



St. Andrew's Tidings

Oscar Romero, the Roman Catholic bishop and advocate for the poor once said, "The spiritual life does not remove us from the world, but leads us deeper into it." In our Gospel for this Sunday, Jesus is deep into controversy. He has just appointed the twelve and has been the agent for many healings casting out demons, and one specific exorcism. And the religious leaders of the time are beginning to feel an enmity for him because Jesus is accomplishing what they cannot do—and they are envious. Blind people are receiving sight, crippled people are being made to walk, and those with bizarre behavior are being restored to normal life. Usually such things have been happening at times when Jesus was present to place his hands on the person or to speak words of power. But at times the Lord's assurance, spoken from a distance, had effected healing.

The power manifested in Jesus' works is awesome—it is clearly beyond the control or the understanding of the scribes. So they grasp at the idea that Jesus is making use of a power hostile to their religious traditions and therefore somehow threatening to God. They propose that Jesus is in league with the most powerful of devils, and that his success in exorcism actually supports something far worse than the afflictions from which he has provided relief.

But Jesus answers this serious charge on two levels. First, logic teaches that it would be folly for Satan to attack his own forces, and neither Jesus nor his hearers believed that the devil was stupid. This line of explanation leads Jesus to a parable that depicts the spiritual situation caused by his own entry into human history. Satan is the strong man who has maintained control over the fallen world order. But now one stronger than Satan has come against him. In Christ's incarnation, the full power of God has broken into the realm controlled by Satan, and has shattered the power of evil. *Jesus' successful exorcisms are the seizing of possessions that evil has controlled.*

But there is more. The eruption of God's power into a fallen world makes forgiveness and a new start available for everyone who will accept such forgiveness. Yet there is the prospect that some will not accept; and this is illustrated by the people who see Jesus' ministry as an alliance with evil. For those

who call good evil, and evil good, and who therefore cling to their sins with resolution and devotion, there can be no forgiveness.

To insist that one's rebellion against God, however it has been fashioned, is *something in which one will persist forever* is to be guilty of an 'eternal sin.' Anything can be forgiven, apart from *the determination* (by persisting in one's evil ways) *not to be forgiven!*

The final portion of the reading is not directly related to the rest. There is much in Jesus' teachings affirming that loyalty to God's purposes must outweigh devotion to family. It seems that at this stage in Jesus' ministry, none of his family take him seriously as God's representative. So here, when he is surrounded by a great crowd and is told that his mother and brothers are asking for him, he answers that his true family consists of those who do the will of Abba his Father. Living by this truth will not dissolve our family loyalty, but it will remind us that unless we first respond to the love of God reaching out to us, we will have nothing to offer others.

Jesus became a Brother to us when he came down from heaven and was made Man for us and for our salvation. In the same way he invites us to be a brother, sister, mother to him by doing God's will and giving ourselves to the service of others the way Jesus gave himself. Sometimes we get so wrapped in our own families that we let them become gods, rather than giving them to Jesus, and letting him do the work. By our senses we can see only the action of the creature, but faith, says, French Jesuit Jean-Pierre de Caussade, sees the creator acting in all things. Faith sees that Jesus Christ lives in everything and works through all history to the end of time, that every fraction of a second, every atom of matter, contains a fragment of his hidden life and his secret activity. The actions of created beings are veils which hide the profound mysteries of the working of God.

Namaste',

Margaret

***BREAKFAST BEGINS THIS WEEK AT
8:30. \$3.00 PER PERSON; \$5.00 PER
COUPLE; \$7.00 PER FAMILY***

Events Coming Up
St Andrew's Spring Concert Series

Stacey Holliday and Friends: This Sunday, June 7, 4:00 p.m.

Fourth of July Celebration on the Front Lawn; Music, Food, Fun and Fireworks.

July 26 at 4 p.m.: Pianist Andrew Lagrimas will present his FSU Senior Doctoral Recital.

CHAIRS

How wonderful it was that at the Memorial Service last weekend we did not have enough chairs, but were able to supplement with our folding chairs. We have sold 90 of the new cathedral chairs, but still have 60 chairs to pay for. Here is your chance to honor someone by giving a chair in their name, or giving it as a birthday present, or give one on your birthday. The chairs are \$241.33 each, and the hassocks are \$90.75. Let's finish up the chairs! Thanks in advance. *Anne Staley*

Stacey Holliday and Friends
This Sunday, June 7; 4:00 p.m.



Hear this incredible group-piano, violins, and cello, play Vivaldi, Beethoven, Bach, and Franck !

Stacey Holliday, Piano; Mary Ellen Reddie and Yasya Brown, Violin; Ann Wilson, Cello.

\$\$\$\$\$ Let's Finish up the Change Bucket !!

Bring your change this week, so that we can max it out and let you guess how much. There will be prizes for the ones coming closest to guessing the amount! You can even match the amount!!

ALL THINGS EPISCOPAL: OR "WHAT DO YOU CALL IT?"

Cassock: A long garment, usually black, worn originally to keep warm, and now customarily worn under any vestments to be used in the liturgy.

Dalmatic: The liturgical vestment traditionally associated with deacons.

Elevation: In the Eucharistic prayer, the custom of lifting up the consecrated elements during the Words of Institution.

Epiclesis: The Invocation in the Eucharistic prayer, often centered on the activity of the Holy Spirit to change the bread and wine into the body and blood of Christ.

Homily: A sermon, usually an exposition of the appointed scripture readings at the Eucharist.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROJECTS

Please leave items in the baskets under the bulletin board in Byrne Hall

- **Grocery Cart Ministry-** This month we will be collecting Peanut Butter and/or Jelly for the St. Andrew Baptist Center of Hope Food Pantry. The pantry is expanding its hours 9-noon Monday to Friday and also 6-8 pm on Thursday to serve working people who need assistance. Thank you to everyone who brings food items for us to take to the Center of Hope.
- **Prescription Bottles:** The Center of Hope also has a medical clinic. They need empty prescription bottles with label removed. See Margaret Seeberger if you have questions.
- **Magazines:** Hannah Davis takes current magazines that you are done reading to Sacred Heart Bay Med to distribute to patients and their families.
- **Sample size toiletries:** If you have unopened sample size soaps, shampoos, toothpaste or other items, we can take them to the Center of Hope Medical Ministry for distribution.
- **Supper at Grace: June 18**



*Please sign up to cook for Summer Breakfast.
Summer breakfast begins next Sunday, June 7th.*

SUPPER AT GRACE

Thursday, June 18th is St. Andrew's turn to host Supper at Grace at Grace Episcopal Church on the Beach. Preparation begins at 10:00 a.m. for approximately two hours in Byrne Hall to prepare 50 sack lunches to be given to guests at Grace. This At 2:00 p.m. we gather at Grace to prepare the evening meal which is served from 6-7. If you can cook, greet, serve, or clean up, we need your help. If you are unable to attend but would like to be a part of this ministry, we need plastic sandwich bags and one gallon zip lock bags. Contact Teri Floore (763-2439) for more info.



Flowers

If you are planning to order flowers to be placed at the Altar, please notify Shirley Gobat at 785-1131 a couple of weeks in advance so that the flowers can be ordered. The cost is \$65.00. Also, remember to sign the new Altar Flowers poster in Byrne Hall.

MOVIE NIGHT

FRIDAY, JUNE 19

6 P.M.

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Parish Hall

1608 Baker Court



DINNER AND A MOVIE

Dinner: Pizza (vegetarian option available), red and white wine, ginger ale and chilled bottled water.

Trivia Contest at end with winner getting bottle of wine or champagne.

Movie shown on big screen (48-inch) color TV!

No admittance fee, but donations accepted and encouraged. One-hundred percent (100%) of all donations will go to Living Stones building fund.

If you are interested in Centering Prayer, there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board

Please keep the following in your prayers : Warren, Ruth Ann, Rosemary., Walt, Susan, Mary, Diane, Tammy, Alex, Betty, Jim, Mikey, Larry, Gary, Jonathan, Pat, Marty, Rita, Eric, Stephanie, Elijah, Dorothy, Dan, David, Don and Family, Kristy, Austin, Sandra, Anne, Tracy, Page, Norma, Lisa, Elaine, Madison, Bob, Toni, Jimmy, Faye, Shawn and John, Beth, Carol, Virginia, Iva, Frank, Cynthia, Bob, Harry, Montie

We pray for our men and women in the Armed Forces at home and abroad: Jeff, James, Andrew, Kenneth, Evan, Ryan, Joe, Nate, Richard, David, Brian, Jason, Billy, Colin, Todd, Brett, Jordan, Jeremiah