Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 7, 2016

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Monday, August 15 Masses:

St. Peter: 8 am & 6 pm
St. John: 9:30 am & 7:15 pm

Mass Cards

There is a basket in St. John's entranceway containing Mass cards offering perpetual Mass enrollment, healing Masses, and memorial Masses from missions and religious orders. Please take any you like.

St. John's New Trustee

Mary MacGibbon has been appointed as a trustee at St. John the Baptist.

Annual Mass & Picnic

The Mass & Picnic will be held August 27 at St. John the Baptist beginning with Mass at 4 pm. The Knights of Columbus will serve hot dogs and hamburgers. Drinks and a sheet cake will be provided. Please bring your picnic specialties to share with your fellow parishioners.

Medical Equipment Exchange

Free of charge loan of canes, wheelchairs, walkers, lift chairs, hospital beds, etc. are available from Medical Equipment Exchange at First Congregational, 865.4420.

Remember our weekly Adorations:

Tuesdays, St. Peter & Thursdays, St. John

Sit a while this summer and spend some quiet time with our Lord.

Marriage Moments — Susan Vogt

"You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."
Luke 12:40

Who knows the future? Be ready, don't procrastinate. Tell your beloved of your love now.

Backpack Project

Needed items are below and may be left in the box at St. Peter (deadline -- September 1):

Classroom items: pencils (colored and regular), crayons, markers, pens, erasers, 12" rulers, spiral notebooks, scissors (blunt & pointed), glue sticks (no liquid), juice boxes, fruit snacks/granola bars

Nurse-requested items: deodorant (male/female), mini bottles of shampoo, toothbrushes/mini toothpaste, chapsticks, lotions, tampons, dental piks, character band aids

Checks are welcome and will be used to purchase items not donated. Please make out to: "First Presbyterian Church" (please put *'school supplies'* on memo line).

Family Perspective — Bud Ozar

A servant waited for the master to return. Waiting is a normal part of family life. We wait for a child's birth, then for small legs to catch up. Later we wait for teenagers to return home safely. Finally, we wait alone anticipating a call or visit from an adult child. Waiting is sacred time, for even the waiting we are connected.

St. Peter Choir Practices

Wednesdays at 4:30 pm ~ not on August 17.

Parenting Pointers — Susan Vogt

August 6, the anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima, Japan, is a somber anniversary even though it may have shortened the war. Teach your children how to make peace. See the Family Pledge of Nonviolence for a start at susanvogt.net.

~Insight on Luke 12~

Jesus began with two traditional images for action: girded loins and lamps' light. Girded loins, the long outer garment would be pulled up and tied off, prepared one for running. Lamps lit referred to movement at night, and taken together, the images painted quick, nighttime travel. The night referred to the trials (the dark times) before the Final Judgement. In other words, the Christian community was to be prepared for fast action in spite of persecution.

Jesus then used two parables for anticipation: the waiting servants and the watchful homeowner. The parable of waiting servants had two additional images that referred to the heavenly feast: 1. The servants waited for the master to return from the wedding banquet (such a feast had overtones of the Kingdom, when God would dine with His people), 2. The master would return to serve the servants a great feast! Jesus did wash the feet of the apostles at the Last Supper. After His resurrection, Jesus rose into glory at the Ascension -- this was His wedding feast. The early Christian community expected His return at any moment as King and Great Judge. Then, He would reward the faithful.

The watchful homeowner shifted the focus of the community. No longer were sights on the Lord. No, they gazed upon the enemy, the marauding Evil One! Satan came to borrow his way into the community and steal away as many souls as he could. Hence, the community needed to look after its own against the temptations of immoral and amoral behavior.

Jesus capped these parables with an admonition: Be ready! You don't know when the Son of Man will come. We still don't know, BUT we are forewarned.

First Annual Bible Study Journey

Classes will alternate between St. John's and St. Peter's, beginning at St. Peter's on September 11, 6 p.m. Beginning in October, when the days are shorter, classes will begin Sundays at 4. Dates/locations of the sessions, divided over the year, will be determined once enrollment of the Journey is determined. It will be evenly divided in number as far as possible. It is a good opportunity to consider car-pooling and enjoying fellow parishioners on the journey.

Goal: We read the entire Bible (Catholic Life Bible version) in one year.

Structure: We meet every other week for 26 weeks; class is approximately 2 hours.

First Meeting: Sunday, September 11, from 6 to 8 pm in St. Peter's Rectory.

Contact: To sign up, contact St. John the Baptist at 865.7394, St. Peter at 746.2503, or email: stjohnstpeter@gmail.com.

Facilitated by: Deacon Michael Freeman.

📖 Reading for September 11 📖

1: Gn 1:1-2:25; Mt 1:1-2:12; Ps 1:1-6, Prv 1:1-6
2: Gn 3:1-4:26; Mt 2:13-3:6; Ps 2:1-12; Prv 1:7-9
3: Gn 5:1-7:24; Mt 3:7-4:11; Ps 3:1-8; Prv 1:10-19
4: Gn 8:1-10:32; Mt 4:12-25; Ps 4:1-8; Prv 1:20-23
5: Gn 11:1-13:4; Mt 5:1-26; Ps 5:1-12; Prv 1:24-27
6: Gn 13:5-15:21; Mt 5:27-48; Ps 6:1-10; Prv 1:28-33
7: Gn 16:1-18:15; Mt 6:1-24; Ps 7:1-17; Prv 2:1-5
8: Gn18:16-19:38; Mt 6:25-7:14; Ps 8:1-9; Prv 2:6-15
9: Gn 20:1-22:24; Mt 7:15-29; Ps 9:1-12; Prv 2:16-22
10. Gn 23:1-24:51; Mt 8:1-17; Ps 9:13-20; Prv 3:1-6
11: Gn 24:52-26:16; Mt 8:18-34; Ps 10:1-15; Prv 3:7-8
12: Gn26:17-27:46; Mt 9:1-17; Ps 10:16-18, Prv 3:9-10
13: Gn 28:1-29:35; Mt 9:18-38; Ps 11:1-7; Prv 3:11-12
14: Gn 30:1-31:16; Mt 10:1-23; Ps 12:1-8; Prv 3:13-15

This should be enjoyable, and may God bless our journey and our time together.