



April 8, 2009

# The Prodigal

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

*The Rev. Willie Dávila, Priest in charge*

*Lila Vaughan, Editor*

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## *PASTOR’S MESSAGE*

The Events of Holy Week are around which the gospels begin to take their shape and message. There are powerful actions and rituals associated with these events; rituals to be meditated on. It is unfortunate that the week starts after Palm Sunday, which should be the climax of the week rather than its beginning.

I just came back from a meeting of the Southern Convocation Clericus, a group of clergy from the Coastal Bend area, where we rededicated ourselves as clergy in the Episcopal Church. The Suffragan Bishop, David Reed, celebrated at the liturgy and also washed the feet of those present. It was a powerful ritual expressing humility and service in the name of the Lord Jesus.

Given my nature I had to be still and silent. Words would be inappropriate or inadequate. It was the experience that spoke volumes and in a sense the sacramental nature of the act needed actions without words. In many ways that is the experience that we all are called to have during the week.

Given the recent “old” news of craziness in our World, we should be silenced or muted by the sense of tragedy of those acts. Human life and potentiality for good wasted by bad decisions, pure hatred and evil. What is really gained by such acts? Do those who commit such acts believe that they will have the last “say so”?

Those who put Jesus to death believed that they had the last word. Not to be. The mysterious “I AM” of eternity desires life, fruitful life, for his creation. The Epistles of John are very clear that life comes only through love. I paraphrase to a certain extent- “No one can truly live unless they love another- - to say that you live and yet hate is not to live at all!”

As we go through the events of Holy Week come and be present with all of who you are and open yourself to what God has done so that you may have life and have it abundantly. May God bless you.

In His Name & Service,

## SUNDAY READINGS

April 12	April 19	April 26	May 3	May 10
<b>Acts</b> 10:34-43	<b>Acts</b> 4:32-35	<b>Acts</b> 3:12-19	<b>Acts</b> 4:5-12	<b>Acts</b> 8:26-40
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians</b> 15:1-11	<b>1 John</b> 1:1-2:2	<b>1 John</b> 3:1-7	<b>1 John</b> 3:16-24	<b>1 John</b> 4:7-21
<b>Psalm:</b> 118:1-2,1424	133	4	23	22:24-30

## LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

8:00 a.m.				
John Richard (E)	Johnnie Marie Steve	Lila Wiley	John Richard	Johnnie Marie Steve
10:30 a.m.				
Jeri Jack Lucie © David (P)	Christine Kevin (E) Pam © Sam (P)	Carmen Kathryn Lynne © (E) Warren (P)	David Lucie Jack © Jeri (P)	Sam Pam Kevin © (E) Christine (P) Terry (E)
<u>Host/Hostess</u> Lucie	Kevin	Cathy	Kevin	Cathy
<u>Keeper of the Key</u> Lila	Steve	Joel	T. J.	Lucie
<u>Ushers:</u> Joel	Ava	Cathy	Lucie	Ava
<u>Acolytes:</u>				
OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
<u>Hospitality</u>				
LeMonne	Hilliard	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
<u>Altar Flowers</u>				
A. Caraway	Williams	Sabsook	Larmond	Boyett
<u>Oblationers</u>				
Larmond	Buentello	Darabie	Ramirez	Buentello

## NEIGHBORHOOD WIDE YARD SALE- MAY 2<sup>ND</sup>

We will host a neighborhood wide Yard sale on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Country Club Civic Association has endorsed the event and hopefully it will be an annual event in the years ahead. So get your stuff ready and priced for us to have a fantastic sale for the area. 10% of the proceeds have been designated for improving the green areas of the neighborhood.

## PARISH WORK DAY- APRIL 25<sup>TH</sup>

In anticipation of the Yard Sale we will tidy up our buildings and grounds. The playground is in need of major trimming and there is a great deal of trash to be hauled off. Also we will sort out the items in the portable building to be sold at the Yard Sale and dispose those items which are not saleable. We need everyone's help in this endeavor.

## MAUNDY THURSDAY & GOOD FRIDAY LITURGIES

We will observe Maundy Thursday- April 9<sup>th</sup> & Good Friday- April 10<sup>th</sup>. Liturgies at 7:00 p.m. on both nights. On Maundy Thursday we will have a solemn service depicting the Last Supper, washing of the feet and the stripping of the Altar.

On Friday night, we will walk the Way of the Cross in which readers will lead us on the Via Dolorosa. Come join us for these two events that the Church has used for hundreds of years to speak about the events of Holy Week.

## HOLY SATURDAY AND EASTER SEASON TRADITIONS

On Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup> we will have baptisms starting at 6:00 p.m. If you have someone who would like to be baptized call the Church Office at 852-9677. Also note that during the Easter 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.

## UNITED THANK OFFERING

This Sunday we will collect the mite boxes for the United Thank Offering. Don't forget! 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.

## EASTER CELEBRATIONS

On the Sunday of Resurrection, we will celebrate the Holy Eucharist using one of the most ancient prayers we have. At both the 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Eucharistic Services we will remember by name those who have died in the Hope of the Resurrection. At the start of the 10:30 service we will have the flowering of the Cross and after the service have the traditional Easter Egg Hunt and a Piñata for the children.

### *PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...*

*Laura, Mike, Jody, Moises, Patrick, Gabriel, Elena, James, Danielle, 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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**BIRTHDAYS**

Jacob Scott Guillen	April 4	Hillary Schwirtlich	April 5
Kyle Alexander Harris	April 8	Vivian Foster	April 10
Joe Carmona	April 16	Steve Norman	April 18
Wiley Williams	April 19	Nora J. Guillen	April 19
Jean Standley	April 27	Irene Christensen	May 2
Jesse Flores	May 4	Matthew Dylan Watts	May 4
Mary Jane Maldonado	May 6	Margaret Larmond	May 8
Reese Maughan	May 10	Jack Stiteley	May 21
Thomas Benton	May 26	Desiree Houze	May 25
William Houze	May 26		

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

\*OFFICE HOURS

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