if anyone would like to join me for a portion of this trip, you are invited. A group portion would be appropriate for the first part of the time and would run roughly 1-19 June when Amy and Liam will be with me. If you are interested, please see me for cost estimate. I will need to make airline reservations by 1 November.

Thank you for your support and this opportunity.

Dave+

## **Outreach Opportunities**

### **Items of the Month**

Through September the Outreach Committee will be collecting school supplies for Oakland School. The supply list includes items for individuals for grades Kindergarten through 5th grades. For example, the First grade list includes: Elmer's white glue, large box of facial tissues, large washable classic Crayola markers and backpack (no wheels). Please see the complete list for supplies for all grades. The supply lists are posted on the bulletin board outside the church office and near the collection baskets. Place your supplies in the baskets in the vestibule between the sanctuary and the parish hall.

936 of the BCP. It contains lessons and Psalms to be read in Morning and Evening Prayer. The three daily readings are longer sections of the Old Testament/Acts, Epistles, and the Gospels. This Lectionary is a two-year cycle and we are currently in year one.

4. All lectionaries begin on the First Sunday in Advent, so this year on 1 Advent we will move to Year A of the Eucharistic Lectionary and Year Two of the Daily Office.

This is as concise as I can make a very complicated question, but I hope it answers the basic question.

NB--The Church year begins on 1 Advent in the West. The reason for this, if you are interested, is more accident than planning. In the ancient church the year began on 1 September, but as Propers were published alphabetically the Collects for Advent were printed first. Thus, the Western Church started the year with 1 Advent.

Thanks for the questions, and keep them coming.

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In addition, the PTO at Oakland School collects Box Tops for Education. Every valid Box Top clip is worth 10 cents for Oakland School. Some participating companies are: Nestle, Annie's, Nature Valley, Pillsbury and Paper Mate. You can cut out Box Top labels from packaged items and place them in the designated box in the Narthex. Or, you can download the Box Top app, scan your receipts, and start earning that way. Eventually, the Box Top clips will be phased out of production. Thank you for supporting Oakland School & Outreach Comm.

Updated ways to assist Oakland School are found on their [PTO News](#)

### **The Daily Devotional Reading**

is available by clicking of the link below:  
[Good News Daily](#)

### **Worship Serving Schedule**

22-September 2019

7:30

Greeters: Doug & Dede Dyson

Lector: Chris Bennett

E.M.: Bill Johns

10:00

Acolyte: Shelley Carter

Crucifer: Liam Halt

Lector: Karyn Smith

E.M.: Bob Kohlhase & Emily Lavikoff

Monday Counter: Roy Laws

Coffee Hour: Susan & Eric Teoro

29-September 2019

7:30

Greeter: Ray Durham

Lector: Mark Gibson

10:00

Acolyte: Shelley Carter

Crucifer: Christian Pitts

Lector: Brad Bauman

E.M.: Emily Lavikoff

Monday Counter: Gary Ploense

Coffee Hour: Julie & Jim Cooper

## Ministry Links

St. Matthew's Webpage  
The Episcopal Diocese of  
Springfield

[Rector's Blog \(new\)](#)

Find us on Instagram--stmattsblm

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## St. Matthew's Weekly Activities as of September 22

*Coffee hour follows 10AM worship in Parish Hall*

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

9:00 a.m.-Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (for Children)

10:00 a.m.-Rite II

5:30 p.m.-Evensong

6:00 p.m.-MLT meeting

Monday-9:00 a.m.-Home School Ed Classes \*

Tuesday-7:30 a.m.-Morning Prayer

10:00 a.m.-Quilters

6:00 p.m.-Zumba \*

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

2:00 p.m.-Private Music Lessons \*

5:30 p.m.-Mid-week Holy Eucharist

6:00 p.m.-Adult Study

Thursday -7:30 a.m.-Holy Eucharist & breakfast

9:00 a.m.-Moms in Prayer \*

2:00 p.m.-Private Music Lessons \*

5:30 p.m.-Zumba \*

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

Saturday-8:30 a.m.-Zumba \*

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

*\* Authorized Group--St. Matthew's guests*

*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 September 22, 2019 (St. Matthew)**

Hymns: #232, #238, #293, #637

Old Testament

Proverbs 3:1-6

My child, do not forget my teaching,  
but let your heart keep my commandments;  
for length of days and years of life  
and abundant welfare they will give you.

Do not let loyalty and faithfulness forsake you;  
bind them round your neck,  
write them on the tablet of your heart.  
So you will find favour and good repute  
in the sight of God and of people.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart,  
and do not rely on your own insight.  
In all your ways acknowledge him,  
and he will make straight your paths.

Psalm 119:33-40

*Legem pone*

33 Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, \*  
and I shall keep it to the end.

34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; \*  
I shall keep it with all my heart.

35 Make me go in the path of your commandments, \*  
for that is my desire.

36 Incline my heart to your decrees \*  
and not to unjust gain.

37 Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; \*  
give me life in your ways.

38 Fulfill your promise to your servant, \*  
which you make to those who fear you.

39 Turn away the reproach which I dread, \*  
because your judgments are good.

40 Behold, I long for your commandments; \*  
in your righteousness preserve my life.

The Epistle

2 Timothy 3:14-17

As for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

The Gospel

Matthew 9:9-13

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

**Birthdays & Anniversaries September 22 - 28**

*Anniversaries*

*Birthdays*

Theresa Garrison  
Bobbi Meihofer  
Robin Levine  
Karyn Smith

**Dedications for this week:**

**Collect for St. Matthew, September 21st**

We thank thee, heavenly Father, for the witness of thine apostle and evangelist Matthew to the Gospel of thy Son our Savior; and we pray that, after his example, we may with ready wills and hearts obey the calling of our Lord to follow him; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reignth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**Contact Information**

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