



# Canterbury Tales

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*The great  
Forerunner of  
the Morn,  
The Herald of  
the Word,  
is Born;  
and Faithful  
Hearts shall  
never fail.*

*Hymnal, 1982  
#271*

## ***A Word From Our Rector***

*"He asked for a writing tablet, and wrote,  
his name is John."  
Luke 1:65*

The Feast of the Nativity of John the Baptist presents us with the stories of the reluctant father and the eager child.

Unless we are readers of the Daily Offices of the Church, that is, Morning and Evening Prayer, we will miss this fascinating story of Zechariah, Elizabeth, and the conception and birth of their son, John. Zechariah was of the priestly tribes, which served during the daily worship in the Temple at Jerusalem. While praying during the offering of the incense at the Altar, Zechariah was called by the archangel Gabriel to the role of fatherhood.

Now Zechariah and Elizabeth were an older couple, beyond the usual child-bearing years, so Zechariah asked what kind of sign might be given him so that he might know that this was a true vision. The archangel told him, because of his unbelief that, he would no longer be able to speak. When he left the Temple, his countenance was so altered, and because he could no longer speak, those in Zechariah's presence were awed by the miracle that had taken place.

The image of the prophet Isaiah's vision in the Temple, as he was called to preach to fallen Israel, and the story of Sarah's laughter when she overheard the voice of God saying to Abraham, that at the age of 90, Sarah was to bear her first-born son, Isaac, all come to mind, as we hear the story of John's conception and birth.

However, God's will won out and the birth of the future Baptizer is celebrated just six months before Christmas Day, the birth of the Son of God. Almost from the beginning, John was eager to be on his way in the world. This child, whose birth is celebrated by the Church, was driven. He stirred with joy in his mother's womb during Mary's visit. Later in life, he would strike his contemporaries as a frenzied, uncompromising proclaimer of God's word. He was no respecter of persons, and his public condemnation of King Herod's incestuous marriage would lead to his execution by beheading. All this is in the future, as we prepare to celebrate the birth of John during the month of June. The future appears, however, in mysterious overtones of the text from the gospel, as the child is named by his father.

The silent Zechariah signals his reluctance to give the boy his



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name. Somehow, he and his wife, Elizabeth, cannot claim the child as completely theirs, as they perceive that this child belongs to God, who sent him into their lives. They name him "John," which means "God is gracious." Later, this same John will seemingly belie his name, because he will fiercely denounce people's sins and call them to a baptism of repentance. Remarkably, John could not imagine a God less strict than himself. However, John's ministry was to prepare the way for the gracious God, in Jesus the Messiah.

"What will this child be?" asked the crowd on that same day. We too have some say about this child. It is now up to us to proclaim his prophetic message. John was born to be a prophet, and so are we. Isaiah spoke about the fact that he was in a land of unclean people, and yet God called him to preach God's saving word to the people of Israel. In the mys-

tery of the Temple worship, God spoke out of the clouds of incense, His words wrapped in mystery, to reach out and bring His people "home" — spiritually. He was reluctant, at first, to accept this role, as a bridge between the God of the Hebrews and His people. Yet, when God cleansed Isaiah's lips, he was commissioned to go forth and to proclaim the saving peace of God which passes all understanding.

We might ask, "How can we be prophets?" we can't predict the future. However, prophecy doesn't involve talking about the future. It means living the future — right now. We are prophets in deeds, not words. What John proclaimed about the messiah, and what Jesus taught about the kingdom, that is the future. The kingdom that is coming is already present. If we live the signs of that kingdom, we then are prophets.

This grave expectation must pass over to those whom we love: our families and our

friends. We must present to them the word of God in such a way as to show the world a better way than futility and frustration, hatred and discontent, war and selfishness. Prophecy reveals the signs of God's kingdom by giving our loved ones a voice to speak to the truth of God in their lives. The words of love then become deeds of love in Christ's name.

We stand as "bridge" people, who straddle the abyss between the world as it is and the world as it can be in the resurrected Jesus. John was given a name which manifested the graciousness of God, but in a way different than what he thought was the kingdom. He "bridged" the way so that others could experience a new vision of the loving God, lived not only in word, but in deed. May our journey in faith be just that — a time for being doers of God's life in this world.

M.W.G.+



## Church School News

Our Church School will be in recess for the summer, following A wonderful celebration on the Feast of Pentecost May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The young people and teachers were able to put together a Terrific "coffee hour," as well as leading in the celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 10:00 am. With red adornments, streamers, floating doves, and many in

the congregation also wearing red for the day, we really brought our Church School year to an exciting and glorious ending.

Our special thanks are offered to Burke Michael Neely, our superintendent, as well as her "staff," of Linda and Bart Jones, Ellen Wiggins, Marta Morris, Matt Goldberg, Christine Smith, and so many others, who gave so freely of their time throughout the Church Year. We are grateful, also to Carol Davis and Bunny Frey for all their help in making the "*Honduran Marketplace*," go so well for our outreach to the young people at *El Hogar Orphanage and School*. This is especially meaningful, as we are preparing to send a parish workteam to Honduras later in the month of June.

Which allows us to again thank Valerie and Doug Anderson in providing the chocolate Easter eggs from their Chocolate Shoppe. Part of the proceeds were designated for our support of the El Hogar mission. Truly a blessed year for us all!

## Prepare ye the Way of the Lord

The Church observes the birth of John as a hallowed event. We have no such commemoration for any other fathers; but it is significant that we celebrate the birthdays of John and of Jesus. This day cannot be passed by. And even if my explanation does not match the dignity of the feast, you may still meditate on it with great depth and profit.

John was born of a woman too old for child-birth; Christ was born of a youthful virgin. The news of John's birth was met with incredulity, and his father was struck dumb. Christ's birth was believed, and he was conceived through faith.

Such is the topic, as I have presented it, for our inquiry and discussion. But as I said before, if I lack either the time or the ability to study the implications of so profound a mystery, the Spirit who speaks within you even when I am not here will teach you better; it is the Spirit who you contemplate with devotion, whom you have welcomed into your hearts, whose temples you have become.

John, then, appears as the boundary between the two testaments, the old and the new. That he is a sort of boundary the Lord himself bears witness, when he speaks of "the law and the prophets up until John the Baptist." Thus he represents times past and is the herald of the new era to come. As a representative of the past, he is born of aged parents, as a herald of the new era, he is declared to be a prophet while still in his mother's womb. For when yet unborn, he leapt in his mother's womb at the arrival of blessed Mary. In that womb he had already been designated a prophet, even before he was born; it was revealed that he was to be



Christ's precursor, before they every saw one another. There are divine happening, going beyond the limits of our human frailty. Eventually he is born, he receives his name, his father's tongue is loosened. See how these events reflect reality.

Zechariah is silent and loses his voice until John, the precursor of the Lord, is born and restores his voice. The silence of Zechariah is nothing but the age of prophecy lying hidden, obscured, as it were, and concealed before the preaching of Christ. At John's arrival Zechariah's voice is released, and it becomes clear at the coming of the one who was foretold. The release of Zechariah's voice at the birth of John is a parallel to the rending of the veil at Christ's crucifixion. If John were announcing his own coming Zechariah's lips would not have been opened. The tongue was loosened because a voice is born. For when John was preaching the Lord's coming he was asked: "Who are you?" And he replied: "I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness." The voice is John, but the Lord "In the beginning was the Word." John was a voice that lasted only for a time; Christ, the Word in the beginning, is eternal.

—A Reading from St. Augustine of Hippo, 430 A.D.



The month of June will see us celebrate three prayer book holy days along with our usual weekend liturgies and mid-week healing services.



Friday, June 11th, will see us remember the ministry of St. Barnabas, who, through his munificence, was able to help the Early Church; on Wednesday, June 23rd, we commemorate the birth of John the Baptist as the forerunner of the Messiah; on Wednesday, June 30th, we offer the Eucharist on behalf of the "pillars of the Church," Peter and Paul, and their ministries to the Jewish-Christians and Gentiles alike.

So even though the summer will soon be upon us, we are continuing to be the Church in worship and in mission. Come join us at the altar this month.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
 <p><b>Second Sunday after Pentecost 6</b></p> <p>8:00 Holy Eucharist 9:00 Choir Rehearsal 10:00 Nursery Care 10:00 Choral Eucharist 5:30 Sr. Youth Group</p>	 <p><b>7</b></p> <p>7:30 A.A. Meeting</p>	<p><b>1</b></p> <p><b>8</b></p> <p>8:00 T.O.P.S. Meeting 7:00 Spirituality Book Group 7:00 Recovery Group</p>
<p><b>Third Sunday after Pentecost 13</b></p> <p>8:00 Holy Eucharist 9:00 Choir Rehearsal 10:00 Nursery Care 10:00 Choral Eucharist</p>	 <p><b>14</b></p> <p>7:30 A.A. Meeting</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>8:00 T.O.P.S. Meeting 7:00 Spirituality Book Group 7:00 Recovery Group</p>
<p><b>Fourth Sunday after Pentecost 20</b> <b>Father's Day</b></p> <p>8:00 Holy Eucharist 9:00 Choir Rehearsal 10:00 Nursery Care 10:00 Choral Eucharist</p> 	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>7:30 A.A. Meeting</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>8:00 T.O.P.S. Meeting 7:00 Spirituality Book Group 7:00 Recovery Group</p>
<p><b>Fifth Sunday after Pentecost 27</b></p> <p>8:00 Holy Eucharist 9:00 Choir Rehearsal 10:00 Nursery Care 10:00 Choral Eucharist 5:30 St. Youth Group</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>7:30 A.A. Meeting</p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p>8:00 T.O.P.S. Meeting 7:00 Spirituality Book Group 7:00 Recovery Group</p>

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Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>2</b></p> <p>10:00 Holy Eucharist Healing</p> <p>1:00 Outreach Committee</p> <p>5:30 Jr. Youth Group</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>3</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>4</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>5</b></p> <p>9:00 Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>8:00 Vestry Planning Day</p> <p>5:30 Holy Eucharist</p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>9</b></p> <p>10:00 Holy Eucharist Healing</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>10</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>11</b></p> <p>10:00 Holy Eucharist St. Barnabas</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>12</b></p> <p>10:00 Building Committee</p> <p>5:30 Holy Eucharist</p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>16</b></p> <p>10:00 Holy Eucharist / Healing</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>17</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>18</b></p> <p>El Hogar Work-Team leave for Honduras</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>19</b></p> <p>5:30 Holy Eucharist</p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>23</b></p> <p>10:00 Holy Eucharist St. John the Baptist</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>24</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>25</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>26</b></p> <p>El Hogar work-team return from Honduras</p> <p>5:30 Holy Eucharist</p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>30</b></p> <p>10:00 Holy Eucharist St. Peter &amp; St. Paul</p> <p>5:30 Jr. Youth Group</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>church e-mail directory</i></p>  <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Coming Soon!</i></p>		

## El Hogar Work Team Departure June 18, 2010

After one year of planning and fund-raising your team is ready to go. We drive to Miami on Friday, June 18th, and fly to Tegucigalpa, Honduras on Saturday morning, June 19th. We will be carrying with us all the supplies you purchased for the children at El Hogar Market Day and recently donated for our craft project. Thank you all so very much for your incredible support. We go with your love and prayers. Our return date is Saturday, June 26th.

Thank you one and all:  
Fr. Mike, Carol Davis, Marta, Julia & Anna Morris, Caitlin Schall, Burke & Jordan Neely, Stephanie Hurtt, Linda Beardslee and Bunny Fry.



### Congratulations to the Class of 2010

It is with our best wishes and prayers that we remember the class of 2010, as they prepare for the next step in their life's journey:

**Chad Michael Weatherstone**, son of Beth and Jerry Weatherstone, graduated from the University of Central Florida, with a bachelors' degree in Economics.  
**Matthew Jones**, son of Linda and Barth Jones; **Jennie Davis**, **Michelle Davis**, twin daughters of Susan & James Davis, graduated from Vero Beach High School. Congratulations also to **Mitch Wester**, son of Kim and Mark Wester who graduated from John Carrol High School, in Ft. Pierce on May 26th.

## Church Picnic 2010 - Inside



*Everyone is checking out the goodies on the sharing tables. That's Walter filling up his plate before heading off to his putt-putt station. Check him out below - nice flag Walter!*

## Church Picnic 2010 - Outside



*Joe DeGroot, George & Judy Rollinson, Mary O'Donnell and others enjoying the delicious bar-b-que cooked up by our very own "cooking team" headed by Gary Hilberer.*



*No one gets past Walter!*



*Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Chicken -yummy*

## June Anniversaries



- 2 Bunny & Bill Frey
- 2 Bob & Joan Kingston
- 3 David & Marianne Rowan
- 7 William & Barbara Brooks
- 8 Doug & Valerie Anderson
- 9 Lou & Frances Savini
- 12 Doug Bowman & Donna Iannotti
- 12 Frank & Cristine Vaccaro
- 12 Tom & Pam White
- 13 Ed & Janice Hebb
- 16 Angelo & Bonnie Sanchez
- 18 Rick & Faith Schreiner
- 24 Bill & Andria Adamany
- 25 Bill & Linda Sherman
- 25 Don & Leigh MacDougall
- 27 George & Judy Rollinson
- 28 Drew & Peg Palmer

## June Birthdays

- 1 Cristine Vaccaro
- 2 Tim Marvin
- 2 Catherine Rowan
- 4 Charlie Kirk
- 5 Dayna Bennett
- 5 Molly Zeuch
- 5 Roxeanna Boyette
- 5 Lexie Street
- 6 Mary Jane Hart
- 6 Lorraine LaLiberty
- 10 Fr. Harry Hart
- 10 Tom White
- 11 Michele Condron
- 11 Pat Christenson
- 11 Gretchen Nosevich
- 13 Ruth Adele Holman
- 13 Ginger Vidiri
- 14 Matthew Goldberg
- 15 Michael Breglia
- 15 Maureen Moody
- 19 Joy Elliott
- 21 Terry Greene
- 21 Sue Hand
- 21 Ann Golden
- 23 Ed Green
- 23 Don Libby
- 25 Pete Eggeman
- 26 Ben Boswell
- 26 Betty Hare
- 29 Al Smukala



*The trampoline house is the highlight of the picnic for the kids and some of the adults too.*

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*Joe DeGroot getting the tables and chairs ready.*



*Bill Schroder, Fr. Mike, Sharon, newcomer Betty Stewart, Tom Nieman, Mezrena Brown, and Lucy Norikus, enjoying a great day for a picnic.*



*Fr. John and Harry Halbert enjoying a chat while waiting on the hamburgers..*



## Confirmation Class of 2010

The first regional Confirmation for the Southeast Deanery was celebrated at Trinity Episcopal Church, Vero Beach, on the Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 2, 2010, at the 10:00 am service.

The Celebrant for the service was the Right Reverend John W. Howe, Bishop of Central Florida. With Bishop Howe doing the greater majority of the confirmations, it was felt that for parishes who were not scheduled for a visitation, but had people who desired to be confirmed, that a regional service might fill the need.

With this in mind we presented seven people to be confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church. Our Class of 2010 was:

### Confirmands:

Chirstina Maria Norman  
Philip Anthony Norman

Gyulan McKenzie, Jr.  
Marcus Alexander Norman

### Received into the Episcopal Church:

Mary Feeney O'Donnell      Penny Diane Thornson  
Mary Celeste Tuinman

May God the Holy Spirit continue to bless them in all that God calls them to do in His Name.

*Have a Wonderful Safe Summer Everyone!*



### A Word From Our Treasurer:

An Outreach Committee has been formed and its next meeting is set for Wednesday, June 2, 2010, at 1:00 pm in the library. A Church's Outreach often mirrors the health and commitment of a parish community. Last year, 2009, St. Augustine gave Outreach gifts of more than \$45,000. Our overall expenditures were just under \$500,000. The Outreach was nine percent (9%) of our expenditures. This is very commendable.

Among the gifts were:

**Pops:** \$23,038; **Budgeted Outreach:** \$12,000;

**UTO:** \$1,785 **Honduras El Hogar** \$ 3,161;

**Rector's Discretionary Fund** \$4,660; and others include the Christian Caring Fund and the Episcopal Relief and Development.

As with all Parish committee meetings, the Outreach meeting is open to anyone interested in attending. Please come and join us. Outreach for this year, 2010 has already reached \$14,155.

### Parish E-Mail Directory

Over a year ago, the Vestry authorized the creation of a Parish E-Mail Directory, but in the crush of parish activity (a good thing) the directory project got sidelined (not a good thing). Now the Vestry is rectifying the oversight. The directory will simply list in alphabetical order parishioners' names and e-mail addresses to greatly simplify communication among our flock. Anyone who does not want to be listed should notify the church parish office. We anticipate publication the end June.

Tony Marshall



## FROM THE PARISH REGISTER



Transferred in:

**Stanley and Alice Novaco from the Church of Our Saviour, Johns Island, South Carolina, Diocese of South Carolina.**

**Denise Robinson, Kirk Robinson, and Amanda Robinson from Christ Church Vero Beach (Anglican), Diocese of Gulf Atlantic.**

**Daniel and Eloise Nelson from Trinity Episcopal Church, Vero Beach, Diocese of Central Florida.**

Transferred out:

**Thomas J. Canazzi, to St. John's Grace Episcopal Church, Buffalo, New York, Diocese of Western New York.**

**We Receive you into the Household of God"**

**The Sacrament of Holy Baptism was celebrated during the 8:00 Eucharist on the Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 2, 2010, as we welcomed Richard Owen Marvin into the One, Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. Young Richard is the son of Owen and Regina Marvin and joins his big sister, Faith, in the family.**

**"May their Home always be a Haven of Blessing and Peace!"**

**Richard Scott Hurley and Mary (Molly) Scheuler Coryell were married on Saturday, May 10, 2010, at St. Augustine's Church.**

**The wedding liturgy was offered on Saturday, May 15, 2010, on behalf of Andrew Thomas Jacobi and Hilary Brooke Ernsberger. Hilary is the daughter of Jack and Karen Ernsberger of our parish.**

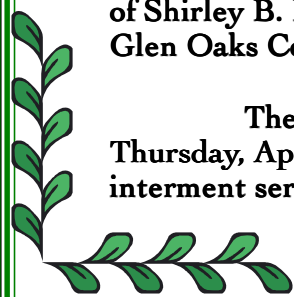
**"Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord"**

**The Burial Office and Requiem Eucharist was offered for the repose of the soul of Howard Wade Riley, Jr., on Friday, April 9, 2010, in the parish church. The Committal for Howard will be at the family's convenience.**

**The Funeral Liturgy was also offered for Bruce W. Thayer on Saturday, April 10, 2010 in the parish church. The Committal for Bruce will also be at his family's convenience.**

**The Burial Office and Requiem Eucharist was offered for the repose of the soul of Shirley B. Payne, on Saturday, May 1, 2010. Shirley's interment took place at the Glen Oaks Cemetery in Winter Park, attended only by the family.**

**The Funeral Liturgy was celebrated on behalf of Mary Cady Venner, on Thursday, April 29, 2010, in the parish church. The Family is planning a private interment service for Mary, later in the summer.**

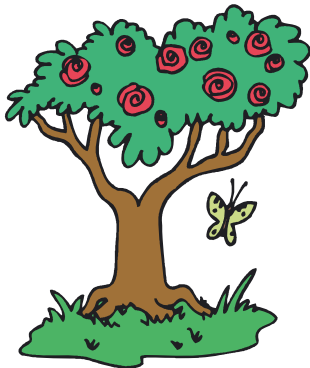


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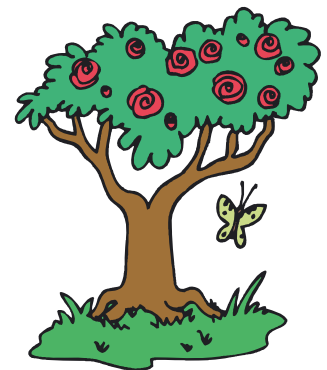
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### Schedule of Masses

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 June 19, 2010**