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# 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**

**A recent study shows that one out of four Texans (25% of the population) lives without Health Insurance. Yet, most Texans are against Health Care Reform. There are various reasons why this is the case. One is that we favor the free enterprise system and live with the myth of the “self made man.” This is a very individualistic orientation in World View and thus, we are hard pressed as a State to help the disadvantaged. Among us are many who rail against “welfare” and yet, if we honestly look at where we are in “welfare” spending as a State compared to the rest of the Nation we are on the bottom rung in most areas of health and human services. I could continue writing about “Corporate Welfare” and the false illusion of quality job creation by our setting aside Billions to attract Businesses to our State but I will stop here.**

**People are hurting. With a myth of the “self made man” also comes the notion that those in need, need to “pull themselves up by their own boot straps.” This is a Texan characteristic no matter where one may find themselves on the economic ladder or ethnic background. With 19.1 percent of the population living below poverty in Nueces County and with that percentage having grown by the recent economic situation, it is difficult for many to make ends meet.**

**The people that really need help, at times, are the very ones that refuse it. I know them and so do you. This year, I encourage you to act on their behalf. For Christmas, instead of using the Salvation Army Angel Tree, we will sponsor needy families that parishioners refer to us. The intent is not to embarrass them or make anything public about who they are; we will just help. Children are usually the ones who suffer in these families and we want to be especially mindful of their needs. As Christians we have a moral obligation to help our neighbor.**

**Having come from one of those proud families and having experienced difficult times in a family of ten, I remember being overjoyed when a older cousin brought us a bag of oranges from the valley one year. Those were the best oranges that I had ever tasted; that simple gesture was not forgotten and neither will yours be.**

**In His Name and Service,**

## SUNDAY READINGS

<b>November 15</b>	<b>November 22</b>	<b>November 29</b>	<b>December 6</b>	<b>December 13</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 1:4-20</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 23:1-7</b>	<b>Jeremiah 33:14-16</b>	<b>Baruch 5:1-9</b>	<b>Zephaniah 3:14-20</b>
<b>Hebrews 10:11-14, (15-18), 19-25</b>	<b>Revelation 1:4b-8</b>	<b>1 Thessalonians 3:9-13</b>	<b>Philippians 1:3-11</b>	<b>Philippians 4:4-7</b>
<b>Psalm: 16</b>	<b>132:1-19</b>	<b>25:1-9</b>	<b>Canticle 4</b>	<b>Canticle 9</b>

## LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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

## NOVEMBER 22<sup>nd</sup> - - THANKSGIVING MEAL

On Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, we will gather at the Church after the 10:30 a.m. Service and have a Thanksgiving Meal as a community. We will have smoked turkey, drinks, and side dishes. The congregational members are asked to bring their favorite trimmings plus desserts. It is always great fun and a time for all of us to come together. Invite your friends and family and especially those who may not have a Church home. There will be a sign-up list out this Sunday for volunteers.

## PLEDGE DRIVE 2010

As we prepare for next year's budget, we will offer our Pledge cards at the offertory on November 22 at both services. Bishop Read at a recent Retreat said that the following questions concerning the Christian life should be pondered by all Christians: "How does my life reflect the life and teachings of Jesus Christ? How do I support and participate in the life of a Christian community?" And, "How is it that I foster reconciliation in my family, extended family and the greater community?" If we were all to ponder these questions and act on them, we would be a better people of God.

## ADVENT WORKSHOP NOVEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup>

On Saturday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, we will have an Advent workshop starting at 8:30 a.m. to prepare the Church Sanctuary for the Advent Season. We will set up and decorate the Chrismon Tree and the Advent Wreath. This is a great time for time for fellowship and general clean up of our Sanctuary.

## 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.

## 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 the Salvation Army Canteen in the downtown area. We ask that you bring items already sorted so that it will be easier to distribute them. Our next turn to man the Salvation Army Canteen will be on Tuesday, December 8. If you have not assisted with this ministry you have missed an opportunity. It is a very rewarding experience and a blessing for all.

## CHRISTMAS GATHERING - - TAMALADA!

This is our community Christmas meal which will be celebrated after the 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Service on December 20<sup>th</sup>. There will be a list on December 13<sup>th</sup> for side dishes to accompany the tamales. Hope that you come to this time of fellowship and fun!

## 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**

Anna Elva Rivera	November 18	Pam Hilliard	December 5
Kay Veitch	November 22	Sherman Ray Estes	December 6
Magdalene Houze	November 22	John Francis Ramirez	December 6
Cathy Clark	November 24	Ferman C. Rivera	December 9
Joel Hilliard	December 3	Cass Harris	December 13

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

\*OFFICE HOURS

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