



January 23, 2009

The Prodigal

“Where in seeking him we are found by him.”

The Rev. Willie Dávila, Priest in Charge

Ms. Lila Vaughan, Editor

PASTOR’S MESSAGE

The anticipation of listening to our new President is over and we have heard his comments. I was taken by his clear sense of what is needed in today’s world. He looks to the past to remind us of our heritage as a people and along with that, the dignity of our common identity and character. Further, he stated the obvious that we must make the hard decisions that we have avoided making.

There’s the rub. We live in a world where everyone wants the quick fix and to live in comfort without sacrifice or effort. Politicians in the meantime hire pollsters to see what people “want” in order to respond with rhetoric of promise. Sadly this disease permeates all institutions including the family and Church.

Our new President has issued a wake- up call. Everyone needs to get involved with what is happening in the local community. If you have never walked the halls of a local high school, you ought to. You will discover one of the basic problems in our community and the Country as a whole. No one is raising our children with a basic understanding of what it means to live in community; there is little understanding of a social contract or code.

As we live into this New Year, begin with a resolution of becoming involved in the life of your community. You may think that you cannot do anything but you would be surprise by what you can do. Here are some suggestions:

Be present. My friends at the gym say that showing up at the club is 90% of the work. Presence is most important in relationships and in all we do as a community.

Be informed. Do the homework on issues or opportunities we are facing, the Brisas project being one of the most important for our community. It has promise of growth with a \$ 2 billion infusion of capital. But many are concerned that it may cause a major detriment to our communal health and environment.

Take your turn. Healthy communities require committed volunteers to get work done. Your help is needed in places like Churches, mentor programs, civic organizations and fund raisers for charitable events. As a Church we have a special responsibility and stake in our Community.

In His Name & Service,

SUNDAY READINGS

January 25	February 1	February 8	February 15	February 22
Jonah 3:1-5, 10	Deuteronomy 18:15-20	Isaiah 41:21-31	2 Kings 2:1-12	2 Kings 2:1-12
1 Corinthians 7:29-31	1 Corinthians 8:1-13	1 Corinthians 9:16-23	1 Corinthians 9:24-27	2 Corinthians 4:3-6
Psalm: 62:6-14	111	147:1-12, 21c	30	50:1-6

LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

8:00 a.m.				
Johnnie Marie Steve	Lila Wiley	John Richard	Johnnie Marie Steve	Lila Wiley
10:30 a.m.				
Jeri Kevin(E) Pam © Sam (P)	Kathryn Louie Lynne © Warren (P) Terry (E)	David Lucie Jack © Carmen (E)	Sam Pam Kevin © Christine (P)	Warren Lynne (E) Louie © Jeri (P)
<u>Host/Hostess</u> Cathy	Lucie	Kevin	Cathy	Kevin
<u>Keeper of the Key</u> Lucie	T. J.	Cathy	Kevin	Lila
<u>Ushers:</u> Kevin	Lucie	Cathy	Joel	Ava
<u>Acolytes:</u> OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
<u>Hospitality</u> OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	Hilliard	OPEN
<u>Altar Flowers</u> Torres	Sabsook	Blackler's	Larmond	Open
<u>Oblationers</u> Darabie	Larmond	Buentello	Darabie	Ramirez

THE EPIPHANY SEASON

During the Epiphany Season one of the most appropriate liturgies to celebrate is House Blessings. Whether it be a new house or old it does not matter. Prayers will be said for those who inhabit the house and God's grace is then called forth. If you would like to schedule a time for your house to be blessed, call the Church office and we will gladly make the arrangements.

INQUIRER'S CLASSES 2009

We will have the annual Episcopal visitation on March 8th, 2009. We will have Adult Inquirer's classes for those wishing to become Episcopalians starting January 25th. For School age children these classes will start on January 26th and on Mondays thereafter at 4 p.m. These classes are for those interested in learning more about the Episcopal Church and how the Christian faith is expressed through it. We will discuss Church history, the Prayer Book, ethics, sacraments, scripture and Church polity. These classes are intentionally structured so that questions are asked and discussion encouraged. For those whose schedule makes it difficult to come on these days, arrangements can be made to accommodate their schedule; just call the Church Office.

WORKDAY - - FEBRUARY 7th

Our next Workday is scheduled for February 7th at 8:00 a.m. We will trim the Mesquite trees and clean up the playground area. We also have a couple of doors to be replaced on the portable buildings. There are several other tasks to perform and there is enough work to do around the Church that could keep us busy for several days.

FAT TUESDAY & ASH WEDNESDAY

We will have our Fat Tuesday celebration on February 24th starting at 6:00 p.m. You will be given a choice of waffles or pan cakes. The cost of the meal will be \$ 5.50 for adults, \$ 3.00 for children under 12 or \$ 15.00 per family- - all you can eat! Also, do not forget to bring your palm crosses so that we can make the ashes to be used on the following day!

Ash Wednesday will be on February 25th. We will have services at 7:00 a.m., 12:10 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

UNITED THANK OFFERING

On Ash Wednesday we will distribute mite boxes for the United Thank Offering for your use during Lent. It is through the United Thank Offering that many special capital programs throughout the world get their funding. Seminaries, housing for the poor, and medical clinics have been funded by the many thousands and millions of loose coins that in the aggregate amount to a great deal of money.

IT'S OUR SIXTEENTH ANNIVERSARY

February 6 will mark the 16th anniversary of our acceptance as a Mission in the Diocese of West Texas. The Bishop's Committee has asked that a special giving of a dollar for every year of our existence be donated as a special offering to the Church on Sunday.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Laura, Mike, Jody, Moises, Patrick, Gabriel, Elena, Pamela, Jeremiah, Jo Beth, Maria, Nancy, for those seeking a place to belong; for our Church and its growth; for our children; for marriages; for refugees; for those who have lost their homes because of hurricanes; for the people of Haiti and Cuba ; for the Iraqi people, for the people of Afghanistan, for those who serve in the Armed Services; for those in prison or detention; for those who suffer addiction; for the unemployed; for the homeless; for those who have died, and for peace.

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“We are a diverse community, one under God, joined together to celebrate the love of Jesus Christ through worship, outreach and the Call to service.”

BIRTHDAYS

<i>Carole Ramirez</i>	<i>Jan. 22</i>	<i>Lynda F. Boyett</i>	<i>Jan. 28</i>
<i>Tamara Darabie</i>	<i>Jan. 29</i>	<i>Richard Blackler</i>	<i>Feb. 4</i>
<i>Jody Swofford</i>	<i>Feb. 11</i>	<i>Aaron Watts</i>	<i>Feb. 14</i>
<i>Siobhan Larmond</i>	<i>Feb. 16</i>	<i>Elaine McMillen</i>	<i>Feb. 20</i>
<i>Kenny Watts</i>	<i>Feb. 23</i>	<i>Lila Vaughan</i>	<i>Feb. 24</i>

<p><u>SUNDAY SCHEDULE:</u></p> <p>8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist</p> <p><u>3rd Sunday-</u> Anointing & Laying on of Hands</p>	<p><u>OUTREACH MINISTRIES</u></p> <p>2nd Tues. of the Month Salvation Army Canteen</p> <p>3rd Sunday- food drive for Cliff Maus Village Pantry</p>	<p><u>TUESDAY:</u></p>
<p><u>WEDNESDAY:</u></p> <p>12:10 a.m. Holy Eucharist</p>	<p><u>THURSDAY:</u></p> <p>BIBLE STUDY 10:15 a.m.</p>	<p><u>SATURDAY</u></p>

*OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY -THURSDAY 10:00 A.M. -4:00 P.M.