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September 4, 2009

The Prodigal

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

The Rev. Willie Dávila, Priest in charge

Lila Vaughan, Editor

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

I learned of business cycles when I worked with my dad in the auto business. My father, who had a repair shop, contracted with the local Ford dealership for their overflow work. He thought this extra work would keep him in the black throughout the year. Unfortunately the automobile industry has its own business cycle. Many see the need to purchase, repair or service vehicles as discretionary spending. When school or holidays come around, the car repair is at the bottom of the list.

It is not surprising then that the sale of maintenance contracts became a way to soften the highs and lows of a business cycle for auto centers. The benefit to the business would be a steady cash flow and, to the customer, the peace of mind that certain repairs or service would be done regardless of cost. As a consequence, auto repair costs were managed.

The sale of Maintenance contracts on cars is a common practice now except these plans are administered by insurance companies. Insurance companies are in the business of gambling that you will never use the contract The auto shop is helped by earning a commission on the sale of a plan, and the customer now can go anywhere to get the car repaired.

It is interesting to note that Health Insurance and auto maintenance contracts have a parallel history. Managed care (which is really what we call Health Insurance) surfaced in American history in the 1920's. Medical Centers would sell prepaid health care as a way to boost their working capital. Insurance Companies initially were non-profit and subsidized by the government to help with the unexpected. Eventually they became private companies; two of the better known of these companies are Blue Cross /Blue Shield and Cigna.

This is an important topic and a concern for all. Educate yourself on the issue and don't be taken in by the rhetoric of special interests on both sides of the debate. Health Care reform is needed and without it many will continue to suffer without coverage.

In His Name and Service,

SUNDAY READINGS

SEPTEMBER 6	SEPTEMBER 13	SEPTEMBER 20	SEPTEMBER 27	OCTOBER 4
2 Samuel 11:26-12-13a	2 Samuel 18:5-9,15, 31-33	1 Kings 2:10-12;3:3-14	1 Kings 8: 22-30,41-43	Songs of Solomon 2:8-13
Ephesians 4:1-16	Ephesians 4:25-5:2	Ephesians 5:15-20	Ephesians 6:10-20	James 1:17-27
Psalm: 51:1-13	 130	 111	 84	 45:1-2,7-10

LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

8:00 a.m.				
John Richard	Johnnie Marie Steve	Lila Wiley	John Richard (E)	Johnnie Marie Steve
10:30 a.m.				
David Lucie Jack © Jeri (P)	Sam Pam Kevin © (E) Christine (P)	Sherman Lynne Kathryn © Carmen (P) (E)	Jeri Jack Lucie © David (P)	Christine Kevin Pam© Sam (P) Terry (E)
<u>Host/Hostess</u> Joel	Steve	Lucie	Kevin	Cathy
<u>Keeper of the Key</u>				
Lila	Steve	Lucie	Joel	Cathy
<u>Ushers:</u> Kevin	Lucie	Cathy	Joel	Ava
<u>Hospitality</u>				
LeMonne	Devon	Eileen	OPEN	OPEN
<u>Altar Flowers</u>				
Boyett	Boyett	Vaughan	Harris	Boyce/Hilliard
<u>Oblationers</u> Ramirez	Buentello's	Darabie	Buentello's	Larmond

IT'S TIME FOR BLANKETS, COATS AND SOCKS!

For the next several months we will be collecting and distributing blankets, coats, jackets and socks on our Salvation Army Canteen runs in the downtown area. We ask that you bring these items already sorted so that it will be easier to distribute them. Our next turn to man the Salvation Army Canteen will be on September 8th. If you have never assisted with this ministry you have missed an opportunity that you will never forget. It is a very rewarding experience and we hope that you can come join us!

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Construction is underway on another Habitat for Humanity home, sponsored in part by the Diocese of West Texas and the Southern Convocation Episcopal churches (Corpus Christi and surrounding areas). The house is located at 717 10th St., between Coleman and Morris. The work begins on Saturday mornings at 7:00 a.m. until about noon, or later if the cloud cover holds. (Lunch will be served if we work past noon.) If you cannot not work on Saturdays, work is also done on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays on the same time frame. Please call Volunteer Coordinator Chuck Hilton (737-5528) or Ada Davis (289-1749) to sign up and for more information.

THE FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS AND THE BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

The Feast of St. Francis and the blessing of animals will be held on October 4th at 5:00 p.m. Donations of pet food will be accepted at the Service and will be given to local animal shelters. We encourage everyone to give generously to this cause.

WE'RE 18 YEARS OLD!

On September 13th we will celebrate our birthday as a Church. We had our first Holy Eucharist Service at Galvan Elementary School on September 15, 1991 with 163 people in attendance. Over these past 18 years we have been blessed in many ways by those who have come to be a part of our congregation. Come on Sunday the 13th and bring your favorite dish. It will be a pot luck meal and there will be a sign up this Sunday for condiments.

FATHER DÁVILA ON A SPIRITUAL RETREAT OCTOBER 2-4

The Rev. William H. Terry and the Rev. Willie Dávila will co-lead a retreat for Recovering Alcoholics, Al-Anons & Adult Children of Alcoholics starting on Friday October 2nd and ending on October 4th at Camp Capers. For more information concerning the retreat and application forms please visit with Father Dávila.

Out of the mouth of babes

“Do you think my friend Mary Catherine goes to a different church every week?” Missy asked her mom. “Why do you ask?” said the mom. “Because she told me she was a roaming Catholic.”

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Laura, Mike, Debbie, Charles, Joe, Gabe, Moises, Dorothy, Maria, Jo Beth, Gabriel, 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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BIRTHDAYS

Imelda Dávila	September 2	Deleen Stiteley	September 4
Jeri Morey	September 7	Carl Keller	September 14
John McDermott	September 26	Austin Thomas Harris	September 28
LeMonne Spiering	October 2	Fran Keller	October 8
Pat Flynn	October 10		

<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>12:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist</p>	<p><u>THURSDAY:</u></p> <p>BIBLE STUDY 10:15 A.M.– Resumes August 6th</p>	<p><u>SATURDAY</u></p>

*OFFICE HOURS

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