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THE CROSSROADS

From The Desk Of The Rector

The following is a modified version of the April 2006 column by the rector.

We have almost come to the very heart of the Christian faith. Of course I am talking about Holy Week and Easter. As Christians, we are called to be Resurrection people. Unfortunately though, we often expect resurrection on our own terms. Those terms usually include starting with life, avoiding the suffering and death part, and skipping right to the already risen Jesus. Even as a Christian priest, I can find myself extremely uncomfortable with the notion of my own mortality and the mortality of those I love.

I believe that good evidence of our unwillingness to face suffering and death is apparent in the number of Christians who come to church on Palm Sunday and do not return until the following week, the First Sunday of Easter. Indeed that was the norm for most churches until the recovery of the ancient liturgies of the church during the 20th century. Western Christianity, chiefly Roman Catholics and Anglicans, restored

the great liturgies of the Paschal Mystery that embraces the whole core of Christian proclamation, 'Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again'.

While priests don't do a lot of stern admonishing these days, I will strongly, but lovingly, encourage you to participate in Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil this year. These three services are actually considered three parts of one service known as the *Triduum Sacrum* (sacred three days) that convey the wholeness of the Christian proclamation.

Maundy Thursday is marked by the commemoration of the institution of the Holy Eucharist and the washing of feet (be prepared to have your feet washed and, ladies, please wear knee-high hose or shorter). The service does not conclude but 'dissolves' with the darkening of the church, the stripping of the altars, and the removal of the blessed sacrament to an altar of repose in the tower room. The drama of the evening's liturgy helps us to participate in that last evening when Jesus washed his disciples' feet, shared the last supper with them and then was

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**Fr. Kelley J. Lackey II
Rector of St. Andrew's**

The ladies will lunch

The women of St. Andrew's will get together for lunch on Tuesday, April 24, at Coburn's, 18th Avenue and Industrial Road. Women may come as early as 11:30 a.m. – or whenever it's convenient.

This lunch may inaugurate a series of gatherings to allow women to get to know one another better. The schedule of future events will be flexible to allow for varying schedules, so if you're interested but can't make this meeting, let Helen Call know the times that are good for you.

The men will gather

For the first time in over 20 years, the men of St. Andrew's will meet for fellowship and coffee every first Sunday of the month at 9:00 am in the parish hall. The group's first meeting will be Sunday, May 6. If you are a man and you are in any way remotely connected to St. Andrew's, you are already a member! For more information, see Josh Taylor.

Rebuilding Together looking for volunteers

Rebuilding Together, formerly Christmas in April, will have its work day to help Emporia area residents with small home improvements on Saturday, April 21. Rebuilding Together is a designated outreach ministry of St. Andrew's. Parishioners who are skilled in minor construction projects are especially encouraged to participate. If you feel called to this outreach opportunity, contact Fr. Kelley for details.

Vestry's next meeting

Members of the St. Andrew's Vestry will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 12, in the Parish Hall.

This meeting, like all vestry meetings, is open to every parishioner.

Crossroads deadline

April 20 is the deadline for information to be included in May's Crossroads.

Please drop off any information at the church office or e-mail it to oread1978@yahoo.com by noon that day.

The Great Fifty Days of Easter is a traditional time for parishioners to have their parish priest come and bless their houses.

House blessings can be intimate affairs with one or two people present or an occasion to throw a major house party.

Contact Father Kelley if you would like to schedule a house blessing.

Incense and Holy Water are available upon request.

From the Senior Warden

As we prepare for Holy Week, it is important that we pray for our church and for Father Kelley. Bishop Wolfe reminded several of us of this responsibility during our recent lay leaders training. We were also reminded to share our time and talents with God and with our church. Too many times, we wait to be asked when we should say, "Here I am, Lord, use me."

Our church has many members who willingly step forward and demonstrate servant leadership. We owe a big thanks to Don Bailey and everyone who made the Shrove Tuesday pancake supper a huge success. Special thanks also go to Jacque James for her willingness to help with this year's stewardship campaign, to Deborah Cotterman for agreeing to help Colleen Mitchell with Sunday school, and to Josh Taylor for his initiative to start a men's group (Men of St. Andrew's).

Through February, our finances are still ahead of budget even though expenses far exceeded receipts for the month. Total receipts of \$28,561 are \$4,305 better than budget. Our expenses of \$27,233 are \$2,254 worse than budget. A big reason for this variance is our electric and gas bill. For February, we spent \$1,659, which is the highest utility bill our church has ever experienced. Utilities and snow removal make up a majority of our unfavorable expense variance.

Bill Barnes
Senior Warden

St. Andrew's thanks . . .

. . . Nancy Pontius, junior warden, and all the parishioners who showed up to labor on the March 24 work day.
. . . Shirley Schoap, who sees to it that kitchen towels are always laundered and ready for use.
. . . All the hostesses and hosts who volunteer their time and culinary talents to provide coffee hour each Sunday.

Holy Week Schedule April 1-8

Palm Sunday 10:30 am Liturgy of the Palms & Holy Eucharist

Holy Wednesday 6:00 pm Tenebrae

Maundy Thursday 6:00 pm Foot Washing, Eucharist & Stripping of the Altars

Fr. Kelley will hear confession in the chapel following the Eucharist until 8:00.

7:00 pm Vigil with the Blessed Sacrament in Tower Room
-Sunrise

Good Friday 12:00 noon City-wide Stations of the Cross

We will meet at St. Andrew's and process to Sacred Heart (First & Exchange). Please wear comfortable shoes. Note: procession starts at St. Andrew's, not at Sacred Heart as previously announced.

6:00 pm Good Friday Liturgy & Veneration of the Cross

Confession will be heard after the liturgy by an out-of-town priest in the chapel and at the altar rail by Fr. Kelley.

Holy Saturday 8:00 pm Great Vigil & First Eucharist of Easter

This is the principal service of the entire Christian Year. Gala reception following the Great Vigil. Note: There will be incense at this service. Please bring a bell.

Easter Sunday 10:30 am Choral Holy Eucharist
12:00 pm Children's Easter Egg Hunt

Child care provided for children aged 6 and under on Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday Eucharist (not the vigil with the Blessed Sacrament), Good Friday evening liturgy, Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday.

Rector's Column

betrayed, arrested, and taken away in the darkness. Following the service, I will be in the chapel to hear private confession. A watch (also known as a vigil) will be kept by anyone who would like to spend an hour with the Blessed Sacrament at the altar of repose (see sign up sheet on the bulletin board).

Good Friday is the one day of the year that the church is forbidden to celebrate a Holy Eucharist. The Good Friday liturgy has no opening or retiring processions, which subtly reminds us that we are in the middle of the story. The service is marked by the reading of the Passion and Veneration of the Cross. Any leftover Sacrament is consumed and the church is stark and cold. The starkness of the day hangs heavy with death and the church feels more like a dark and lonely tomb. In this service we are confronted not only with the suffering and death of Jesus, but also with the painful reality that sin, human suffering, and death are an ongoing reality. Once again, I will be available for private confession following the liturgy. If you are uncomfortable having me hear your confession, Fr. Craig Loya, our diocesan campus missionary, will be available to hear confession as well.

The Great Vigil of Easter begins at sunset on Saturday evening because the ancients saw sunset as the beginning of the new day. The church is darkened and our drama continues with the lighting of the new Paschal flame. Out of the darkness of death breaks forth a tiny glint of light, the story of Israel's redemption is recounted, and we reaffirm our baptismal vows with those who are

baptized with Christ into the resurrection life. (That is why the Paschal Candle stays by the baptismal font after Easter and is used at funerals; as a sign of our Easter life in our Baptism!) After the reaffirmation of our baptismal vows is finished, the Great Alleluia is sung, the candles are lit, the lights return, and bells are rung (don't forget to bring your own bells from home to increase the joy!) and the choir and musicians break forth in music. At this moment we are reminded that through Jesus Christ's death and resurrection, we are brought out of the darkness of death into the light and joy of resurrection. After the Great Vigil, the Parish Life Committee will host a gala reception complete with wine and all the goodies you have denied yourself during Lent.

Three nights in a row may seem like a lot of church for many of us. On top of that, I know that these services are emotionally and spiritually demanding with their lows and highs. But please trust me when I say that if you commit yourself to the full experience you will be greatly rewarded. Ask anyone who has committed to the full Triduum, and they will share with you that it will profoundly change your life in Christ. And after all, isn't that what we as the Church are all about?

Pax, Kelley+



“If you commit yourself to the full experience you will be greatly rewarded.”

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Milestones

We celebrate:

Births

- April 1 – Nick Jacob
- April 7 – Glenn Williams
- April 14 – William Clamurro
- April 16 – Rick Mitchell
- April 25 – Rick Law
- April 26 – Katie Adams
- April 27 – Nancy Garcia
- April 29 – Jake McCracken

Baptisms

- April 4 – Cade Amend
- Sabra Amend
- Trish Weidert
- April 6 – Mark Crofoot
- April 10 – Delaney Adams
- Gould Garcia
- Blake Mitchell
- Jennifer North
- Tom Resch
- April 11 – Judy Calhoun
- April 14 – Gary Mason
- April 15 – Kathryn Lackey
- April 17 – Kelley Lackey II
- April 18 – Weston Defoor
- April 20 – David Walker
- April 21 – Leigh Ann Crofoot
- April 22 – Chase Harder
- April 28 – Allie Mitchell

Confirmations

- April 13 – Nancy Pontius
- April 14 – Janet Ayers
- Mark Harder
- April 17 – Judy Calhoun
- Nancy Gilpin
- Sue McKinney
- April 25 – David Walker
- April 28 – Ruthann Resch
- April 30 – J.R. Wilhelmson

Marriages

- April 4 – Ray and Helen Call
- April 21 – Patrick Kelley and Lynn Bonney
- April 22 – Roger and Helen Samuelson

We remember:

- April 3 – John Jefferson
- Ryan Sr.
- April 6 – Emma Dooley Person
- April 8 – Dude Pykiet
- Dean Swift Wells
- April 10 – Lischia Hill
- April 15 – Carl Unger
- April 18 – James Andrew Hendrix
- April 20 – Carol Baysinger
- April 21 – Bertha Jean Marlar
- April 22 – Norva L. Howerton
- April 24 – Walter Falconer
- Arthur Kirk Leonard
- April 25 – Sabra Whitley Austin
- April 26 – Adah Wade
- April 27 – Mary E. Wells
- Campbell
- Mary Katherine Bond
- Frisby
- Frank Ragsdale
- April 28 – Florence Davis
- Yearout
- April 29 – William Madison
- Price
- April 30 – Fred R. Corbett

From time to time, names are unintentionally omitted from the parish calendar—even the rector’s daughter’s birthday, which is March 12. When this happens, please call or e-mail the office so that we can correct our records.

**SUNDAY SCHEDULE
April 8-May 6**

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| | April 8 (Easter) | April 15 | April 22 | April 29 | May 6 |
| | Jean Runge | Gary Mason | Jean Runge | John Schwenn | Gould Garcia |
| Chalice bearer | Christopher Lynch | Jenny Harder | Rick Mitchell | Sue McKinney | Justin Davis |
| Priest server | Brian Dyer | Chase Harder | Jordan Crofoot | Gary Mason | Brian Dyer |
| Crucifer | Will Dyer | Hannah Harder | Allie Mitchell | Cody O'Mara | Will Dyer |
| Torch 1 | Josh Taylor | Gladys Azzun | Will Dyer | Josh Taylor | Gladys Azzun |
| Torch 2 | Bill Barnes | Lynn Bonney | Millard Harrell | Jean Runge | Ray Call |
| Reader | | Bill Barnes | Adam Rust | Bill Clamurro | Marged Amend |
| Prayers of the People | Mary Halleran | Ray Call | Judy Schwenn | Ashley Taylor | Ann Jacobs |
| Nursery 1 | Gladys Azzun | Helen Call | John Schwenn | Leigh Dyer | Nick Jacob |
| Nursery 2 | Chase & Mark Harder | John Bannon | Bill North | Mark Harder | David Mai |
| Greeter 1 | June Hubert | Shirley Bannon | Ann North | June Hubert | Susan Mai |
| Greeter 2 | Patrick Kelley | Mary Mingenback | Sue McKinney | Jean Runge | Mary Mingenback |
| Lay Eucharistic Visitor | Sue McKinney | Jean Runge | Bill Barnes | Patrick Kelley | Millard Harrell |

Please remember that if you are not able to serve you are responsible for finding your own substitute.