

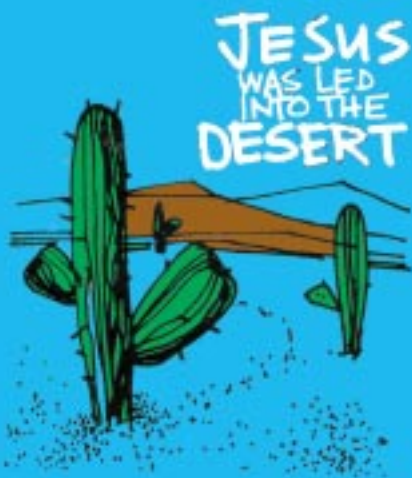


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“He was in
the
wilderness
for forty
days, being
tempted by
Satan”

Mark 1:11

A Word From Our Rector

*“..rend your hearts and not your clothing.
Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious
and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in
steadfast love.”*

Joel 2:13 (NRSV)

The traditional lesson from the Hebrew Scriptures from the Book of the prophet Joel follows the word spoken by one who was attached to the Temple worship of the Jews. His prophecy was one which called the people back to the cult of worship which allowed for the nation to rectify its walking away from their faith.

What Joel attempted to do in his preaching, was to remind the people that they were a worshipful people, and that they had a special relationship with God the Creator. However, this relationship was something that was not earned by humanity, but rather was instituted by God, as found in the opening chapters of Genesis. Having created humanity in His image, God initiated the love relationship with us and lifting us to His presence — God is always lifting us up; not us bringing God down.

Israel lost sight of this image. As she grew more prosperous as a nation, Israel felt she was the mistress of her fate and gave away her soul to worldly pursuits. The prophetic voices of Jeremiah, Isaiah, Amos, Joel and others, called first, the United Kingdom of Samaria and Judah; and then Judah, alone to repentance and humility back to her God. Thus, when Joel preaches to the people, he is calling the people back to the inner conversion of their lives — not merely “go through the motions” of outward religious observance.

We are called as a religious people to walk humbly with our God, the One who brought us into life, and hope, and peace. The first day of Lent, Ash Wednesday is that graphic reminder of where we are in our spiritual journey.

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The mark of the ashes on our foreheads is the outward and visible sign of the Christian entering into a sacred, and at times, exhausting time of prayer, fasting, and alms giving. The fear, though, is the same fear that plagued Joel's message to Israel — don't let our faith merely become an outward show of religiosity, but rather, a change in one's inner life as well.

Alms giving, prayer, and fasting are beneficial and worthy responses to God's grace only when they are part of intimate, unfeigned fellowship with God — the God of our Lord Jesus Christ who died for us. On Ash Wednesday, this God calls us to "return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping and with mourning, and rend your hearts, and not your garments."

How is this relationship lived out, if not within the household of the com-

munity? It begins, first, with the belief that God does indeed love us. With that as our foundation, we then are able to build on that love by returning it with the conscious the deliberate understanding that in God we are able to love from the heart. In both the Hebrew Scriptures and in the writings of the New Covenant, we are called to love God and our neighbor. This type of loving comes from the experience of knowing that one is loved, and that in giving love, we are doing something as natural as breathing itself.

This unconditional loving, *chesed* in the Hebrew, and *agape*, in the Greek, is the hallmark of those who are called to rejoice in the God of Abraham. In expressing this type of love we enter into a relationship that is more than the sentimental feelings of a soap opera or made-for-TV movie. We enter into the very heart and presence of God. He is the source of our being and our

ability to love. The cynics and the pundits would mock this type of spirituality, in that it is too Polly Anna or too unreal, but the disciple and journey during Lent, asks us to enter into an unreal world, wherein we are led into the very actions of a God who is love personified.

Enter then, dear friends, into this time of prayer, fasting and alms giving; enter into a time wherein we are called to run counter to culture of the superficial; and come to where God truly meets us on His terms: love given freely to all. Come and allow the loving God to bring us to healing and mercy.

M.W.G.+



Procession of the Palms



“Remember that You are Dust!”

There are three things by which faith stands firm, devotion remains constant, and virtue endures. They are prayer, fasting, and mercy. Prayer knocks at the door, fasting obtains, mercy receives. Prayer, mercy, and fasting: these three are one, and they give life to each other.

Fasting is the soul of prayer, mercy is the lifeblood of fasting. Let no one try to separate them; they cannot be separated. If you have only one of them or not all together, you have nothing. So if you pray, fast; if you fast, show mercy; if you want your petition to be heard, hear the petition of others. If you do not close your ear to others you open God's ear to yourself.

When you fast, see the fasting of others. If you want God to know that you are hungry, know that another is hungry. If you hope for mercy, show mercy. If you look for kindness, show kindness. If you want to receive, give. If you ask for yourself what you deny to others, your asking is a mockery.

Let this be the pattern for all when they practice mercy: show mercy to others in the same way, with the same generosity, with the same promptness, as you want others to show mercy to you.

Therefore, let prayer, mercy and fasting be one single plea to God on our behalf, one speech in our defense, a threefold united prayer in our favor.

Let us use fasting to make up for what we

have lost by despising others. Let us offer our souls in sacrifice by means of fasting. There is nothing more pleasing that we can offer to God, as the psalmist said in prophecy: “A sacrifice to God is a broken spirit; God does not despise a bruised and humbled heart.” Offer your soul to God, make him an oblation of your fasting, so that your soul may be a pure offering, a holy sacrifice, a living victim, remaining your own and at the same time made over to God. Whoever fails to give this to God will not be excused, for if you are to give him yourself you are never without the means of giving.

To make these acceptable, mercy must be added. Fasting bears no fruit unless it is watered by mercy. Fasting dries up when mercy dries up. Mercy is to fasting as rain is to the earth. However, much you may cultivate your heart, clear the soil of your nature, root out vices, sow virtues. If you do not release the springs of mercy, your fasting will bear no fruit.

When you fast, if your mercy is thin your harvest will be thin; when you fast, what you pour out in mercy overflows into your barn. Therefore, do not lose by saving, but gather in by scattering. Give to the poor, and you give to yourself. You will not be allowed to keep what you have refused to give to others.

—From a Sermon by Peter Chrysologus, Bishop of Ravenna, 450 A.D.



Pancake Supper

February 21st, Shrove Tuesday, will see us celebrate “Mardi Gras” with a pancake supper beginning at 5:30 pm, in the parish hall. “Mardi Gras” or Fat Tuesday is viewed as the last great day of feasting revelry, before the “Great Fast” of Lent, beginning the next day, on **Ash Wednesday**. In a time when the Lenten fast was more

strictly observed, the idea that all animal fat needed to be purged from one’s home. This caused all bacon, sausage, butter, and even lard, to be consumed before Lent began. Pancakes became the sign and vehicle by which the fat of the meat was absorbed, and then eaten.

A sign-up list will be in the narthex for those wishing to attend. Just sign-in, and come join us.

A free-will offering will be taken. *A reminder.. .please bring your dried palms from last year’s Palm Sunday, and we will burn them, and use the ashes for Ash Wednesday.* Just bring your palms and leave them in the parish office

Notice from our Treasurer:

The 2012 pledge statements were sent out the first week of January. They will include all donations to the church for this fiscal year. If there is a problem with your statement please call the church office -772-770-3494 - or call Philip Wright, our treasurer at 772-234-6385.



Church School Corner:



With Lent just around the corner, we are getting ready not only for the covered dish supper series, but also the Sundays in Lent, when we will be planning and praying for the young people in the orphanage/trade school, *El Hogar*; in the Diocese of Honduras. It is the hope the prayer of our Church School, this Lent, to be able to continue to financially sponsor one of the students, whose name is Jorge Alberto Alvarenga Perdomo, at *El Hogar*; and so we will be dedicating our Mite Box gifts, as well as our “Honduras Marketplace,” for this purpose.

We are also planning a fundraiser to aid our mission work team, as they prepare for their trip to Honduras in the late Spring. We are working to raise \$2,000.00 for our work in the Diocese of Honduras, and with over \$1,300.00 already in savings, we are well on our way to meet our goal. We are asking that you be generous in your giving as we make ready for our “Honduras Marketplace Day,” on April 15th.

Please join with us in our prayers for this worthwhile ministry of outreach and caring for these young people.



**An Invitation from E.C.W.
For: Avenue D Boys' Choir**

**Date: Saturday, February 25, 2012
Time: 2:00 PM Place: St. Augustine's**

ECW has again scheduled this terrific group of young men. The Avenue D Boys' Choir, under the direction of Mrs. Mary Hendricks, have performed both nationally and internationally. Their music is dynamic and unique. You will be left with "joy in your heart"! We will be asking for a minimum donation of \$5.00 per person or more if you desire. Please plan to attend. You won't be disappointed!

The First Day of Lent: Ash Wednesday

On Wednesday, February 22, 2012 the Western Church will begin the forty-day season of Lent, as we celebrate Ash Wednesday.

We will be observing this day with three services on that day: at 10:00 am, 12 noon, and 7:30 pm. Our 10:00 service will be the Proper Liturgy for Ash Wednesday in the parish church. The 12 noon service will be Noon Day Prayers and the Great Litany, and ashes will be distributed during the liturgy. The Proper Liturgy will also be celebrated at 7:30 pm, as the service will be our usual sung offering of praise and thanksgiving.

Do come and join us, as we begin our journey in faith, as this Lent approaches. Ashes will be distributed at all services on this day. If there are shut-ins who may wish communion on that day, please notify the parish office at your earliest convenience, so that we might minister to all on this special holy day.

Rules for Fasting

One of the more frequently asked questions during Lent is simply, "what constitutes a "fast?"

The Book of Common Prayer provides that there are two official days for fasting, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On both of these days, it is a reminder, for those who can healthily observe this practice, to control the quantity and quality of food on those days. Usually on these days, one fasts until they have received Holy Communion. They are then able to eat a light meal, usually refraining from meat; with one main meal on that day.

Another practice has been to refrain from eating any meat on Wednesdays and Fridays of Lent, as a sacrifice of our usual lifestyle. The money saved from a simplified meal on these days, was many times, deposited in a Lenten "mite-box." These sacrificial offerings would then be presented on Easter, for the benefit of those less fortunate.

**These are just some musings as we prepare to enter Lententide.*

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Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

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10:00 Holy Eucharist - Healing	10:00 Holy Eucharist - Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ 1:00 Memorial - Reception Pete Sharman 6:30 Senior Choir		9:00 Diocesan Altar Guild Meeting @ Melbourne 5:30 Holy Eucharist
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10:00 Holy Eucharist Healing	6:30 Senior Choir 6:30 Girl Scouts 7:00 Grove HOA Meeting		5:30 Holy Eucharist
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10:00 Holy Eucharist / Healing	6:30 Senior Choir		5:30 Holy Eucharist
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Ash Wednesday 10: Holy Eucharist 12 Noon Great Litany and Noon Day Prayer 7:30 Holy Eucharist	10:00 Holy Eucharist / St. Matthias 6:30 Senior Choir 6:30 Girl Scouts	3:00 Stations of the Cross	2:00 ECW Meeting Avenue D Boy's Choir 5:30 Holy Eucharist
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10:00 Holy Eucharist / Healing 10:45 Bible Study 6:00 Lenten Supper Host D.O.K.			

Bible Study



With Lent approaching, we are preparing to stretch our hearts and minds, as we will be resuming our discussion about the scripture on Wednesdays, beginning on, February 29, 2012, immediately following the 10:00 Holy Eucharist.

We will begin our study in the Bible with the lections for Lent in the year of Mark, also referred to as Lectionary Year "B." The themes of baptism, temptation, Moses' leadership of the people of Israel, are just some of the stories which help to shape the liturgy of the Word during Lent. This thematic approach to the word is a great way to appreciate an overview of the season of Lent, and we invite all that are able, to come and join us for a time of good study and fellowship.

Make it a point this Lent to read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest all that the Bible allows us to understand — God's Word dwelling in our midst.

Mark that date: **February 29th**, we'll be looking for you!!!



Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of Saint Augustine of Canterbury Episcopal Church, Vero Beach was held on Sunday, January 29, 2012, following the 10:00 am service, in the parish church, with 83 people in attendance.

Following a delicious light brunch, offered by Lucy Norikus, Christine Smith, and other women of the parish. Father Michael opened the meeting with prayer.

There were also nominated two individuals, to serve out two unexpired terms on the Vestry, for one year each. Nominated were :

Tony Marshall

Frank Vaccaro

Deb Kavanagh

The Nominating Committee's report was offered; nominated for three year terms were:

Clarence Clarke

Craig Waskow

After some discussion, it was moved and seconded that the secretary cast the ballot for the complete slate, and the five nominees were elected to the Vestry.

Our Treasurer, Philip Wright, then presented the Financial Report for Year 2011 and the Budget for Year 2012. Phil's report held that in spite of the weak economy, the giving in our parish has continued to hold strong, in supporting the budget and the work of mission for Saint Augustine's. This year's Budget is \$577,600, and with expenses pegged at \$576,834 there will be, once again, essentially a balanced budget for the New Year. Phil went on to explain the Finance Committee Report, and to highlight that with the difficult economic situation in the world's markets, we were still able to have a positive balance sheet for 2011. Phil also shared with the Annual Meeting that the audit for Year 2010, showed a surplus of more than \$37,000, which was included in the year's budget as well. Phil commented on the Building Fund, with an appeal for more participation from parishioners. It is hoped that the letter from the Vestry concerning the Building Fund, will help to increase revenues for the new construction, and save of us from having to use endowment funds for the balance of the final payment. Phil went on to thank Beverly Eggeman for her tireless gift of three years, as our bookkeeper. Beverly stepped down in early January to spend more time with her family. Her efforts have allowed us to become more accurate in our work, as we are developing a more computerized program for our church funds.

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Annual Meeting Continued:

The Rector then spoke concerning the new construction and our hopes for being in our new buildings, sooner rather than later. Father Michael continued about the thinking and mission of why it was important for this new construction to be taking place, as we look ahead for future ministry here at St. Augustine-'s. He directed the Annual Meeting to the Senior Warden's Report, as a blueprint of looking in ahead for what our new ministry might appear. It was then that the announcement of the election for those who are to be delegates to the 2013 Diocesan Convention was made; **elected were:**

David Rowan

Marianne Rowan

Barbara Tilney

Our first alternate to the convention will be:

Jay Williams

The Rector then continued in thanking those who have made the ministry of Saint Augustine's that much stronger during the past year, with special emphasis on those who were stepping down from Vestry. Thanks were offered to Bob McBride, Marianne Rowan, Bill Sherman, and Tim Marvin.

The meeting ended with acknowledgment of some of the "unsung" ministries that go on behind the scenes that allow the parish to go forward without too much difficulty. Father Michael also thanked Beverly Eggeman, for her years of service to the parish. He also thanked those who spend time counting the offerings each and every week, and making the deposits in a timely fashion. He also thanked the clergy who continue to serve Our Lord so faithfully, as we give thanks for the ministries of Father John Hagood and Pastor Joseph DeGroot.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 pm.

Tuesday Conversations



In what has proven to be a well-attended and enthusiastic group, our midwinter discussion, now called "Tuesday Conversations," will make its appearance again this year beginning on Tuesday evening, February 14, at 7:00 pm in our new library.

These talks have allowed laity and clergy and opportunity to speak about areas of thought which cut across the wide scope of ideas, theology, politics, and philosophy, just to name a few. Our presenters and their topics are as follow:

February 14	Barbara Tilney	"Mormonism"
March 6	Don MacDougall	"Being a Christian in the Corporate World"
March 12 (Monday)	Anne Dunn	"The Parables of Jesus"
March 20	Fr. Peter Bridgford	"A New Creation Story"
March 27	Yvonne Tso	"Images of Jesus"

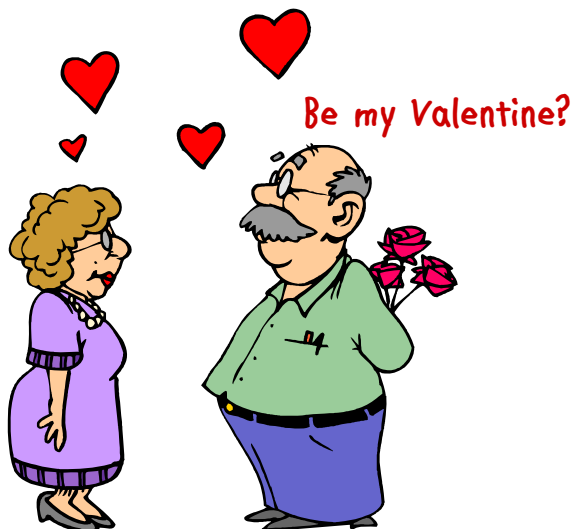
We invite all to come and listen to our speakers, and then to join in the discussion afterwards. Each of our presenters brings a wealth of knowledge, expertise, and more especially, enthusiasm to their topic, which always promises to leave us just a bit more aware of the world around us. Come, join us!

Attention - Attention:



PLEASE NOTE : There has been a change in the date of the Canterbury Capers Dinner Theatre and Sing-Along..

Due to the construction and other issues it has been decided to change the date to March 17, 2012. The good news is you will have time to polish your talents and, God willing, the New Parish Hall will be finished. That means more people can be accommodated for the dinner
For more information call:
Mary Strahosky - 770-3277.



American Sewing Guild (ASG)

The local Vero Beach Neighborhood Group of the American Sewing Guild will meet at St. Augustine on the 3rd Monday of each month from 10:00 am until

Noon beginning on February 20th. Once you become a member of the Local Group, you can attend other ASG groups anywhere in the United States. All are welcome!

The American Sewing Guild, Inc.. (ASG) is a not-for-profit education based organization, founded in 1978. ASG is comprised of 136 chapters with over 1,000 community and special interest groups within the chapter umbrella. ASG's over 20,000 members promote the mission to "advance sewing as a art and life skill" by providing a network of sewing education and support for sewing enthusiasts of all skill levels, serving as preservers of the sewing arts in America, promoting community engagement through service projects, sharing sewing arts with new generations and being key participants in both consumer and industry-wide events that promote sewing activity.



Golf Tournament

Once again, the St. Augustine 'National' Open will be played on Sunday, March 25th, at Vista Royale Golf Course. The tournament will begin with a shotgun start followed by a reception, awards, and a buffet dinner. Those not playing in the event will be welcome for dinner by making a reservation.

Tee sponsorship will be available as an additional fund raiser for the church. Members of St Augustine would like to advertise their business, are encouraged to become a tee sponsor with signage promoting their business. Funds raise in excess of the golf expense will be present to the church, and used for outreach or discretionary funds.

Sign up will begin February 19, 2012, in the narthex of the church.

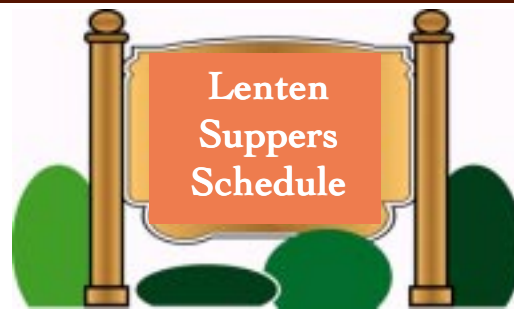
February Anniversaries

2 Jack & Ann Howard
3 Byron & Inge Curcio
5 Joe & Tonia DeGroot
10 George & Miriam Mack
27 Sue & Dick Hand



February Birthdays

1 Dotty Jennings	14 Don MacDougall
3 Janet Riley	15 Jay Slobodzian
7 Margaret Masters	17 Charles Frankenthal
10 Jim Kelly	19 Sylvia Barnes
10 Maggie Johnston	20 Caitlin Fletcher
10 Jason Street	24 May Lesso
11 Deanna Iannotti	25 Lois Miller
13 Harry Ewell	27 Drew Palmer
13 Sandy Hawksworth	27 Bonnie Sanchez



Our Lenten Program this year will begin on Wednesday, February 29, 2012, and continue for the next six weeks, beginning with dinner at 6:00 pm.

As has been our practice over the last few years, we will be having some of the organizations of the parish to serve as our hosts and hostesses for these covered dish suppers. The list of the "sponsors" is as follows:

February 29	Daughters of the King
March 7	Church School
March 14	The Vestry
March 21	Episcopal Churchwomen
March 28	Altar Guild
April 4	Youth Group



Our program this year will be, "Embracing Emergence Christianity," a video series led by spiritual director, Phyllis Tickle. "Emergence Christianity" is a global phenomenon, present in parts of the both hemispheres on every continent. In point of fact, as an operative and highly visible part of Christian expression, Emergence came last to the North American continent. Our Lenten suppers will examine this unique understanding of the Christian Faith for the 21st Century, through video and discussions. Why not plan on joining us for what promised to be an insightful opportunity to discuss our faith?

The Church School will offer a parallel program for young people wishing to attend the Wednesday evenings, with reflections on Lent. The evening will conclude with a form of evening worship, before ending at 8:00 pm. So come out and enjoy the sampling of the cooks of our parish, be prepared to study the word, and gather with your sisters and brothers as we end the day in worship.

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

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