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October 9, 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

There is a Spanish saying: “Hablando, las cosas se entienden,” that is roughly translated: “Through speaking comes understanding.” The training that Terry and I received last week titled: Developing Competent Leadership in a Multi-Cultural Setting, leads me to believe that this statement is a fallacy. It is not a question of speaking- or of speaking “your mind or heart,” but rather about listening. Listening is especially important cross culturally.

We have different ways of communicating and of valuing time. According to studies in communication styles there are two basic ways to communicate. One is called high context communication and the other low context communication. High context communicators value relationships and the use of stories, parables and analogies. The low context communicator values time and the efficiency of language and the unvarnished truth. The majority of us find ourselves somewhere in the middle of these extremes.

Low context communicators want decisions made quickly and “let’s get to the point.” High context communicators want to tell a story and in a very indirect way, have decisions made by a consensus of those affected.

I find it interesting that when it comes to Church, most people prefer to hear the high context communicator in preaching. It should not be surprising since Jesus was a high context communicator and much of what we find in the Bible are stories.

As Episcopalians we value the scriptures and, as a matter of fact, 90% of our Prayer Book derives it’s content from the bible. So come join us in Worship this Sunday and do some “Holy listening.”

In His Name and Service,

SUNDAY READINGS

October 11	October 18	October 25	November 1	November 8
Job 23: 1-9, 16-17	Job 38: 1-7,(34-41)	Job 42:1-6, 10-17	Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9	Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17
Hebrews 4:12-16	Hebrews 5:1-10	Hebrews 7:23-28	Revelation 21:1-6a	Hebrews 9:24-28 1:17-27
Psalm: 22:1-15	104:1-9,25	34:1-8,(19-22)	24	127

LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

8:00 AM Service				
Lila Wiley	John Richard (E)	Johnnie Marie Steve	Lila Wiley	John Richard (E)

10:30 AM Service				
Carmen Katherine Lynne © (E) Sherman (P)	David Lucie Jack © Jeri (P)	Sam Pam Kevin © (E) Christine (P)	Sherman Lynne Kathryn © Carmen (P)	Jeri Jack Lucie © David

<u>Greeter</u>				
Joel	Steve	Lucie	Kevin	Cathy
<u>Keeper of the Key</u>				
Kevin	Lila	Steve	Lucie	Joel
<u>Ushers:</u>				
Kevin	Lucie	Cathy	Joel	Ava
<u>Hospitality</u>				
Desi	T. Dávila	Devon		Eileen
<u>Altar Flowers</u>				
Stiteley	Murch	Buentello	Harris	Larmond
<u>Oblationers</u>				
Darabie	Larmond	Buentellos	Ramirez	Darabie

OPPORTUNITIES FOR RETREAT AND RENEWAL

This Fall there are several opportunities to expand one's spirituality through Workshops and Retreats. Here are dates and topics for you to consider: October 12-16: **Christian Contemplative Christ Centered Prayer Retreat** lead by the Rev. Sandra Casey-Martus & Carla Mancari at the Mustang Island Episcopal Adult Conference Center; October 23-25: Fall Women's Gathering. This year's theme is *Be Joyful in Hope* led by the Rt. Rev. David Reed and Rev. Annie Finn at Camp Capers; November 12-15: Journey of the Heart - A Diocesan Silent Retreat for Men and Women led by The Rev. Linda Ricketts at the Moye Retreat Center in Castroville, Texas.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

This Sunday the Bible Study Class will meet to select our new study. Being considered are books by Dominic Crossan entitled: The First Christmas and Excavating Jesus. You are invited to come and be part of this decision making process which may also include planning a series of studies for the next two Church Seasons.

THE FEAST OF ALL SAINT'S

This year the Feast of All Saint's falls on Sunday, November 1st. We will set up a table in the Sanctuary so that we may place pictures of loved ones that have died. On October 25th, we will start a sign-up list for loved ones who have died and want to be remembered on All Saints Day. It is very proper that we thank God for all the Saints that have preceded us - - "ordinary people like you and me."

WORK DAY - - OCTOBER 24TH

We will have a Work Day on October 24th. We need to replace air condition filters, light bulbs, weeding of flower beds and overall clean-up of our church building and grounds. Starting time: 8:00 am and we will end at noon. We need lots of help!

CHURCH'S WEB PAGE - [The Episcopal Church of Reconciliation](#)

Please visit our web page on the internet. We have a preparation process for listening to Sunday's lessons. For Lay Readers, this is especially important as you prepare for Sunday mornings. This service on our Web page was not working until recently. The writers of these materials do a great job of giving background information and raising questions for the readers. Please express your gratitude to Sam Ramirez who is our Web Master and keeps our site up to date. Gracias Sam!

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Laura, Mike, Debbie, Tammy, Rudy, Joe, Gabe, Tammy, Rudy, 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 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, for those who grieve and for peace.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES-

The Church is sponsoring a canned goods drive. Please participate and bring your can to Church

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BIRTHDAYS

Pat Flynn Dino Guillen Terry Dávila	October 10 October 14 October 15	Wendy Molina Ava Darabie JoAnn Zucha Kay Martucio Luebirty Williams	November 1 November 5 November 7 November 8 November 10
<u>SUNDAY SCHEDULE:</u> 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist <u>3rd Sunday-</u> Anointing & Laying on of Hands	<u>OUTREACH MINISTRIES</u> Sunday - Morning Prayer at Esplanade 2 nd Tues. of the Month Salvation Army Canteen 3rd Sunday- food drive for Cliff Maus Village Pantry	<u>TUESDAY:</u>	
<u>WEDNESDAY:</u> 12:10 p.m. Holy Eucharist	<u>THURSDAY:</u> BIBLE STUDY 10:15 A.M.	<u>SATURDAY</u>	

*OFFICE HOURS

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