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Pentecost



Come,
Holy
Spirit
Come!

A Word From Our Rector

*“Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”*⁵

John 20:21-23

The Genesis story of Adam and Eve contains an interesting detail. Before the fall, these two were good friends with God; they lived and communicated with Him freely and lovingly. However, after they broke that relationship, they began avoiding Him. When the Lord God sought them out, the man told Him, “I heard you in the garden, but I was afraid!” With sin came fear.

Fear has continued through the centuries and still plagues us today. Countries build huge defense systems out of fear of other nations. People bolt their doors in fear of crime. They close their hearts in fear of God. Fear paralyzes us. We worry because of what might happen. We paint a bleak picture: “I’ll fail,” we say, or “They might hurt me,” or “Something bad will happen to me if I do.”

Jesus’ disciples were not different. They were afraid in the storm over the lake, at the mount of transfiguration, and at Jesus’ arrest and death. Our text from St. John’s account of the Gospel has the disciples in a closed room for fear of the crowds. What a perfect picture of the fearful person — closed up inside, risking nothing, doing nothing, and instead, stifling all creativity.

However, the story does not end there. Jesus came to give His Spirit, and the disciples were changed. They felt His peace and were filled with joy. They had new courage, new fire to share with others. They went out to preach boldly about God and His marvels. They exemplify the good news we come to celebrate on the Feast of Pentecost: Jesus gives us the Holy Spirit to take away

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our fear and enable us to witness to God's greatness.

How would it feel to be free of fear? To walk anywhere alone at night? To talk or perform before thousands of people without a qualm? To act on conviction without compromise or worry about consequences? It sounds ideal, but that is what God can bring about in and through the Holy Spirit. The Spirit made Jesus a person of courage. He trusted that His Father's love would take care of Him. He was reward in that trust. Though He suffered, he was raised and now has fullness of life and joy.

At Pentecost fear was dispelled and replaced by the power to understand and to forgive—in one's own language. The unity of humanity with God, which was the hallmark of the opening of Genesis, was healed and made whole again by the "wind and the fire" of Pentecost. The unity of the Church celebrated on this Day of the Holy Spirit is based on the understanding of who and what God is and has done, is doing, and will continue to do for His creation. This is why Pentecost is sometimes referred to as "the birthday of the Church." The understanding that united the faithful is an understanding of the mighty works of God, but there is another understanding at work as well, and that is our understanding that others hear of the same mighty works of God in their own tongues, their

own languages, driving out fear from their lives as well.

The Spirit leads us to take small steps at first: speaking of our faith, teaching others the mystery of God's love, maybe even becoming a liturgical minister to support our common worship. If we respond to the Spirit in small things, we will find we can make the big choices without fear. We will stand up to injustices, resist evil systems, and risk our lives like Jesus, with no fear of consequences or even death. We are called to speak and act courageously, as our text reminds us, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you," says Jesus. But we are given help equal to the challenge, and that help is the Holy Spirit. He strengthens us as we come together to celebrate our common life together in the sacraments of the Church—those channels of God's grace which are poured out for us in truth and love.

The Spirit overcomes the fear that we have felt since that first sin in the garden. He makes real for us God's words first proclaimed by the ancient prophets: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you. Fear not, for I am with you." As Pentecost approaches we welcome once more the indwelling of the Holy Spirit for even that brief moment which allows us to cast out fear and to restore us as we overcome the differences that divide us as God's people.

M. W. G. +

Building Committee

Our Building Committee has been meeting since January of this year in an attempt to try to resolve the problems and needs of a parish community that is still growing.

Our Committee consists of Father Michael, Father John and Betty Hagood, Tony Marshall, Bob McBride, Phil Wright, Harry Halbert, Burke Michael-Neely, Byron Curcio, Bill Sherman, and Marianne Rowan. They have been meeting with various people and organizations in the parish to determine the efficacy and the structure of a building program for St. Augustine's Church.

At our meeting on April 17th, the Committee, along with architect, Bob Gaskill, sat down to discuss various options and details which might impact the church to continue to be a place for all who wish to call St. Augustine "home". Our discussions took us from the possible expansion of the chancel in the church proper, to better accommodate the growing choir, to modification of the parish hall to better meet the needs of the Church School, to expanding the northern area of the choir room/office area, and to the building of a separate parish hall, just adjacent to the current office area, on the west side of the building.

All of this is still in a formative stage, but the Vestry has directed that the architect contact an engineer to develop a site plan for the church and to bring it back in time for our next meeting May 22nd.

More details will be shared as the Committee continues its work.



“Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove!”

When the Lord told his disciples to “Go and teach all nations” and to “baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,” he conferred on them the power of giving people new life in God.

He had promised through the prophets that in these last days he would pour out his Spirit on his servants and hand maids, and that they would prophesy. So when the Son of God became the Son of Man, the Spirit also descended upon him, becoming accustomed in this way to dwelling with the human race, to living in them and to inhabiting God’s creation. The Spirit accomplished the Father’s will in people who had grown old in sin, and gave them new life in Christ.

Luke says that the Spirit came down on the disciples at Pentecost, after the Lord’s ascension, with power to open the gates of life to all nations and to make known to them the new covenant. So it was that people of every language joined in singing one song of praise to God, and scattered tribes, restore to unity by the Spirit, were offered to the Father as the firstfruits of all the nations.

This was why the Lord had promised to send the Advocate: he was to prepare us as an offering to God. Like dry flour, which cannot become one lump of dough, one loaf of bread, without moisture, we who are many could not become one in Christ Jesus without the water that come down from heaven. And like parched ground, which yields no harvest unless it receives moisture, we who were once like a waterless tree could never have lived and borne fruit without this abundant rainfall from above. Through the baptism that liberates us from change and decay we have become one in body; through the Spirit we have become one in soul.

“The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and strength, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of God” came down upon the Lord and the Lord in turn gave this Spirit to his Church, sending the Advocate from heaven into all the world into which, according to his own words, the devil too had been cast down like lightning.

If we are not to be scorched and made unfruitful, we need the dew of God. Since we have our accuser, we need an Advocate as well. And so the Lord in his pity for us, who had fallen into the hands of brigands, having himself bound up our wounds and left for our care two coins bearing the royal image, entrusted us to the Holy Spirit. Now, through the Spirit, the image, and the inscription of the Father and the Son have been given to us, and it is our duty to use the coin committed to our charge and make it yield a rich profit for the Lord.

*From the treatise, **Against Heresies**, by Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons, 202 A.D.*

Church Picnic

Our annual Church Picnic will on Sunday, May 16, 2010, following the 10:00 am celebration of the Holy Eucharist, in the courtyard in front of the parish hall.



A sign up sheet is located in the narthex. Parishioners are asked to bring either a salad or a dessert for the “sharing table, otherwise hot dogs, hamburgers, soda, and condiments will be supplied. Plan on joining us as we celebrate our life together with some fun, food, fellowship and games.

Blood Mobile

The Blood Mobile will be at St. Augustine on May 9th from 8 am until 12 Noon. If you are able to donate, please take this opportunity to do so. Thank you, Nancy Kelly

Parish Office Closed

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday May 31st in observance of Memorial Day.

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Sunday Monday Tuesday

<p>Fifth Sunday of Easter 2</p> <p>8:00 Holy Eucharist 9:00 Christian Forum 10:00 Church School 10:00 Nursery Care 10:00 Choral Eucharist 5:30 Youth Group</p>	<p>10:00 Holy Eucharist - SS. Philip & James 3</p> <p>7:30 A.A. Meeting</p>	<p>8:00 T.O.P.S. Meeting 4</p> <p>7:00 Spirituality Book Group 7:00 Recovery Group 7:00 Confirmation Class 8:00 Inquirer Class</p>
<p>Sixth Sunday of Easter 9 Mother's Day</p> <p>8:00 Holy Eucharist 8:30 - 12 Noon - Blood M 9:15 Christian Forum 10:00 Church School 10:00 Nursery Care 10:00 Choral Eucharist</p>	<p>10:00 Finance Committee 10</p> <p>7:30 A.A. Meeting</p>	<p>8:00 T.O.P.S. Meeting 11</p> <p>7:00 Spirituality Book Group 7:00 Recovery Group</p>
<p>Seventh Sunday of Easter 16 The Sunday after Ascension Day</p> <p>8:00 Holy Eucharist 9:15 Christian Forum 9:30 Church School 10:00 Nursery Care 10:00 Choral Eucharist 11:00 Church Picnic 11:30 D.O.K. Meeting</p>	<p>17</p> <p>7:00 The Vestry 7:30 A.A. Meeting</p>	<p>18</p> <p>8:00 T.O.P.S. Meeting</p> <p>7:00 Spirituality Book Group 7:00 Recovery Group</p>
<p>The Day of Pentecost: 23</p> <p>8:00 Holy Eucharist 9:15 Christian Forum 9:30 Church School 10:00 Nursery Care 10:00 Choral Eucharist</p>	<p>24</p> <p>7:30 A.A. Meeting</p>	<p>25</p> <p>8:00 T.O.P.S. Meeting</p> <p>7:00 Spirituality Book Group 7:00 Recovery Group</p>
<p>The First Sunday after Pentecost 30</p> <p>8:00 Holy Eucharist 9:15 Christian Forum 9:30 Church School 10:00 Nursery Care 10:00 Choral Eucharist 5:30 Youth Group</p>	<p>Memorial Day 31 Office Closed</p> <p>10:00 Holy Eucharist The Visitation</p> <p>7:30 A.A. Meeting</p>	

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Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>Enjoy your Summer</p>			<p style="text-align: right;">1</p> <p>5:30 Holy Eucharist</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">5</p> <p>10:00 Holy Eucharist Healing</p> <p>5:30 Jr. Youth Group</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">6</p> <p>6:30 Senior Choir 6:30 Girl Scouts</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">7</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">8</p> <p>11:00 Singles Group</p> <p>5:30 Holy Eucharist</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">12</p> <p>10:00 Holy Eucharist / Healing</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">13</p> <p>Ascension Day</p> <p>10:00 Holy Eucharist</p> <p>6:30 Senior Choir 7:30 Holy Eucharist</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">14</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">15</p> <p>9:30 Building Committee</p> <p>5:30 Holy Eucharist</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">19</p> <p>10:00 Holy Eucharist / Healing</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">20</p> <p>6:30 Senior Choir 6:30 Girl Scouts</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">21</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">22</p> <p>8:30 "Safe Guarding" God's People Workshop</p> <p>5:30 Holy Eucharist</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">26</p> <p>10:00 Holy Eucharist - Healing</p> <p>5:30 Jr. Youth Group</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">27</p> <p>6:30 Senior Choir</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">28</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">29</p> <p>5:30 Holy Eucharist</p>
	 <p>Congratulations Graduates!</p>	<p>Please place Cambell Soup labels in box located in the parish hall. Thank You!</p>	 <p>Be an Usher Greeter</p>

E.C.W. Corner

April was a busy month for the Episcopal Churchwomen of St. Augustine's Church as they celebrated the coming of Easter with much joy and activity.

The ECW, along with members of the Daughters of the King, provided a wonderful reception following the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday evening. The wine and cheese, along with cake and coffee, made a great way to break the Lenten fast at the season of resurrection.

The ECW Rummage sale on April 10th gave us another opportunity to bring our "hidden treasures" from home and give them another life, as both friends and neighbors came and purchased items. Our thanks go out to Gloria Pinkston, Flo Green and their helpers in making this sale such a success.

April 17th saw the ECW sponsored "Spring Fling" fashion show and luncheon in the parish hall. Following the 11:30 celebration of the Holy Eucharist, 80 men and women joined together in the parish hall for a delicious luncheon and some attractive fashions modeled by a small group of St. Augustine's finest. Inge Curcio, Rebecca Marvin, Flo Green, and their committee put on a terrific show of both men's and women's attire for the Spring.

It is our hope to continue offering a group for women of the parish to be a part of, and as these changes in the group take place, we'll keep the parish apprised of the "new look" for ECW into the next program year



United Thank Offering Ingathering

On Mother's Day weekend of May 8-9, 2010, the Episcopal Churchwomen of St. Augustine of Canterbury Episcopal Church will be conducting their Spring In-Gathering for the United Thank Offering.

The "UTO" is the missionary arm of the Churchwomen of the Episcopal Church, funding projects, for over one hundred years, as it has served to bring the Gospel to the far corners of the world. The "UTO" is probably never more needed than this year, as the entire Anglican communion is trying to respond to the horrors of this year's earthquakes in Haiti, Chile, as well as offering aid to the families of the coal miners in West Virginia.

The famous "Blue Envelope" has been provided for your ease in making this year's offering. If you feel so called, we invite you to donate as freely as you are able. The women of the Episcopal Church thank you!



Feast of the Ascension

On Thursday, May 13, 2010, will see us celebrate the Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord Jesus Christ, with the Holy Eucharist being offered at 10:00 am, and again, at 7:30 pm, in the parish church.

The Ascension completes the earthly ministry of Jesus, recalling the Lord's exaltation by being taken gloriously up into heaven. After Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection, scripture tells us, He was seen for forty days before He ascended into heaven to be "seated at the right hand of God the Father.

If you cannot attend one of the services on Ascension Day, there will be sung celebration of the Holy Eucharist at St. Andrew's Church in Fort Pierce, at 7:00 pm.

Mark the date on your calendar and plan to attend this holy day in the Church Year.

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 this June.

Tony Marshall

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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

**This issue of the Canterbury Tales is dedicated to
*Shirley Payne***

for all her help she has given - she will be dearly missed.

