



St Mary's Messenger



A few years ago I heard Fr. Charles Fulton at a clergy education day in the Diocese of West Missouri. At the time he was serving as the Evangelism Officer for the Episcopal Church. He said some things that caused me to think more intentionally about our work of inviting people into a relationship with Jesus. Those same thoughts have filtered into my thinking over the past few days.

One thing that continues to be on my mind is something that Fr. Fulton said about spirituality. He talked about a Spirituality of Habitation and Dwelling as opposed to a Spirituality of Practice. His premise was that we in the Episcopal Church have way too much of the former and not near enough of the latter. In other words we are much more interested in talking about how beautiful our church buildings are than we are in talking about our church, the people, specifically how God is active in our very practice of living our day to day lives. God is not found in our buildings, God is found in us! The story of God and God's people, then and now, is a story about wandering and how God is active in the lives of those who wander. If God were about place, habitation and dwelling, God would have ceased to be real for us after the destruction of the Second Temple in Jerusalem in about 70 AD, about 40 years after the death and resurrection of Jesus. God is not bound to a place like The Temple or a church, God is bound to and in us, God's people.

The call to action on Sunday in the dismissal is a call to Get Up! Get Out! and Get Lost! Not lost in the sense of not knowing where we are, but to get lost in the midst of God's people. In that losing of ourselves we must be ever attentive to the opportunities that God places before us to share our faith.

Do we ...get up every morning and *ask God to bless our faith community and to send new people our way*? If we don't we should.

Do we ...ask God to open our eyes to opportunities to share our story of wandering with God? If we don't we should.

Do we ...trust God to give us the words in order to share our faith? If we don't we should.

Do we ...live each day with the expectation that God will bless our lives with discomfort that causes us to be a witness to the Good News? If we don't we should.

Do we...

I could go on with a few more, but I think that God would like for each of us to add our own, do we's, to the list. The work we are required to do here, at St. Mary's, is work that requires the deep commitment and action of each one of us. It cannot be done by only a few; it requires the whole of the Body of Christ, which is all of us my sisters and brothers.

May God's peace that comforts the afflicted and afflicts the comfortable stir our hearts to greater work for God.

Peace,

Fr. Reid



Libby's Corner

His Kids

Richard Williams' HIS KIDS will be going to camp the first week of June for the younger ages and the first week of July for the older ones. To sponsor a child is \$75. St. Mary's has already made a \$200 donation but if you would like to make a donation or sponsor a child, Father Reid will be more than happy to see that your donation reaches Big R's kids.

We will be serving their group through the summer, the 4th Monday of each month. We have already planned the menus, so *check the bulletin board for opportunities to bring part of the meal we've planned*. If you haven't been able to help us serve these children I'd like to invite you to come and see God at work in these children. They are fun kids, most of them smiling and all of them hungry. We'd love to have you join us.....Libby, Linda and the gang of HIS KIDS servers.

Godly Play

Godly Play has ended for the summer but will resume in the fall. We need children ages 4-8 and adults to help with the lessons. These children are very hungry for a fun place to learn about God and Godly Play is a wonderful tool to do just that. The children can play through the stories of the Bible, craft their understanding of the story and interact with others. Alex, Katie Ann, Catie, Camille and a few other children have attended this year's classes. We'd like to invite any child 4-8 to come and enjoy the fun.....participate in a wonderful curriculum that enhances the child's Christian education. Come and visit our class and see for yourself what a very good program we're presenting to our little ones.....they are learning and it's so much fun to see it.....Tulisha, Libby and Mary have been the teachers this year and a multitude of doorkeepers help to keep the classes moving along. *If you're interested in being a teacher or a doorkeeper let one of us know.* We're very proud of our room and the program- come by anytime...

Columbarium News

Our Columbarium has been in the planning stage since the fall of 2010. The education about our new Columbarium and its niches began in January of 2011. It was expected to take most of this year to introduce the idea, develop the detail plan, start the sales process and get a feel from the parish about the addition of a new Columbarium. The purchase of a niche is a very personal decision for the



subscriber and we believe that a need was present before the idea was even a possibility. We are extremely proud of the response and support because our new Columbarium is now a reality.

The placement of the structure is painted with orange spray paint on the grass in the yard beside the Hirst House. Take a look and let us know what you think. It will be a beautiful place; quiet, reverent, and peaceful. As I spoke with Mike Hail recently, we discussed construction details, placement of additional sidewalks, accessibility to visitors and his affirmation that it will, in fact, be the peaceful place that we want. The construction is carefully and conscientiously starting. We expect to have the project completed, tentatively, in June. Our plan is to arrange for a reinterment time and notify family members of the plan. We have had quite a bit of interest in attending the ceremony.

We have collected over \$16,000 and we need \$21,600 to fully fund the building project. We have sold 15 niches and collected some \$1,400 in donations (which is part of the \$16,000). At this time, **we need about \$5,000 to fully fund the project.** We would need to sell 5 niches to reach our goal or raise about \$5,000, or a combination of sales and donations. If you are considering purchasing a niche, this is the time to make your selection. We are offering a time payment option to anyone wanting a niche but needing that time payment option. We will be using 4 niches that will not be paid for as we could not reach those individuals families to notify them of an impending move.

If a niche is not in your future and you would like to help us reach our goal, your donation will be gratefully and sincerely appreciated. Memorials are another way to help us raise the needed funds. We need your help for this worthy project.

The Columbarium will be in St. Mary's future for generations to come, housing parish members and their immediate family members. With this addition, our history will be sealed in stone. Documentation of our genealogy will forever be recorded. As far as we know, St. Mary's will have the only Columbarium in our area.

Please consider donating to this important and special project. Your involvement will certainly make a difference. If you have any questions or would like to begin the purchase process please contact Father Reid, Kathleen Woodby or Libby Bluntzer. Thank you!

Words of Wisdom....

We have all accumulated a large supply of healthy, positive experiences which remind us that God is worthy of our trust. Although we face challenges and difficulties, God has never let us down. This hasn't prevented us from having problems; if that had been the case, we would have missed out on life-changing lessons that we might not have learned any other way. Instead, we have been given challenges and opportunities - but never more than we can handle. Even when we fear that circumstances are too much, help, guidance, and comfort are always there. Today when we encounter a crisis, we have no need to fear. Our experience teaches us that we can rely on God to help us through what happens. Each time we take this risk, we see that God steps in to help. Each day is an opportunity to build a supply of positive spiritual experiences. Take note of what happens when you trust God.

(Courage to Change)



Blast from the Past!

Check out these fun photos of activities at St. Mary's Parish Hall!! A friend who attended our church as a child came across these and brought them to share with you. The handwriting on the back is hard to read, so some names are garbled... (*Are YOU one of them?*)



SOME names from photo above include:

Bottom Row:

...Lansford, Bill Terry, Bryan Bullock, ?, "X" Brown, "X" Winters, Tish Casbeer, ??, Kren Brown, Tammy Fox

2nd Row:

Virginia "X", Pam Morris, Cynthia Grubb, Carl Ray Phillips, Landi Russeli, Kristy Lea Clarence

3rd Row:

Greg Johnson, Amanda Fields, Jan Sanders, Tracy Cloud, Carol Easters, Robert Lansford, Sam Michelle, Mary Anne Bishop, Sharon "X"

Top Row: Mrs. "X" Michelle, Jane Cantrell



Left to Right (starting at Piano)

At Piano: Kristy Lea Clarence

2nd Row: Pamela Morris, Robert Lansford

3rd Row: Carl Ray Phillips, Greg Johnson

4th Row: Landi Russelli, Sharon "X",
Amanda Fields, Mary Anne Bishop, Jan
Sanders, Tracy Cloud, Carol Easters

Note on bottom of photo says:

Mrs. Claunch

Mary (#1) Halvorson forwarded the following notice:

Bless your clergy by sending them to Camp Allen's [Clergy Appreciation Event](#), taking place on July 19-20, 2011. \$90 per clergy (their family goes free). Rates include hotel, 4 meals, and activities. Fr. Reid can take friend for same price. Activities: luau meal, hikes, pool, stargazing, etc. We would love to have your church's clergy join us!

Register at 936-825-7175 or campallen.org - or talk to Mary Halvorson (she's all for sending Reid and Marie!!)

DON'T MESS WITH TEXAS - OR THE ST. MARY'S TRASH TEAM!!

Nine folks helped pick-up 15 bags of trash Saturday morning: Lee and Tulisha Carson, Lola Cureton, Tom and Mary Hart, Fr. Reid and Marie Morgan, Terry Sherman and Victor Reed. Much thanks to those who came out to help! **Our next trash pick-up is scheduled for 17 September.** Have a safe summer and "Don't Mess With Texas!"

Victor Reed



Kathleen's Kitchen:

(Kathleen Woodby)

Now, I am not a big fan of broccoli. But I am growing some in my garden and took the first heads yesterday. I went to America's Test Kitchen site and asked for a recipe. Wow! Wouldn't have thought of roasting it! I actually liked the broccoli this way. It has a nutty flavor. And the recipe is SOOO simple. Thought I would share it with my best friends. Hope you enjoy it. I'm sure it would be better if you have your own broccoli growing or can get it at a farmer's market rather than the grocery store.

Roasted Broccoli with Optional Garlic

From the episode: *Great Glazed Chicken*

Serves 4

Trim away the outer peel from the broccoli stalk, otherwise it will turn tough when cooked. For Roasted Broccoli with Garlic, stir 1 tablespoon minced garlic into the olive oil before drizzling it over the broccoli.

INGREDIENTS

- 1** large head broccoli (about 1 3/4 pounds)
- 3** tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 1/2** teaspoon table salt
- 1/2** teaspoon sugar
- Ground black pepper
- Lemon wedges for serving

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Adjust oven rack to lowest position, place large rimmed baking sheet on rack, and heat oven to 500 degrees. Cut broccoli at juncture of florets and stems; remove outer peel from stalk. Cut stalk into 2- to 3-inch lengths and each length into 1/2-inch-thick pieces. Cut crowns into 4 wedges if 3-4 inches in diameter or 6 wedges if 4-5 inches in diameter. Place broccoli in large bowl; drizzle with oil and toss well until evenly coated. Sprinkle with salt, sugar, and pepper to taste and toss to combine.
2. Working quickly, remove baking sheet from oven. Carefully transfer broccoli to baking sheet and spread into even layer, placing flat sides down. Return baking sheet to oven and roast until stalks are well browned and tender and florets are lightly browned, 9 to 11 minutes. Transfer to serving dish and serve immediately with lemon wedges.

TECHNIQUE

FLAVOR BOOST FOR BROCCOLI

Tossing the broccoli with a little sugar before roasting helps it brown more evenly and taste even better.





HAPPY GARDENING

Phil ("Mr. Green Jeans") Brown

How I Grow Tomatoes

Tomatoes are one of the few vegetables that "like" to be planted in the same spot every year. That led me to create four raised beds 2 feet wide and 8 feet long. The real key to growing tomatoes is **soil preparation!** From experience and books, I prepared the soil in my beds using about 35-40% peat moss, 10-15 % nursery sand, mixing in some humus and a little cow manure roto-tilled into the existing soil into the bed (After I removed the top foot of existing soil). Basic Preparations: In each bed, I dig 4 holes 14 inches across and 14 inches deep. This is not hard after amending the soil in the bed. I then mix a shovel full or two of the bed soil with a shovel full or two of peat moss and another dash of cow manure in a wheel barrow. In the bottom of each hole I add a tablespoon of 1-2-1 fertilizer (or a prepared tomato food), 1 teaspoon of Epsom Salts, and half cup of Diatomaceous Earth (to kill grub worms). I mix this thoroughly with the soil in the bottom of the hole, then fill the hole full of the wheelbarrow mixture. (this is to ensure that the tomato plant roots do not immediately come in contact with too rich a mixture). After I remove the tomato plants, I snip off the two bottom leaves and sometimes any "low" branches so that 80% of the tomato stem is underground. This is because the plant will form roots along that underground stem to take in more nutrients and water. With a hand trowel I dig a hole deep enough to bury 80% of the stem and water them in real well. By the time the plants have accustomed themselves to the transplanting and begin to grow, the roots "slowly" move into the good stuff at the bottom of the hole and shoot up rapidly. I always try one bed of 4 plants as early as they appear in the nursery, this year I planted 4 plants in mid-Feb. I took the chance of a freeze and did not lose them this year. They are now 2 1/2 feet high and have marble size tomatoes as of this writing (14 April). I planted the rest of my tomatoes around the middle of March. Eventually, most of the plants will grow completely "out" of the top of my 6-8 foot towers.

Thanks to Mel Mike Tooley, tomato towers concrete wire. They very With some had, I now about 20 work with. grew Celebrity,

Beef Steak, Big Beef, Park's Whopper, and a new tomato called Mountain Pride. I have "never" had any luck with America's favorite tomato, Burpee Big Boy!



Boseman and I have strong made from reinforcing were both generous. hog wire I have a total of towers to This year I Carnival, Early Girl,

Making it easy! You can make all this easy by just buying a pot and some potting soil and planting your tomatoes and feed them with tomato food. When I grow potted tomatoes, I buy the little round wire towers to hold them steady.



Soil Amendments! Ann and I noticed that the tomatoes grown by her relatives in East Texas are more “acid” tasting than ours as the soil is more acid; and we like them better. There is something that can be done. Aluminum Sulfate/Sulfur helps create an acid soil condition so we add some to at least a few of our plants. Bone Meal helps sturdy root systems, hastens maturity, and stimulates plant growth, so we use that also. Dried Molasses adds organic matter and increases Microbial Activity, so we use this also. You can find small 2-4 lb bags of all these at your local nursery with complete use instructions on each bag.

Pests/Disease: Unfortunately, tomatoes are plagued by a host of insects and disease. The most prominent insect here is the red spider mite. There are 3 natural plants you can include in your tomato bed that will “help”

repel the mites. Garlic, Marigolds, and White Icicle Radishes. If you grow the radishes, let them bloom and go to seed. If that does work, the best insecticide I have found is Kelthane (local nursery). It’s so powerful you can only use it twice in one season.

That’s how we do it. Would really love to hear how you do it! 556-4973 or email p-abrown@sbcglobal.net.

Pentecost 101

Pentecost (Ancient Greek: Πεντηκοστή [ἡμέρα], *Pentēkostē [hēmera]*, "the Fiftieth [day]") is one of the prominent feasts in the Christian liturgical year commemorating the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples of Christ after the Resurrection. The feast is also called **Whitsunday** especially in the United Kingdom. Pentecost is celebrated seven weeks (50 days) after Easter Sunday, hence its name. Pentecost falls on the tenth day after Ascension Thursday.

Pentecost is historically and symbolically related to the Jewish harvest festival of Shavuot, which commemorates God giving the Ten Commandments at Mount Sinai fifty days after the Exodus. Among Christians, Pentecost commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus as described in the New Testament Acts of the Apostles 2:1-31. For this reason, Pentecost is sometimes described as the "Birthday of the Church".

According to legend, King Arthur always gathered all his knights at the round table for a feast and a quest on Pentecost: *So ever the king had a custom that at the feast of Pentecost in especial, afore other feasts in the year, he would not go that day to meat until he had heard or seen of a great marvel.*

Germany's great poet Johann Wolfgang von Goethe declared Pentecost "das liebliche Fest" - the lovely Feast, in a selection by the same name in his Reineke Fuchs. "Pfingsten, das liebliche Fest", speaks of Pentecost as a time of greening and blooming in fields, woods, hills, mountains, bushes and hedges, of birds singing new songs, meadows sprouting fragrant flowers, and of festive sunshine gleaming from the skies and coloring the earth - iconic lines idealizing the Pentecost holidays in the German speaking lands.

Further, Goethe records an old peasant proverb relating to Pentecost in his "Sankt-Rochus-Fest zu Bingen" - *Ripe strawberries at Pentecost mean a good wine crop.*



[Alexandre Dumas, père](#) makes mention of Pentecost in [Twenty Years After](#) (French: Vingt ans après), the sequel to [The Three Musketeers](#). A meal is planned for the holiday, to which La Ramée, second in command of the prison, is invited, and by which contrivance, the Duke is able to escape. He speaks sarcastically of the festival to his jailor, foreshadowing his escape : "Now, what has Pentecost to do with me? Do you fear, say, that the Holy Ghost may come down in the form of firey tongues and open the gates of my prison?"

[William Shakespeare](#) mentions Pentecost in a line from [Romeo and Juliet](#) Act 1, Scene V. At the ball at his home, Capulet speaks in refuting an overestimate of the time elapsed since he last danced: "What, man? 'Tis not so much, 'tis not so much! 'Tis since the nuptial of Lucentio, Come Pentecost as quickly as it will, Some five-and-twenty years, and then we mask'd." Note here the allusion to the tradition of [mumming](#), [Morris dancing](#) and wedding celebrations at Pentecost. (Wikipedia)

The Last Laugh...

(I came across these - lots of different answers...all very funny!)

Question: How many Episcopalians does it take to change a light bulb?

Answers:

1. Change the light bulb??? My grandmother donated that light bulb back in 1972!
2. Four - 1 to call the electrician, 2 to serve the wine and one to complain about how much better the old light bulb was!
3. At least ten, as they need to hold a debate on whether or not the light bulb exists. Even if they can agree upon the existence of the light bulb, they still might not change it, to keep from alienating those who might use other forms of light.
4. One to actually change the bulb, and nine to say how much they liked the old one.
5. What do YOU MEAN CHANGE THE LIGHT BULB!!!! MY SAINTED GRANDMOTHER PURCHASED THAT LIGHT BULB.....



Brain Work!!

I sat in a student meeting a few weeks ago and noticed that the staff member who was sitting next to me was doing a crossword puzzle rather than listening to the discussion. At first I was a bit miffed, but when I saw the subject of the crossword, I had to ask for a copy!! Get your bibles out and see if you can do it! (If you want the solution - ask Reid...or email me). The race is on - **DQ Blizzard to the first one who finishes it and lets me know!**

BIBLE CROSSWORD 9

ACROSS

1. And the next sabbath day came a t
the whole city together to hear the
word of God. (Acts 13:44)
5. They that y long at the wine; they
that go to seek mixed wine. (Prov.
23:30)
8. And myrtle branches, and palm
branches, and branches of thick trees,
to make b s... (Neh. 8:15)
9. Thou didst cleave the fountain and the
 (Ps. 74:15)
11. Then said the LORD unto me; This
shall be shut... (Ezek. 44:2)
12. ...that thou mayest learn to fear the
LORD thy God (Deut. 14:23)
14. ...and the firstfruits of them that
slept (1 Cor. 15:20)
16. U h the Hittite: thirty and seven in
all. (2 Sam. 23:39)
17. He was c f of the three: for lifting up
his spear against three hundred, he
slew them... (1 Chron. 11:20)
18. And having spoiled principalities and
powers, he made a shew of them
o y... (Col. 2:15)
19. These things saith he which hath the
sharp sword with two (Rev. 2:12)
22. Let us not therefore one another
any more... (Rom. 14:13)
23. And Esther answered, If it good
unto the king... (Esther 5:4)
24. Either of two bks. after James
25. If thou canst answer me, set thy words
in order before me, s d up. (Job
33:5)
26. ...and the voice of the is heard in
our land (Song of Sol. 2:12)

DOWN

1. And the priest shall take some of the
 of oil... (Lev. 14:15)
2. Give wings unto , that it may flee
and get away... (Jer. 48:9)
3. Surely your turning of things upside
down shall be esteemed as the
p r's clay... (Isa. 29:16)
4. Who is Abimelech, and who is ,
that we should serve him? (Judg. 9:28)
5. They are brought down and t n: but
we are risen, and stand upright. (Ps.
20:8)
6. And the fourth , a beryl, an onyx,
and a jasper... (Exod. 39:13)
7. ...behold, a young lion against him
(Judg. 14:5)
9. ...spread abroad his in all that
country (Matt. 9:31)
10. ...and the first took a wife, and left
no seed (Mark 12:20)

13. Then let him count the years of the
thereof... (Lev. 25:27)
15. Also can any understand the
spreadings of the clouds, or the n e
of his tabernacle? (Job 36:29)
18. ...I have offended; return from me: that
which thou on me will I bear. (2
Kings 18:14)
19. And on the fourteenth thereof, and on
the fifteenth day of the same they
f d... (Esther 9:18)
20. Ye shall bring out of your habitations
two wave leaves of two tenth ...
(Lev. 23:17)
21. ...knowing that they do stripes (2
Tim. 2:23)
22. Bk. after Isa.
24. Upon my right hand rise the youth; they
Answer on page 91

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