



Canterbury Tales

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Luke 9:35

A Word From Our Rector

“And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white.”

Luke 9:29

The invitation was offered to James, John and Peter—“Come and follow!”

These fisher-folk and others were the first group of disciples to enter the life of Jesus, the Christ of God. They left their nets and everything that was familiar to them and entered into the itinerant ministry throughout Galilee.

The ministry took them to synagogues in the region, Samaritan villages, large crowds, small crowds, hostility, and those grace-filled moments when someone was raised from sick-bed. What these disciples saw was the hand of God manifested in a rare and caring way, calling His people back to a life of faithfulness and wholeness. However, the “ministry sideshow” could continue forever—the King needed to reclaim His capital city for the Father. Jesus set His face toward Jerusalem. There He would proclaim the “year of the Lord’s favor” and the people of God would share in this rebirth of spirituality and purpose.

Before this took place, Jesus needed time to pray. He called His inner group of friends: James, John, and Peter, to go with Him to the top of the mountain. Mountains have a special place in Israel’s history. Moses was on Mount Sinai when he spoke to God, and received the Ten Commandments; Jesus’ great sermon was delivered on a rise overlooking the Sea of Galilee as He laid out God’s plan for His people. Jesus ascended the mountain peak in the presence of His friends and celebrated total worship with His Father.

As the disciples watched in abject terror, their Friend’s garments were changed into a dazzling white color, almost blinding in their appearance. And then in a swirling wind and the sound of multiple voices—Moses, the lawgiver, and Elijah, the king of the prophets, all of Israel’s history came together in a fantastic theophany. A cloud engulfed the group gathered on the mountain peak, and the voice of God Himself spoke, “This is my beloved Son, Listen to Him!” Then it was gone. Everything. The cloud, the winds, Moses, Elijah, the



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Voice—all were gone, leaving Jesus and His frightened disciples alone on the mountain.

In trying to sort all of this out, Peter suggested that they build three tents or tabernacles as a sign of Israel's earlier history when she was close to God in the desert wilderness experience. The desert experience was fundamental to the religion of Israel. God did not abandon His people, but rather led them through the wilderness for forty years until they were permitted to enter the Promised Land. The tent was where Moses went to talk with God, an intimacy that the disciples were now starting to understand as they journeyed with Jesus in the spiritual wilderness of the Promised Land.

The Transfiguration of Jesus on the mountain peak was an opportunity for those closest to Jesus to understand that the change they saw and experienced was actually a glimpse of heaven

itself. Christ being revealed or manifested to the disciples, and to us by extension, allows us to appreciate the awe and power of the loving God through His Son. When Jesus is revealed to us through particular events in our life and through other people, what is our response? Jesus' presence in and through others can excite us, overwhelm us, and at times, frighten us. Sometimes we are afraid when someone reaches out to be our friend, to help us, to compliment us, and run away. Often we are hesitant to be touched, or hugged, or thanked, or worse, to accept forgiveness. Love can embarrass us and scare us, and we, like those disciples on the mountain peak, fall on our faces in awe.

Yet, if we do not turn away, if we are open to see Jesus revealed in our lives when others love us, then we will be transfigured. Whenever Jesus comes to us, in whatever ways, He always reveals who we are as His followers. He speaks

our true identity—people who are loved and lovable. When we begin to see ourselves as God sees us, our lives become transfigured.

We are called to believe in the promise and to expect Jesus' presence in our lives. We are called into a life of expectation. The Transfiguration of Jesus is believed by many biblical scholars to have occurred on Mount Tabor, and it continues to happen to Jesus in and through us, and to us in and through Jesus. We are called to allow God's love to transfigure us. We can expect many mountain-top experiences in our lives because God wants to tell us how much He loves us; and He wants to tell us again and again until we come to believe.

May we keep the eyes of our faith open, so that when those mountain-top experiences occur, we might recognize and celebrate them as gifts from God and truly a glimpse of heaven itself.

M.W.G.+



The month of August will see us celebrate three Prayer Book holy days as our summer journey in faith continues. The Feasts of the Transfiguration, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and St. Bartholomew, the Apostle, will all take place in August.

We will be observing the Feast of the Transfiguration on Thursday, August 4th, rather than the 6th, with a celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 10:00 am. The Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be celebrated on Monday, August 15th, and the Eucharist again will be offered at 10:00 am. Saint Bartholomew Day will be on Wednesday morning, August 24th, during our mid-week 10:00 am healing service. Come and join us for this time of worship and celebrate these holy days from the Church Year Kalendar.

“When Christ came upon the Mountain Peak”

The Lord reveals his glory in the presence of chosen witnesses. His body is like that of any other human, but it makes it shine with splendor that his face becomes like the sun in glory, and his garments as white as snow.

The great reason for this transfiguration was to remove the scandal of the cross from the hearts of his disciples, and to prevent the humiliation of his voluntary suffering from disturbing the faith of those who had witnessed the surpassing glory that lay concealed.

With no less forethought he was also providing a firm foundation for the hope of holy Church. The whole body of Christ was to understand the kind of transformation that it would receive as his gift. The members of that body were to look forward to share in that glory which first blazed out in Christ their head.

The Lord had himself spoken of this when he foretold the splendor of his coming: “Then the just will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father.” Saint Paul the apostle bore witness to this same truth when he said: “I consider that the sufferings of the present time are not to be compared with the future glory that is to be revealed in us.” In another place he says: “You are dead, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, your life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.”

This marvel of the transfiguration contains another lesson for the apostles, to strengthen them and lead them into the fullness of knowledge. Moses and Elijah, the law and the prophets, appeared with the Lord in conversation with him. This was in order to fulfill exactly, through the presence of these persons, the text which says: “Before two or three witnesses every word is ratified.” What word could be more firmly established, more securely based, than the word which is proclaimed by the trumpets of both old and new testaments, sounding in harmony, and by the



utterances of ancient prophecy and the teaching of the Gospel, in full agreement with each other?

The writings of the two testaments support each other. The radiance of the transfiguration reveals clearly and unmistakably the one who had been promised by signs foretelling him under the veils of mystery. As Saint John says: “The law was given through Moses, grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.” In him the promise made through shadows of prophecy stands revealed, along with the foil meaning of the precepts of the law. He is the one who teaches the truth of prophecy through his presence, and makes obedience to the commandments possible through grace.

In the preaching of the holy Gospel all should receive a strengthening of their faith. No one should be ashamed of the cross of Christ, through which the world has been redeemed. No one should fear to suffer for the sake of justice; no one should lose confidence in the reward that has been promised. The way to rest is through toil, the way of life is through death. Christ has taken himself the whole weakness of our lowly human nature. If then we are steadfast in our faith in him and in our love for him, we win the victory that he has won, we receive what he has promised.

When it comes to obeying the commandments or enduring adversity, the words uttered by the Father should always echo in our ears: “This is my Son, the beloved, in whom I am well pleased, listen to him.”

A reading from a sermon by Leo the Great, Bishop of Rome, 461 A.D.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
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	7:30 A.A. Meeting	
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost 7 8:00 Holy Eucharist 10:00 Nursery Care / Story Hour 10:00 Choral Eucharist	8	9
	7:30 A.A. Meeting	8:00 T.O.P.S. Meeting 5:30 Recovery Group
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost 14 8:00 Holy Eucharist 10:00 Nursery Care / Story Hour 10:00 Choral Eucharist	15	16
	10:00 Holy Eucharist - Feast of Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ 7:30 A.A. Meeting	8:00 T.O.P.S. Meeting 5:30 Recovery Group
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost 21 8:00 Holy Eucharist 10:00 Nursery Care / Story Hour 10:00 Choral Eucharist	22	23
	7:00 The Vestry 7:30 A.A. Meeting	8:00 T.O.P.S. Meeting 5:30 Recovery Group
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost 28 8:00 Holy Eucharist 10:00 Nursery Care / Story Hour 10:00 Choral Eucharist	29	30
	7:30 A.A. Meeting	8:00 T.O.P.S. Meeting 5:30 Recovery Group

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Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>3</p> <p>10:45 Bible Study</p>	<p>4</p> <p>10:00 Holy Eucharist Transfiguration of our Lord Jesus Christ</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>5:30 Holy Eucharist</p>
<p>10</p> <p>10:00 Holy Eucharist / Healing 10:45 Bible Study</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>5:30 Holy Eucharist</p>
<p>17</p> <p>10:00 Holy Eucharist / Healing 10:45 Bible Study</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>5:30 Holy Eucharist</p>
<p>24</p> <p>10:00 Holy Eucharist - Feast of St. Bartholomew</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>5:30 Holy Eucharist</p>
<p>31</p> <p>10:00 Holy Eucharist / Healing</p>	<p>Church School Begins September 12th</p> 		



Night of Joy

The annual "Night of Joy," will once again be held at Walt Disney World on Friday and Saturday, September 9 and 10, 2011, at the Magic Kingdom.

The "Night of Joy" is an opportunity for young people from all over the State of Florida to descend on the Magic Kingdom for an evening of testimony, Christian music, and fun. Our young people have attended for the last twelve or thirteen years and this year will be no exception. While the departure times are yet to be finalized, we are planning to leave on Saturday and spend the day at Disney, returning on Sunday afternoon. We are planning on staying at the Fort Wilderness Lodge and enjoying some of the hospitality of the theme park.

The cost for the event will be \$25.00 per person and further information may be obtained by calling our youth advisor, Mrs. Linda Jones, at (772) 778-7743, or the parish office, (772) 770-3494.



School Supplies

In what has become some what of a tradition in the parish, we are once again collecting school supplies and funds to aid some of the young people here in Indian River County.

There is a large cardboard box for actual supplies of paper, pencils, pens, and the usual hardware for students, and a smaller basket with envelopes for financial donations. A \$15.00 donation will purchase not only a book bag, but also school supplies. If this is a gift you'd like to make this summer, you are asked to bring either the school supplies to the church, or to make out a check in the amount of \$15.00 for the Indian River County Education Fund.

We have until August 16th to make our donations count for these deserving young people of Indian River County.

Church School Registration Form

We are including a registration form for you to register your child for what promises to be another exciting year of learning, worship, and fun as we look ahead to Church School year 2011-12 . Kindly complete the enclosed form and return it by the date due. See you on September 12th!

August Anniversaries

- 9 Gary Robinson/Elinor Silveira
- 16 Jerry & Suzy Rester
- 17 Lee & Joan Weeks
- 19 Ed & Gina Walker
- 19 Jonathan & Maureen Moody
- 22 Stan & Addie Novaco
- 30 Wayne & Carrie Elliott



August Birthdays

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| 3 Joe DeGroote | 15 David LoPresti |
| 3 Craig Waskow | 16 Philip Goldberg |
| 5 Walter Burns | 20 Celeste Tiunman |
| 5 Byron Curcio | 20 Julia Wiggins |
| 6 Holly Kelly | 21 Edie Deiters |
| 6 Stan Novaco | 22 Bill Sherman |
| 7 Anthony Marshall | 24 Jack Howard |
| 7 Eldridge Wheeler | 25 Leonard Hatala |
| 7 Robert Kingston | 26 Patti Kirk |
| 14 Jeff Merrick | 28 Lucy Norikus |
| 15 David LoPresti | 29 Genevieve Schutt |
| 15 Sue Davis | 30 Georgia Pierpont |
| 15 Pat Waskow | 31 Bill Hawksworth |



Church School

As we reach the halfway mark of summer, our thoughts are already turning to the start of Church School, set for Sunday, September 12, 2011.

We are privileged to have had patrons who have given so freely to the program of our Church School with the learning modules from "Godly Play" used in conjunction with our lectionary based curriculum, "Living the Good News." The "Godly Play" modules allow us to help our young people to visualize many of the stories from scripture as we unite the spoken lessons from Living the Good news

The American Heritage Series

Beginning on September 6, 2011, at 7:00 pm, and continuing to the next five Tuesdays, we will be offering "The American Series," with David Barton.

This series chronicles the history of the United States and as reflected through the eyes of the Founding Fathers. This DVD presentation will include the viewing of our nation's religious history, with a discussion group following. Some of the topics to be offered in this series will be:

1. "Why history matters" unearthing America's Christian Foundations.
2. "The Faith of Our Founding Fathers"
3. "The Ideas that Birthed a Nation"
4. Church, State, and the First Amendment"
5. Influence of the Bible in America"

Have you ever wondered about some of the ideas that are discussed concerning religion in our society? Then come to our Tuesday evenings in September and October for a chance to see, listen, and to join in the talk, as we seek to answer some of these questions.



SafeSpace

Help and Shelter for Victims of Domestic Abuse in Indian River County

As our children get ready to begin the new school year, our most pressing needs are items that will help to make this a wonderful experience for them. Therefore, please consider helping us with the following items:

WISH LIST FOR AUGUST 2011

- * BACK PACKS
- * NOTEBOOKS
- * NOTEBOOK PAPER
- * PENS
- * PENCILS
- * CRAYONS
- * ANYTHING ELSE TO DELIGHT A STUDENT

Note: DONATIONS MAY BE LEFT AT THRIFT SHOPPE IN K-MART PLAZA. 1500 US 1. PLEASE MARK "FOR SAFE SPACE SHELTER". THANK YOU.

Musings on our Midweek Service

Most of you are aware that, on each Wednesday at 10 am, a group of 30 to 40 folks gather for Eucharist followed by the laying on of hands for wellness. Some come asking for prayers for healing, some on behalf of loved ones or friends, but I'm, sure there are those who come for whatever is being offered. In the process these folks have come to know one another, and, as they leave, their enthusiasm is obvious! Are some of them going out to lunch together? I honestly don't know, but they always sound like they're going to have a great day. There's probably a place reserved for you.

Fr. John

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Schedule of Masses

Wed	Healing Service	10:00 AM
Sat	Holy Eucharist	5:30 PM
Sun	Holy Eucharist	8:00 AM
Sun	Choral Eucharist	10:00 AM

Deadline for next Canterbury Tales is August 22, 2011