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*December 11, 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**

**Jewish and Muslim theologians have a legitimate argument against the Christian Doctrine of the Incarnation. “How is it,” they argue, “that the vastness of the Holy One can be contained within a human body?” Or using a metaphor, they ask, “How can a glass of water from the Ocean contain the Ocean?” These were the early questions that Christian Theologians wrestled with in their own conversations and arguments on Christology; the study of the Divine and human nature of Jesus.**

**In answer we say that as God revealed self to Abraham, Moses, Jeremiah and others in the Jewish tradition and to Mohammad in the Muslim tradition, so God revealed self to us in the personhood of Jesus of Nazareth.**

**God became “real” to the Jews in the Exodus experience. It is at the Exodus that the Jewish nation was born and God acted on their behalf not because of who they were but because of who HE is: a merciful and gracious God. “I have seen the affliction of my people ... and have heard their cry (Exodus 3:7).” And God acted.**

**Mohammad yearned for his people to be unified and prayed that God would raise a prophet in line with those in the Jewish tradition to solve the problems of Arabs. Karen Armstrong in her book entitled A History of God writes, “He (Mohammad) never believed for a moment that *he* was going to be that prophet.” And God acted.**

**As Christians, we say that in the fullness of time God became Incarnate in the person of Jesus of Nazareth to show us what it means to be truly human. Human in the full sense of God’s intention for each one of us. To be human as Jesus demonstrated in his life and ministry is to live without fear, the kind of fear that paralyzes and destroys our God-given image; the fear that permeates and fuels the kind of violence we see all over the World. The radicalness and uniqueness of his message becomes, “Love your enemies.” Truly here is the Prince of Peace; God Incarnate. Come Emmanuel, “God with us,” come. Merry Christmas!**

**In His Name and Service,**

## SUNDAY READINGS

December 20	December 27	January 3	January 10	January 17
Micah 5:2-5a	Isaiah 61:10-62:3	Jeremiah 31:7-14	Isaiah 43:1-7	Isaiah 62:1-5
Hebrews 10:5-10	Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7	Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19a	Acts 8:14-17	1 Corinthians 12:1-11
Canticle 3	Psalms 147	84	29	36: 5-10

## LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

<b>8:00 a.m.</b> John Richard (E)	Johnnie Marie Steve	Lila Wiley	John Richard (E)	Johnnie Marie Steve
<b>10:30 a.m.</b> Jeri Jack Lucie © David (P)	Christine Kevin (E) Pam © Sam (P)	Carmen Kathryn Lynne © Sherman (P) Terry (E)	David Lucie Jack © Jeri (P)	Sam Pam Kevin © Christine (P) Carmen (E)
<u>Greeter</u> Joel	Steve	Lucie	Kevin	Cathy
<u>Ushers:</u> Kevin	Lucie	Cathy	Joel	Ava
<u>Hospitality</u> Terry	Open	Open	Open	Open
<u>Altar Flowers</u> Blackler/Murch	Boyett	Open	Open	Open
<u>Sunday School</u> Devon	Tamara	Kathryn	Desi	Devon
<u>Oblationers</u> Larmond	Buentellos	Ramirez	Buentellos	Darabie
<u>Keeper of the Key</u> Lucie	Cathy	Kevin	Lila	Steve

## **CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE**

This year Christmas Eve falls on Thursday. We will have a 10:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Service that night and on the following morning at 10:00 a.m. we will have a Christmas Day Service. Lay Readers for the Christmas Eve Service will be 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Carmen Horn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Jack Stiteley and Chalice: Lucie Harris. For Christmas Day the readers will be 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Lynne Blackler and 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Richard Blackler.

**TAMALADA- DECEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup> - DON'T FORGET!**

## **INQUIRER'S CLASSES 2010**

We will have the annual Episcopal visitation on March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010 . We will have Adult Inquirer's classes for those wishing to become Episcopalians starting January 10<sup>th</sup> . 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

## **YEAR- END STATEMENTS**

We will be sending the year end statements at the end of December and/or early January 2010. We ask that you review the statements for any discrepancies and/or errors and report those to us by the end of January. Please note that we will not send statements to those who contributed less than \$250.00 which is the maximum that one can deduct from the Federal Income 1040 schedule without proof.

## **FLOWER CHART FOR 2010**

The new Flower chart will be up on December 27<sup>th</sup>. There will also be Note Cards for you to style how you want the flowers dedicated. For example: The Flowers are given to the Glory of God "in loving memory of \_\_\_\_\_" or in thanksgiving for \_\_\_\_\_." The cost of flowers is \$ 30.00 for the New Year. We thank you for your participation in this important ministry of praising God on Sunday mornings.

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR HOSPITALITY**

One of the most important traits of Christians over the centuries is one of hospitality. It is a vital ministry that we all should be concerned about. All are called to be good hosts; please help by signing up for Sunday mornings. Provide cookies, cake or other treats for about 80 people (This is for both 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services). The sign-up list is on the Bulletin Board outside the kitchen area.

## **IT'S OUR SEVENTEENTH ANNIVERSARY**

**February 7 will mark the 17<sup>th</sup> 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, Debbie, Johnny, 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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*“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**

<b>Ryan O’Kelly</b>	<b>December 15</b>	<b>John Standley</b>	<b>December 22</b>
<b>Teresa Schwirtlich</b>	<b>December 19</b>	<b>Ramiro E. Lopez Sr.</b>	<b>December 24</b>
<b>Louie Dávila</b>	<b>December 22</b>	<b>Juanita H. Lopez</b>	<b>December 29</b>
<b>Kathryn Perley</b>	<b>January 4</b>	<b>Fernando G. Rivera</b>	<b>January 11</b>
<b>Lori Aguirre</b>	<b>January 18</b>		

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

**\*OFFICE HOURS**

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