



Canterbury Tales

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“A Light to
the
revelation
of gentiles,
and the
glory of thy
people
Israel”

Luke 2:31

A Word From Our Rector

“Lord, you now have set your servant free to go
in peace as you have promised; For these eyes of
mine have seen the Savior...”*

Book of Common Prayer, P.120

Have you ever had a moment when you have been totally surprised by the clarity of a situation? It may have been something that happened at work, or a family event, but all of a sudden you see and understand with all knowledge that is the way you are to go, or to believe.

Such was the case for Simeon and the prophetess, Anna, as they received the Holy Family into the Temple in Jerusalem. The Hebrew scriptures were quite clear in the prescribing that once a male child had opened the womb, the mother of the child was to appear in the Temple to be “purified” and to “redeem” her son, forty days after the birth. With this legal understanding of the torah in mind, Joseph, Mary, and the infant Jesus, made the trip to Jerusalem to fulfill their obligations.

The rite of “redemption” was one that dated back to a time when Israel saw fit to sacrifice their first-born male children to the god Moloch, and it required that the infant was waved over the rising flames of an open fire. This symbolic gesture was a reminder of the pagan influences that had been allowed to creep into Israel’s religion, and to serve notice not to allow this practice to ever take place again. However, the people of Israel understood substitutionary sacrifice, and so in place of the child, an animal’s blood would be offered instead. The wealthier families might offer a lamb or a calf, but the poorer families simply could not afford this extravagance. Poorer families would offer either a pair of pigeons or a pair of turtledoves instead, as their part of the redemption ritual.

It was in this context that Mary and Joseph fulfilled the law and redeemed their son. While leaving the Temple, the couple was first met by the aged Simeon. It was Simeon who had been promised the gift of meeting the Messiah, before his death. When Simeon held the Child in his arms, all the shadows of the years vanished as he realized with the clarity that only comes with God’s light, that this infant was one who was to redeem Israel. His exclamation, which the Church has framed as the evening canticle, “Nunc Dimittis,” proclaims “you now have set your servant free,” for this Child will be “a light to enlighten the nations, and the glory of your people Israel.” In Simeon’s message we are offered another manifestation of “epiphany” as God’s light shines into the heart of this aged and holy man.



A Word From Our Rector

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However, the family was not finished with these revelations. The prophetess, Anna, who had also lived within the Temple precincts for most of her life, also celebrated the power of God's light, as she also held the Child, rejoicing in the gift that God would not disappoint His people.

It was in the humility and the sense of fulfilling all that the law had prescribed, that Simeon, and then, Anna, saw the clarity of God's light in the arrival of the Holy Family to the Temple. They must have seen other pilgrims come and go into the Temple during their years of prayer and service, yet, it was in the actions of this couple from Nazareth, that their joy was brought into full measure as they felt being drawn into a closer relationship with God.

We go through many, many rituals in our daily living: household chores, work related tasks,

even the ritual of being part of the worshiping community, can take on a manner of repetition that leaves out meaning and substance. Then we are confronted with something that simply isn't in the ritual—something that draws us into the depths of our humanity. The thought that is rushing through my head was during the Children's Liturgy on Christmas Eve, many years ago. The young person who was to play the role of the innkeeper in the pageant had one line, "There is no room in my inn!" All week he kept rehearsing it, so as not to forget or misspeak his line. When the moment came, he uttered his line, the sense of sorrow on the couple playing the "Holy Family" caused the child innkeeper to leave his place in the pew, and ran down the aisle after "Mary and Joseph," and with tears in his eyes said, "But you can have my house

for the night!" There wasn't a dry eye in the church that evening, as each of us reflected on what had happened.

We can dismiss this story as just sentimental debris, which always appears at the holidays. Yet for that child, and the congregation with him, there was a moment of clarity as to just what was the meaning of Christmas. When those moments of clarity are offered to us, let us with gladness and humility; embrace them for what they are: glimpses of heaven itself.

For Simeon, Anna, Joseph, Mary, and the infant Jesus, this moment of clarity at the Child's presentation was the reminder that God would keep His promise of redemption. How ironic that the sense of redemption would be offered by the One who was Himself redeemed?

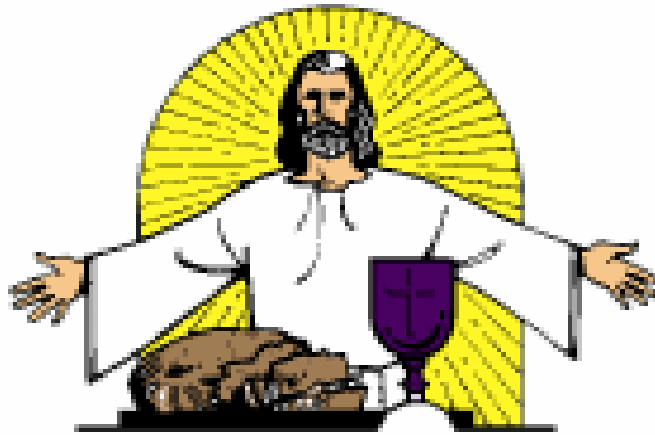
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The Feast of the Presentation

February 2nd will see the Church celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple.

We will observe this feast with the Holy Eucharist at 10:00 am in the Parish church. The Presentation, or sometimes known as the "purification" of the Virgin Mary, was the formal ending of the incarnation celebration which began forty days before, on Christmas Day. The feast combined the observance of the ritual bath purification of the Mother of Jesus, in conformity with Jewish law, and the redeeming of the first-born male with turtle doves.

This day was also the time of the year when the new candles were brought out and blessed, before they could be used during the services of the Church Year. This "Candlemas," literally continued the celebration of the Christ as the Light of the World. We invite you to come and share in this liturgy.



“How Bright Appears the Morning Star!”

In honor of this divine mystery that we celebrate today, let us all hasten to meet Christ. Everyone should be eager to join the procession and to carry a light.

Our lighted candles are a sign of the divine splendor of the one who comes to expel the dark shadows of evil and to make the whole universe radiant with the brilliance of his eternal light. Our candles also show how bright our souls should be when we go to meet Christ.

The light has come and has shone upon a world enveloped in shadows; the Dayspring from on high has visited us and given light to those who lived in darkness. This, then, is our feast, and we join in procession with lighted candles to reveal the light that has shone upon us and the glory that is yet to come to us through him. So let us hasten all together to meet our God.

The true light has come, “the light that enlightens every person who is born into this world.” Let all of us, beloved, be enlightened and made radiant by this light.

Let all of us share in its splendor, and be so filled with it that no one remains in the darkness. Let us be shining ourselves as we go together to meet and received the aged Simeon the light whose brilliance is eternal. Rejoicing with Simeon, let us sing a hymn of thanksgiving to God, the Father of the light, who sent the true light to dispel the darkness and to give us all a share in his splendor.

Through Simeon’s eyes we too have seen the salvation of God which he prepared for all the nations and reveals as the glory of the new Israel which is ourselves. As Simeon was released from the bonds of this life when he had seen Christ, so we too were at once freed from our old state of sinfulness.

By faith we too embraced Christ, the salvation of God the Father, as he came to us from Bethlehem. Gentiles before, we have now become the people of God. Our eyes have seen God incarnate, and because we have seen him present among us and have mentally presence, every year we keep a feast in his honor.

—From a sermon by Sophronius, Bishop of Jerusalem, 638 A.D.



Proposed Building Expansion Meetings

Coming out of our Annual Meeting the Building Committee will be conducting three information sessions during the month of February.

The three information sessions will be on Sunday afternoon, February 13, 20, and 27, at 4:00 pm. These wine and cheese events will be opportunities for parishioners to discuss with members of the Building Committee any questions they might have concerning the proposed project. The meetings on February 13th and February 27th will be held in the parish hall at St. Augustine's Church, while the meeting on February 20th will be in the large meeting room at Indian River Estates West.

We invite all in the parish to avail themselves of one or all the meetings concerning this new vision for St. Augustine's Church, as we look ahead to future of our ministry in this part of God's Kingdom for us all.

After the conclusion of the three scheduled sessions, there will be a special parish meeting, on Sunday, March 6, 2011, immediately following the 10:00 Holy Eucharist, wherein a vote will be taken to determine whether or not we might go forward with this new vision for our church. Come and join us!

Thursday Conversations

Our "Thursday Conversations" have begun, with Barbara Tilney's thought-provoking discussion on "the One God: Arrogance in Faith?"

With eighteen people in attendance our "Conversations" have gotten off to a great start. Our February dates will be on the 3rd and on the 17th, with Ed Hebb presenting on "The Anglican Covenant"; the 17th will see Father Michael comment on Brian McLaren's book, *"A New Kind of Christianity."* Both discussions will begin at 7:00 pm, in the parish hall, and all are welcome.

Our program so far:

January 20	Barbara Tilney	"The One God"
February 3	Ed Hebb	"The Anglican Covenant"
February 17	Fr. Mike	"A New Kind of Christianity"
March 3	Yvonne Tso	"On Prayer"
March 17	Tony Marshall	"Believing with Unbelief"
March 24	Bill Frey	"The Gospel of Matthew"
April 7	Paul Johnson	"The Gift of the Holy Spirit"
April 14	Lockwood Rianhard	"Two Bible Themes: Blessing and Love"

Mark those dates on your calendars; we'll be looking for you!

Outreach Committee News



Bunny Frey, Tracy Segal (Samaritan Center director), Roz Jamison (Soup Bowl Chair) and Fr. Mike Goldberg

On November 4, 2010, our church participated in the annual "Soup Bowl" Fundraiser for the *Samaritan Center for Homeless Families*, a non-profit organization that assists homeless families in Indian River County.

There was quite a bit of news coverage, since it was a county-wide event and our church along with *Trinity Episcopal Church* participated for the first time. A group of women (pictured below) led by Roz James, set up the parish hall, heated and served 154 bowls of soup and bread. In addition we sold 20 handmade ceramic soup bowls (at \$10 each) made by local potters. Raffle tickets were sold for 7 beautiful soup tureens made by artists at the *Vero Beach Museum of Art*. All of the proceeds went to

the *Samaritan Center*. Through all these endeavors, we raised over \$1500 for the *Samaritan Center* in two hours! The support from the parish was fantastic. People lingered and conversed over the delicious soup donated by Vero Beach restaurants. Tracy Segal, director of the *Samaritan Center*, stopped by to see us and was amazed at the great turnout, since it was our first time participating in this event.

Aside from the obvious financial success, the volunteers had lots of fun working together for this worthy cause. The women attend different services and some had not met before. By the end of the day, some new friendships had begun.

Outreach events like the *Soup Bowl*, give us a "reason" to work together toward a common goal. By reaching out to others and giving of our time and talent, we are living out our faith. Through these charitable outreach events, our own parish social interactions are strengthened too.

The newly-formed *Outreach*

Committee plans to offer more opportunities for members of our parish to participate in events similar to the *Soup Bowl*. We have established relationships with many non-profit charities in our county through the POPS Fund, and hope to offer more ways to get involved with these organizations in a "hands-on way". Before the Soup Bowl was over on November 4, most of the volunteers asked Roz James to "please call me again next year".



Jo-An Smukala, Carol Davis, Pat Baker, Betsy Marshall, Beth Montz, Joanne Reinhart, Sue Hand, Jean Houck, Nancy Halbert, Naomi Jewett, Connie Slater, Roz James, (Bunny Frey, not pictured)

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<p>Fifth Sunday after Epiphany 6</p> <p>8:00 Holy Eucharist 9:15 Christian Forum 9:30 Church School 10:00 Nursery Care 10:00 Choral Eucharist 5:30 Sr. Youth Group</p>	<p>7</p> <p>7:30 A.A. Meeting</p>	<p>8</p> <p>8:00 T.O.P.S. Meeting</p> <p>6:30 Book Group 7:00 Recovery Group 7:00 Confirmation Class 8:00 Inquirer's Class</p>
<p>Sixth Sunday after Epiphany 13</p> <p>8:00 Holy Eucharist 9:15 Christian Forum 9:30 Church School 10:00 Nursery Care 10:00 Choral Eucharist 4:00 Wine & Cheese</p>	<p>Valentne's Day 14</p> <p>10:00 Finance Committee </p> <p>7:30 A.A. Meeting</p>	<p>15</p> <p>8:00 T.O.P.S. Meeting 6:30 Book Group</p> <p>7:00 Recovery Group 7:00 Confirmation Class 8:00 Inquirer's Class</p>
<p>Seventh Sunday after Epiphany 20</p> <p>8:00 Holy Eucharist 9:15 Christian Forum 9:30 Church School 10:00 Nursery Care 10:00 Choral Eucharist 4:00 Wine & Cheese @ Indian River Est.</p>	<p>21</p> <p>7:00 The Vestry 7:30 A.A. Meeting</p>	<p>22</p> <p>8:00 T.O.P.S. Meeting 6:30 Book Group</p> <p>7:00 Recovery Group 7:00 Confirmation Class 8:00 Inquirer's Class</p>
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Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p style="text-align: right;">2</p> <p>1 0:00 Holy Eucharist - Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ</p> <p>6:00 Jr. Youth Group</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">3</p> <p>6:30 Senior Choir 7:00 Thursday Conversations Ed Hebb - Anglican Covenant</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">4</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">5</p> <p>10:00 Lay Readers Meeting 10:30 Breathing Class</p> <p>5:30 Holy Eucharist</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">9</p> <p>10:00 Holy Eucharist Healing</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">10</p> <p>6:30 Senior Choir 6:30 Girl Scouts</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">11</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">12</p> <p>10:30 Breathing Class</p> <p>5:30 Holy Eucharist</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">16</p> <p>10:00 Holy Eucharist / Healing</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">17</p> <p>11:00 Family Histories with Patti Kirk</p> <p>6:30 Senior Choir 7:00 Thursday Conversations - Fr. Mike - A New Kind of Christianity</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">18</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">19</p> <p>5:30 Holy Eucharist</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">23</p> <p>10:00 Holy Eucharist / Healing</p> <p>6:00 Jr. Youth Group</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">24</p> <p>10:00 Holy Eucharist / St. Matthias</p> <p>6:30 Senior Choir 6:30 Girl Scouts</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">25</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">26</p> <p>1:00 ECW Meeting Luncheon @ Joey's Restaurant on Miracle Mile</p> <p>5:30 Holy Eucharist Choir Talent Show</p>
			

Letter of Appreciation



Work Team 2010

The Youth Mission Team to El Hogar in June of 2012 would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members of St Augustine's for their support during the Cookie Exchange and the Quilt Raffle. Due to your generous support we were able to raise \$450.00 during the Cookie Exchange and \$700.00 from the raffle.

We are on our way to raising the money necessary to pay for our project and also to help defray the cost of the trip. We also owe Jo-An Smukala a big thank you for making and donating the quilt for our mission trip.

On New Year's Day at 12:01 am I sent an email to El Hogar requesting June 16, 2012 for our trip. That date has been reserved for us and I can tell you that the youth work team is very excited. Again, we want to thank all the members of St. Augustine's for their support. Burke Michael-Neely - Co-Leader

Youth Group Corner:



From the left: Caitlin Schall, Matthew Jones, Philip Norman. Photo, courtesy of Rich Flinchbaugh

On Sunday morning, January 9, 2011, the Youth Group presented a beautiful, large mosaic of the three kings looking down on baby Jesus, to the church. Father Michael Goldberg joyously accepted the work-of-art on behalf of the parish during the 10:00 Mass and blessed it's creation.

The Youth Group is comprised of high school and college students and the project took several months to complete. One of the boys drew the sketch, then the group chose a color palette and gathered plates from local thrift shops. They smashed them apart, put them artistically in place and had a lot of fun in the process. The mosaic was presented as a gift in honor of Epiphany.

Members of the Youth Group:

Linda Jones, advisor
Matthew Goldberg, assistant advisor
Julia Morris, Anna Morris, Patrick Morris
Philip Norman, Brett Miller, Caitlin Schall
Catherine Rowan, Julia Wiggins, Jamie Jones and Matthew Jones



Annual Meeting

With over 115 people in attendance, the Annual Meeting of Saint Augustine of Canterbury Episcopal Church, Vero Beach was held on Sunday, January 24, 2011, following the 10:00 am service, in the parish hall.

After a delicious light brunch, Father Michael opened the meeting with prayer. The slate for the new vestry members was presented, along with the listing of those standing for election as parish representatives to the 2012 Diocesan Convention.

Nominated for the Vestry were:

Bunny Frey

Paul Johnson

Guy McKenzie

Nominated for the Diocesan Convention were:

Dick Eaton Sue Eaton

There being no further nominations, nominations were closed and Father announced that the slate had been elected, and that the secretary would cast the ballot electing our new vestry and delegates.

Our treasurer, Philip Wright, then presented the financial statements of the parish for Year 2010. In spite of the difficult economy, Phil spoke to the fact that the parish had produced a \$14,000 surplus in the overall budget for 2010. Our investments, now invested in Vanguard securities, had yielded a 14% increase, giving an additional \$185,000 to our endowment, and the prospects of a strong financial basis for the parish. The treasurer also announced that the Vestry had not authorized any raises in the staff's pay. Questions were raised about the fairness of a salary freeze in view of the strong financial position of the parish. Some vestry members replied that this decision would be reviewed at a future meeting.

Father Michael then spoke and thanked many who have served so faithfully during the past year. With awards being given to the outgoing members of the Vestry: Harry Halbert, Senior Warden; Dick Polhamus, Junior Warden; and Nancy Kelly, Clerk. Their efforts in their six years as vestry members were celebrated and cheered by the group gathered. It was a strong, positive year framed by the mission/work team's visit to "El Hogar" orphanage and school in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, taken by the Rector and ten parishioners last June. This trip was the centerpiece of one of our stewardship talks, as well as a life-changing event for the whole team.

The Rector then opened the discussion concerning the proposed expansion project for Saint Augustine's Church. With floor-plan drawings for the group, artist's renderings, and a PowerPoint presentation from our own Marianne Rowan, Father Michael offered the vision of the possibility of new work, as a way of accommodating our growing Church School, growing choir and music program, our need for more office space, and a larger parish hall with a new kitchen for various church functions. Don MacDougall then picked up the theme, and went through the process of scheduling the information sessions discuss the specifics of the program.

A series of three wine and cheese sessions are set for February 13, 20, and 27. The meetings on February 13 and 27 will take place in the parish hall, the discussion group on February 20; will be in the meeting room at Indian River Estates West. All meetings will begin at 4:00 pm and last for about an hour and half. A special parish meeting will be called for March 6, 2011, where the vote will be taken, as to whether or not we go forward with this project.

After a few questions from the group, the Annual Meeting adjourned at 12:45 pm.

ECW News:



February ECW Meeting

Our February meeting will be held on February 26th at 1:00 PM. We will be meeting at the local restaurant, "Joey's", located on Miracle Mile (next to Chico's, Panera Bread). Lunch will be provided on an order "off the menu" basis, with separate bills provided to each diner.

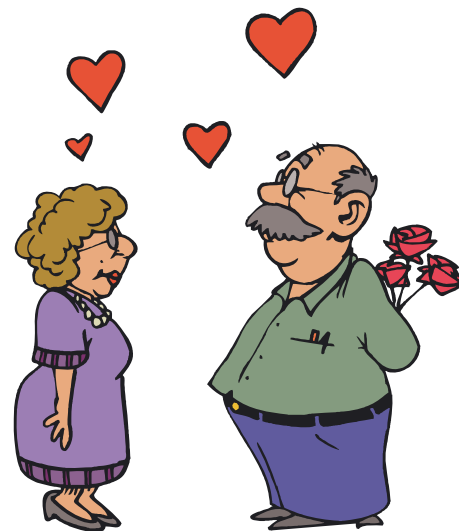
Our program will be presented by our own Jim Kelly, author of *Lost in Paradise: The Rick Edwards File*, a romance drama-Police Story.

Jim is a local police detective and a member of our parish. He will be sharing his thoughts and insights regarding his book and the general topic of law enforcement. His book will be available for purchase. Jim has graciously offered to donate half of all profits from the sales of the day to the ECW fund.

We are dedicating the intent of our fellowship to the Hibiscus House. We respectfully request all those in attendance please bring an offering of toiletries, bath product, shampoo, etc., which will be donated to the residents of our local Hibiscus House.

Lay Readers and Acolytes Training Session

There will be a training session for Lay Readers and Acolytes on Saturday, February 5, 2011, at 10:00 am in the parish church. All Lay Readers and Acolytes interested in learning more about the "things of the altar," are urged to attend.



Be my Valentine?



Golf Tournament

The annual Saint Augustine National Golf Scramble and Dinner is set for Sunday afternoon, March 27, 2011, beginning at 1:00, at The Meadow Wood Golf Club (formerly Panther Woods), in Fort Pierce.

The cost for the day will be: for golf and dinner, **\$75.00 per person**; for golf only, **\$45.00**; for dinner only, **\$30.00, per person**. Sign-up lists are available in the narthex of the church.

Our secretary, Terry Lurgio, will be collecting for the tournament.

You are asked to make out your **checks payable to St. Augustine's Church**.

For a day of fun and fellowship, why not plan to join us on March 27th?

Registration deadline is March 20th.

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



Family History Lecture

February 17th, 2011
St. Augustine Episcopal Church,
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(Parking in the rear)
11:00 am to 12:30 noon
Meet Alex Miskovic,
Holocaust Survivor

Family Histories invites you to attend a special lecture given by Alex Moskovic, a Holocaust survivor.

The experience of a child survivor brings history to life and conveys the reality of what the ugliness of hate has perpetrated on innocent people.

How does a 12 year old boy survive the Auschwitz Camp? Alex journey of his past, the hardship of his parents deaths, the daily struggle to have food will be captured by his own words.

Alex is honored to bear witness to his survival, and also to honor the six million who perished including the million and a half children.

Alex's devotion is to speak for those that did not survive.

Due to seating capacity, registrations are essential. Please call Patti Kirk at 772-567-7463 or ckirkfist@comcast.net



A word from our Choir Director!

ATTENTION:

Please mark
February 27th,
on your calendar!

The Choir is sponsoring
a talent show/hymn
sing after the 5:30

service. We are signing up
people now to present songs,
instrumental music, anything
that "smacks of talent". See
Mary Strahosky (770-3277) or
Deb Kavanagh (489-0566),
co-chairs of the event, if you are
interested. From what I hear
already, it will be loads of fun.

Young people, this is your
chance! American Idol will pale
in comparison to St. Augustine
and it's TALENT!!! P.S. Bring
a covered dish and we will chow
down also! Iris



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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 February 18, 2011