

JUNE 2010

The

Grail

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From the Priest-in-Charge



Our Selves, Our Souls and Bodies

During my sermon on Pentecost Sunday I talked about just what it is that the Holy Spirit empowers us to do. One of the things I mentioned was the importance of recognizing, living after Pentecost as we do, that everyone is called by God. And not only that, but that we are all called to serve God throughout our lives in everything we do.

In the process I spoke of two great Anglican thinkers, John Keble and N.T. Wright, who—though separated by many years—speak similarly about the call of the Christian life.

Keble contends that what can be said of Christ and his earthly ministry can also rightly be said of the Church, as the body of Christ and the physical continuation of Christ's work in the world. As he puts it in his Pentecost sermon "We may truly say that as He was anointed to be prophet, priest and king, so His Holy Spirit has anointed His whole Church, and what is more each particular Christian, to be in some sort prophet, priest and king in His stead."

In his recent book *After you Believe*, N.T. Wright says something similar regarding the calling of Christians to "kingship" but extends it to talk more about redemption and the responsibilities inherent in such a call:

"Forget 'happiness'", he writes, "you are called to a throne. How will you prepare for it? That is the question of virtue, Christian style. The wise rule of humans over God's world is, in fact, what 'being in God's image' is partly about...." (p. 76). While this language may seem triumphalist, it is actually quite humbling in the context, and made even more so when one thinks of the way that Christ exercised his Kingship: by going to the cross for our salvation. So this kingship, this throne to which Christians are called is something different and distinct from the exercise of power as we often think of it. Instead, such language is used to help us understand that we are not merely passive members, but leaders called to expand the Kingdom of God. As Christians empowered by the Holy

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Our Mission:

"To encourage and equip one another as the baptized people of God, to witness to the transforming and reconciling power of Jesus Christ."



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NEWS FROM OUR COMPANION CHURCH (IGLESIA COMPAÑERA) IN LITORAL

SUCCESSFUL GARDEN PARTY FOR ECUADOR

The Garden party for Ecuador this year was delightful. The food was delicious, thanks to Stephanie Love and all you talented St. Joseph cooks and to Bill House and Carl MacLeod for providing the drinks. Thank you to the MOC and ECW for helping to underwrite the expenses. The tables were beautifully adorned with centerpieces made by Pat Edson and Mary Page.

The baskets for the silent auction were beautiful and creative. Thank you Joy McCormick, Stephanie Lowe, Janet Mason, Beth Longmire and Jeanne Rose for building the baskets and all of you who donated items and baskets. The drawing for the gorgeous quilt made by Mary Heeks, Lucy Pulley, Boo Tidwell, Irene Andrews, Sandy Wilson, and Wendle Smith was one of the highlights of the afternoon. The gardens were beautiful; thank you Bill and Mary Heeks for hosting our annual garden party. The Ellis Middle School Orchestra entertained guests with their lovely music. Children of all ages, including those adults who are still young at heart, had a wonderful time playing badminton and croquet and competing in the putting contest. Thank you John Broome and Kim Waltenbaugh for coordinating the games and Bill Heeks for the putting contest. Prizes for the contests and items for the auction were donated by generous members of the community.



Members of the Ellis Middle School Orchestra



What a Spread!

Special thanks to:

- ☞ Christina Wentz and Barney Alary at Riverside for golf lessons,
- ☞ Corey Barnard at Fairview Plantation for a golf lesson,
- ☞ Country Hills Golf Course, Blue Grass Country Club, and Through the Green Golf Course for rounds of golf,
- ☞ Drakes Creek Activity Center for Putt Putt golf,
- ☞ Miss B's Books for books,
- ☞ Baskin and Robbins for the ice cream scoops,
- ☞ McDonalds for the food coupons, and
- ☞ John Ford's Portland Ballroom for the dance lessons.

Once again, this year, those who attended were able to purchase St. Joseph's famous Bar-B-Que chicken. Thanks Warren Pettit, Bob Lindsey, Janet, Jack and Dave Mason, Carl MacLeod, Chris Trenholm and Jeff Jordan who were the cooks for the delicious chicken.

All proceeds go to support our sister church and school in Ecuador. In June, five members of St. Joseph are traveling there to visit the church and school. The hard work and generosity of the members of St. Joseph make it possible for us to continue the much needed and appreciated support.

May God continue to bless us in our companion relationship,

Sarena Pettit

A related note from Joy McCormick:

Again, thank you St. Joseph parishioners for helping make our theme basket/silent auction a success. Thanks to all of you who brought baskets and items to assemble in the baskets. As always you came through with a bang. In spite of the weather we had a good time and raised money for the school at Jesús el Señor. A special thanks to Stephanie Lowe, Janet Mason, Jeanne Rose, Beth Longmire, and Sarena Pettit who helped put the baskets together in one extended evening after the first assembly date was rained out on May 2. Thanks Mary Heeks, Lucy Pulley, and friends for the wonderful quilt you contributed.



The chicken crew hard at work



Children's Putting Contest

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Spirit, we have been given the opportunity to be God's shock troops, to be in the world but not of it, in order to return what is good and lovely and honest to the one who created it all. As Bishop Wright puts it:

"The early Christians believed, on the authority of Jesus himself, that the original vision for creation, and for Humans within it, had been recaptured and restored through Jesus' inauguration of God's sovereign rule. What Jesus did and said was designed to give decisive answer, in deeds as well as words, to the question, What would it look like if God was running things? And, as in Genesis, part of the answer to that question was, it would look like obedient humans, following the Obedient Human, acting as stewards over creation, bringing new creation to birth, and gathering up the praises of that creation to present them to its maker. Jesus himself, as the whole New Testament makes clear, acted as the Obedient Human, summing up creation's praises and inaugurating God's saving sovereignty. What is not so often noticed is that this role is immediately shared with his followers." (p. 77, *After you believe*)

What would it look like if God were running things? That is the question that should guide us as we seek to live holy and good lives.

The question arises though, about how we can practically achieve this. What does a holy and a good life look like? The Anglican response has always been that the holy and good life is the life that is lived to honor God and which thereby contributes to the common

good—what Anglicans have often referred to as the “commonwealth.” As one scholar summarizes it, “the theology of vocations in the English Reformation was not so much a simple imitation of the Lutheran doctrine of a ‘priesthood of all believers’. Rather it was an English assertion of encompassing vocations bound together in charity.” In this understanding each person's vocation is holy insofar as it is devoted to God and serves the good of all. To paraphrase the Homily on Obedience, (one of the sermons that Anglican clergy were required to read when they weren't trusted to preach their own!), every person in their vocation, call and office has their duty given to them. Whatever a person's rank, income or social standing, whether they are mothers, fathers, children, husbands, wives: every one has need of the other, without which no house, no city, no commonwealth can continue and endure.

In other words, when we live our lives in a way that is consistent with the gifts that God has given us—the talents, interests, skills, hopes and dreams—and do so in the service of others, we contribute to the common good, and more than that, to the expansion of the Kingdom. In living a good life, in seeking to serve God and others in what we do, we are, as Wright says “gathering up the praises of that creation to present them to its maker...” This is what it means to present “our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice” unto God.



HELP WANTED

Three volunteers to help prepare the monthly Grail for mailing.

Responsibilities in the absence of a church secretary could include folding the grail, sorting by ZIP code and other actions needed to prepare the material for bulk mail.

When there is a church secretary, other activities might include occasional transport of mailings to the post office or helping to update the mailing list.

To volunteer, speak to Fr. Jody or email him at frjody@mysja.org

Web savvy volunteers to help maintain St. Joseph's web site (<http://stjosephofarimathea.org>) and Facebook page. A knowledge of the WordPress content management system is beneficial but not necessary. If you can write an email, you can help!

If you're interested, please talk to Fr. Jody or email him at frjody@mysja.org

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

June 2	Adam Waltenbaugh
June 5	Ralph Black
June 6	David Garrett
June 7	Walt Simmons
June 10	Tanner Kemp Bill McMinn
June 12	Bryan Melcher
June 13	Michael Barber
June 14	Stephanie Love
June 20	Beulah Murphy
June 26	Paul Love, Sr. Sharon Petty
June 28	Mary Lou Shy



June 1	Charles & Nancy Manis
June 5	Todd & Dawn Harman
June 8	Steve Yeldell & Nell Nestor
June 9	Bobby & Dorothy Jones
June 16	Kyle Barber & Sallyanne Fossey
June 19	Bill & Carol Bufton
June 20	Wade & Claudia Douglass
June 21	Tom & Cheryl Gibson
June 23	Mike & Milligene Shepherd

HOSPITAL ADMISSION, SICKNESS, OR FACING SOME OTHER DIFFICULTY?

If you or a loved one are admitted to the hospital, please let us know. While admissions clerks may ask specific questions regarding religious affiliation, due to government regulations they cannot and will not notify St. Joseph of Arimathea to let us know that you are there. Please get in touch with the church office (615-824-2910) or with Fr. Jody (615-440-6492) as soon as possible.

If you're sick and in need of assistance please let us know that as well. You can call or fill out our new care calendar information sheet located at:
<http://www.stjosephofarimathea.org/how-can-we-help-you/>

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Dear Lord Jesus,
Help me
to carry my cross today
As I go upon my way.
If I am overburdened,
and tears flow
as a flood
May I remember--
Yours were
tears of blood.
When my scars sear me
with bitterness, and pain
Lift my eyes
toward your cross again
so I may
seek your face;
and in your footsteps
may I humbly trod
until this earthly life
is o'er.
Let me contemplate
your wounds;
the heavy cross
you bore.
Lest I forget,
your loving deed
that opened heaven's door.

 Johnny Townes

SUBMISSIONS:

Next deadline: Friday, June 18

Did something in *The Grail* pique your interest? Feel free to send your comments, prayers, reflections, essays, articles, jokes or other material you would like to share to grail@stjosephofarimathea.org with "the Grail" in the subject line.

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WANTED: VBS HELPERS

Last year's VBS was a great success, and everyone (helpers and participants) enjoyed their "vacation to Rome." This year, we'll be joining Joseph in Egypt, June 6–10, 5:30 pm, at Church of Our Savior in Gallatin. Please mark these dates on your calendar to attend, and also prayerfully consider helping with VBS. Even if you can't help during that week, we have tasks that need to be done to prepare for VBS.

Contact Joanne Kemp, Jeanne Rose, or Kim Waltenbaugh with any questions or to sign up to volunteer.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- June 6–10 Vacation Bible School
(Church of Our Savior, 5:30 pm)
- June 13 Adult Dinner night out, 6:00 pm
- June 18 Deadline for July's *Grail*
- June 20 Father's Day
PB&J dedication

ADULT DINNER GROUP

The Adult Dinner night out will meet Sunday, June 13, 6:00 p.m. at Cherokee Steak House, 450 Cherokee Dock Road. All adult members are invited to attend. This social event is a great mixer with many different members from our church attending each month. For reservations, please contact Donna Holt by Saturday, June 12. (452-7242)

NOTE FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN

Please put your 'thinking caps on'; it is the time of the year when we should be giving consideration to nominations for the Harwell Award. Remember that in nominating someone, you must also outline what your nominee has volunteered and performed for the Church and Parish.

This distinguished award is given for outstanding devotion, time, and contributions to the Church and Parish. Choosing the honoree will not be an easy task; I could nominate about five people for this honor, but we are limited to only one nominee per person. With God's Help and Grace we will select a very worthy recipient for 2010. See me or email me if you have questions: george.fossey@comcast.net

Regards and God Bless,
George Fossey

NINETEEN SOMETHINGS TO SAY TO CHILDREN

1. I love you! There is nothing that will make me stop loving you. Nothing you could do or say or think will ever change that.
2. You are amazing! I look at you with wonder! Not just at what you can do, but who you are. There is no one like you. No one!
3. It's all right to cry. People cry for all kinds of reasons: when they are hurt, sad, glad, or worried; when they are angry, afraid, or lonely. Big people cry too. I do.
4. You've made a mistake. That was wrong. People make mistakes. I do. Is it something we can fix? What can we do? It's all over. You can start fresh. I know you are sorry. I forgive you.
5. You did the right thing. That was scary or hard. Even though it wasn't easy, you did it. I am proud of you; you should be too.
6. I'm sorry. Forgive me. I made a mistake.
7. You can change your mind. It's good to decide, but it is also fine to change.
8. What a great idea! You were really thinking! How did you come up with that? Tell me more. Your mind is clever!
9. That was kind. You did something helpful and thoughtful for that person. That must make you feel good inside. Thank you!
10. I have a surprise for you. It's not your birthday. It's for no reason at all. Just a surprise, a little one, but a surprise.
11. I can wait. We have time. You don't have to hurry this time.
12. What would you like to do? It's your turn to pick. You have great ideas. It's important to follow your special interests.
13. Tell me about it. I'd like to hear more. And then what happened? I'll listen.
14. I'm right here. I won't leave without saying good-bye. I am watching you. I am listening to you.
15. Please and Thank You. These are important words. If I forget to use them, will you remind me?
16. I missed you. I think about you when we are not together!
17. Just try. A little bit. One taste, one step. You might like it. Let's see. I'll help you if you need it. I think you can do it.
18. I'll help you. I heard you call me, here I am. How can I help you? If we both work together, we can get this done. I know you can do it by yourself, but I'm glad to help since you asked.
19. What do you wish for? Even if it's not yet time for birthday candles and we don't have a wishbone, it's still fun to hear about what you wish for, hope for, and dream about.

~ Author Unknown

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Service Schedule

Sunday

- 8:00 am Holy Communion, traditional language
(Rite I), no music
- 10:30 am Holy Communion, contemporary language
(Rite II), with music
- 9:15 am Christian formation for all ages

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SCHEDULE OF MINISTRY: June 2010

Chalicists (chalice bearers)		
	8:00am	10:30am
June 6	Paul Love/PoP	Adam Waltenbaugh/PoP, Bill McMinn
June 13	Julia Burton/PoP	Jeanne Rose/PoP, Shelley Sircy
June 20	Cornelia Pullins/PoP	Ed Arnold/PoP, George Fossey
June 27	Bill House/PoP, Milligene Shepherd	Bill McMinn/PoP, Adam Waltenbaugh
July 4	Paul Love/PoP	Shelley Sircy/PoP, Jeanne Rose
Lectors (readers)		
	8:00am	10:30am
June 6	Pat Edson, Julie Burton	Anna Howard/Thom Chittom
June 13	Mike Shepherd, Paul Love	Dave Mason, Jessie Kemp
June 20	Jack Hayes, Paul Love	Sally McCanner, Claudia Douglass
June 27	Carl MacLeod, Opal Poe	Nell Nestor, Sally McCanner
July 4	Pat Edson, Julie Burton	Anna Howard/Thom Chittom
Acolytes		
		10:30am
June 6	Patricia Collins (S/C), Michael Barber (T), Joseph Broome (T/P)	
June 13	Andrew Mason (S/C), Aaron Wildgoose (T), Emma Waltenbaugh (T/P)	
June 20	Patricia Collins (S/C), Andrew Mason (T), Joseph Broome (T/P)	
June 27	Christen Aldridge (S/C), Joshua Milliken (T), Emma Waltenbaugh (T/P)	
July 4	Jack Mason (S/C), Michael Barber (T), Aaron Wildgoose (T/P)	
Ushers		
	8:00am	10:30am
June 6	Omer Fontaine	Bob Lindsey, Jack Mason
June 13	Jack & Bea Hayes	Bill McMinn, Bobby Jones
June 20	Bill & Mary Heeks	Dave Mason, Chris Trenholme
June 27	Jeff Jordan	Jim Stahr, Andrew Mason
July 4	Don & Donna Holt	In Park
Altar Guild Schedule		
June 6	Mary Heeks, Boo Tidwell, Opal Poe, Jackie Lindsey, Jo Ann Forrest	
June 13	Stephanie Lowe, Donna Holt, Milligene Shepherd, Janet Mason, Jean Millhauser, Lynn-nore Chittom	
June 20	Stephanie Lowe, Donna Holt, Milligene Shepherd, Janet Mason, Jean Millhauser, Lynn-nore Chittom	
June 27	Cornelia Pullins, JoAnne Kemp, Lucy Pulley, Sharon Petty, Linda Palmer, Sue Donoho	
July 4	Cornelia Pullins, JoAnne Kemp, Lucy Pulley, Sharon Petty, Linda Palmer, Sue Donoho	

NOTE TO LECTORS/READERS: Weekly lectionary readings are available in printed form in the plastic filing pocket on the wall in the office workroom, or online at: <http://www.stjosephofarimathea.org/worship/lectionary-aid/>

Church Calendar, Community use, Kalendar, US Holidays

Jun 2010 (Central Time)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 "Trinity in the Trees" Last day for teen & No Sunday School 8am - Holy Eucharist @ 10:30am - Holy Eucharist	31 Memorial Day 7:30am - Community Use 11:30am - Community	1 11:30am - Community 7pm - Choir Practice @	2 7:30am - Community Use 11:30am - Community 6:30pm - Daughters of	3 11:30am - Community	4 7:30am - Community Use 11:30am - Community	5
6 8am - Holy Eucharist @ 9am - First Sunday 9:30am - Priest's Forum- 10:30am - Holy Eucharist	7 7:30am - Community Use 11:30am - Community	8 11:30am - Community 7pm - Choir Practice @	9 7:30am - Community Use 11:30am - Community	10 11:30am - Community	11 7:30am - Community Use 11:30am - Community	12
13 8am - Holy Eucharist @ 10:30am - Holy Eucharist	14 Flag Day 7:30am - Community Use 11:30am - Community	15 11:30am - Community 7pm - Choir Practice @	16 7:30am - Community Use 11:30am - Community	17 11:30am - Community	18 Grail Deadline 7:30am - Community Use 11:30am - Community	19
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