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January 29 , 2010

# 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

**Times are financially difficult in the Corpus Christi Community. Churches are struggling financially, as are other non-profit organizations including the City of Corpus Christi. It is not unusual for this area to be reacting differently from others areas of the country in terms of recovery because we are always lagging behind in the economic cycle.**

**What is worrisome is that there is a sense of paralysis that needs to be undone. Our City as well as other entities is freezing spending, cutting services, and everyone else is living on the edge of what is happening. We are stuck. For the City coffer no sales means no sales tax income. Economic theory tells us that the issue is one of confidence or lack of faith and to get unstuck someone needs to take the lead in opening their pocket books and spending on goods. *Not borrowing in order to spend but using disposable income* for goods or services. For every dollar that is put into circulation in our economy, seven new dollars are created. Now, think about that!**

**It is unfortunate that our City had not planned ahead in its budgetary process for these type of cyclical economic problems. It is the public sector that normally has the ability to build up the confidence factor in a local economy. Already, we hear of cuts in services and road repairs that will further lead to the erosion of faith.**

**Part of the solution lies with you and me. We have to act in faith so that others can also trust. If you planned to have improvements done on your home, this is the time. If you have been non-committal to your Church in your financial planning, this is the time to make a commitment.**

**As I said this past Sunday, during times of crisis we should get connected with those verses of scripture that have sustained us in times of doubt and struggle. The verse from my friend in South Florida would be a great guide. “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.” *Proverbs 3:4.***

**The Peace of the Lord be always with you.**

**In His Name and Service**

## January. 31 - February 28, 1010

### SUNDAY READINGS

January 31	February 7	February 14	February 21	February 28
Jeremiah 1:4-10	Isaiah 6:1-8 (9-13)	Exodus 34:29-35	Deuteronomy 26:1-11	Genesis: 15:1-12, 17-18
1 Corinthians 13:1-13	1 Corinthians 15:1-11	2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2	Romans 10:8b-13	Philippians 3:17-41
Palm 71:1-6	138	99	91:1-2, 9-16	27

### LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE For

<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 Pam © Sam (P) Terry (E)	Carmen (E) Kathryn Lynne © Sherman (P)	David Lucie Jack © Jeri (P)	Sam Pam Kevin © (E) Christine (P)
Hospitality Open	Open	Sabsook	Hilliard	Open
Sunday School  Tamara	  Kathryn	  Desi	  Devon	  Tamara
<u>Altar Flowers</u>  Open	  Boyett/ Darabie	  Blackler	  Larmond	  E. Benton
<u>Keeper of the Key</u>  Cathy	  Kevin	  Lila	  Steve	  Lucie

## For March 7 - April 4, 2010

### SUNDAY READINGS

March 7	March 14	March 21	March 28	April 4
<b>Exodus 3:1-15</b>	<b>Joshua 5:9-12</b>	<b>Isaiah 43: 16-21</b>	<b>Isaiah 50:4-9a</b>	<b>Acts:10:34-43</b>
<b>1 Corinthians 10:1-13</b>	<b>2 Corinthians 5:16-21</b>	<b>Philippians 3:4b-14</b>	<b>Philippians 2:5-11</b>	<b>1 Corinthians 15:19-26</b>
<b>Psalms 63:1-8</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>31:9-16</b>	<b>114</b>

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Hospitality Open	Hilliard	Open	Cook	Open
<u>Altar Flowers</u>				
LeMonne	Hilliard	L. Vaughan	Boyett	Boyett
<u>Keeper of the Key</u>				
Cathy	Kevin	Lila	Steve	Lucie

### GREETERS, USHERS & OBLATIONERS

<u>Greeters</u> Lucie	<u>Kevin</u>	<u>Cathy</u>	<u>Kevin</u>	<u>Cathy</u>
<u>Ushers: Joel</u>	<u>Ava</u>	<u>Cathy</u>	<u>Lucie</u>	<u>Ava</u>
<u>Oblationers</u> Larmond	<u>Buentellos</u>	<u>Ramirez</u>	<u>Buentellos</u>	<u>Darabie</u>

## **A MESSAGE FROM THE BISHOP'S COMMITTEE**

The Bishops Committee of the Church is faced with some tough decisions. The running of the church is an honor we volunteer for each year, however times are now more dire than in past years. We have a proposed budget based on pledges that doesn't cover basics like electricity and payroll. We don't know where else to cut and where else to raise funds. We still owe last year's apportionment of \$11,000.00 and need to pay it. Please help. Your prayers, ideas, and support are needed. There will be changes in the coming months. Let your voice and opinions be heard. The Bishop's Committee is here to serve you.

## **FRIENDS OF CLIFF MAUS VILLAGE**

There will be a special meeting to be held at the Cliff Maus Village Activity room on Monday March 1<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 pm. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss "What is our ministry at Cliff Maus Village?" The discussion among Lay representatives of local parishes will be led by Jill Oettinger, the Executive Director of the Good Samaritan Center in San Antonio. If you have interest in this ministry and would like to be a representative for our Church, please visit with the Rev. Dávila as soon as possible.

## **CHRISTMAS ANGEL REPORT** *by Cathy Clark*

After the Tamalada on Sunday, December 20, I was to deliver Christmas gifts all had donated to the five families selected to receive gifts, food, and toys. I delivered to family No.4, a family who the parents are unemployed (although dad has a job now) and 5 small boys all under the age of 9 years. Upon arriving at their apartment, the gifts were unloaded and taken inside. A small Christmas tree was sitting in the living area with a few decorations on it. It was a small apartment for 7 persons, but extremely clean. The mother and father were surprised and so grateful for all the "blessings" (referring to the items we donated) and could not thank us enough. After leaving them, I received a phone call thanking us again for all the "blessings" and that they were just what they needed. For me, it warmed my heart, and was a wonderful Christmas gift seeing how much this family needed these gifts and how much they appreciated them. These "blessings" will make their Christmas a brighter one. Thanks to all of you who contributed to this giving, for these families will truly have a merrier Christmas! This year it was in the giving, not the receiving that I found peace.

## **COOKIES FOR THE DIOCESAN ANNUAL COUNCIL**

The Annual Council of the Diocese of West Texas will meet in Corpus Christi on February 18-20th. Over 1500 people gather to do the business of the Church. Reports are made by the various Commissions and Committees of the Church, a two year budget is voted upon for the next calendar year, and a proposed budget is accepted for the year following. The area Episcopal Churches along with the hosting Church, The Church of the Good Shepherd, will assist with hospitality. Six dozen or more cookies are needed from each Church. You may bake the cookies and freeze them in disposable containers for delivery to the Church of the Good Shepherd, 700 S. Broadway, from February 15<sup>th</sup> to the 17<sup>th</sup> prior to the Council meeting.

## **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. You can help by signing up for one Sunday morning to provide goodies 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. Two can also sign up for one Sunday.

### **IT'S OUR EIGHTEENTH ANNIVERSARY**

February 7 will mark the 18<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.

### **EPISCOPAL VISITATION-MARCH 7<sup>TH</sup>**

The Rt. Rev. David Reed, Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese of West Texas, will visit us on March 7<sup>th</sup>. The oversight and care of mission Churches are now part of his responsibilities. I believe this is a very good step in maintaining a more balanced view of Churches in the Diocese. Over the last 20 years, Mission congregations have been greatly impacted by changes made at the Diocesan level. Having a voice at the Administrative level will greatly aid in the discussion of the special challenges that mission congregations face. Come join us for a reception for the Bishop following the service.

### **FAT TUESDAY & THE MAKING OF ASHES**

On Fat Tuesday February 16<sup>th</sup>, we will have the traditional pancake supper. We will start serving pancake and sausage plates at 6:00 p.m. 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! We also ask that you bring your Palm Crosses so that ashes can be prepared for the following morning.

### **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES- February 17<sup>t</sup>**

*THE HOLY EUCHARIST AND THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES: 7:00 am., 12: 00 PM. AND 6:30 PM.*

### **THE LENTEN PROGRAM- WEDNESDAY NIGHTS**

“What verse or verses in scripture have been important to you and why?” We will explore this question as a way of understanding the importance of scripture and in our daily living.

### **MAUNDY THURSDAY & GOOD FRIDAY LITURGIES**

We will observe Maundy Thursday on April 1<sup>st</sup> with the solemn service depicting the Last Supper and stripping of the Altar at 7:00 p.m. On Friday night, April 2, also at 7:00 p.m. we will walk the Way of the Cross in which lay readers will lead us on the Via Dolorosa. Come join us for these two events that have been used by the Church for hundred of years to help us understand the events of Holy Week.

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

*Laura, Mike, Debbie, Johnny, Sandra, Mike, Kay, Joe, Gabe, Moises, Dorothy, Maria, Jo Beth, 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; 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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<p><b><u>SUNDAY SCHEDULE:</u></b></p> <p><b>8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist</b>  <b>10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist</b>  <b>10:30 a.m Children’s Chapel</b></p> <p><b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday- Anointing &amp; Laying on of Hands</b></p>	<p><b><u>OUTREACH MINISTRIES</u></b></p> <p>Sunday - Morning Prayer at Esplanade</p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> Tues. of the Month  <b>Salvation Army Canteen</b></p> <p><b>3rd Sunday- Food drive for Cliff Maus Village Pantry</b></p>	<p><b><u>TUESDAY:</u></b></p>
<p><b><u>WEDNESDAY:</u></b></p> <p>12:00 Noon Holy Eucharist</p>	<p><b><u>THURSDAY:</u></b></p> <p><b><u>BIBLE STUDY 10:15 A.M.</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>SATURDAY</u></b></p>

\*OFFICE HOURS

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

**BIRTHDAYS**

Lori Aguirre	January 18	Yolanda Sabsook	February 7	Lila Vaughan	February 24
Carole Ramirez	January 22	Anthony Zucha	February 13	Devon Misell	March 1
Lynda F. Boyett	January 28	Aaron Watts	February 14	Grace Bliss	March 3
Tamara Darabie	January 29	Siobhan Larmond	February 16	Sara Snyder Ramirez	March 10
Shana Darabie	January 30	Susie Slavik	February 17	Kristin Isabella Dávila	March 13
Matthew Murch	January 30	Elaine McMillen	February 20	Stella Cook	March 22
Roxanna Watts	February 1	Kenny Watts	February 23	Pam Carmona	March 25
Richard Blackler	February 4	Larry Christensen	February 23	Hillary Schwirtlich	April 5
				Kyle Harris	April 8