

THE GOOD NEWS

Holy Faith Episcopal Church
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A congregation of many
nationalities worshipping
together in joy.

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especially for

You

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Sunday

8 am. Rite I with music

10 am Rite II with Choir

Noon Rite II Spanish

Sunday School at 10am and noon

Wednesday

10am. Holy Communion and Healing Service.

6:30pm – Bible Study

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

5/01 Inga Duncan
Jose Molinuevo
5/05 Barbara Windolowski
5/08 Patrick Cozier
5/11 Leonard Marshall
Emilio SanMiguel
5/12 Augustin SanMiguel
5/13 George Cleary
5/14 Charlene Griffin
5/17 Father Pepe



5/17 Martin Bustamante
5/17 Socorro Velarde
5/17 Mark Claren
5/18 Aria Melendez
5/19 Allan Huggins
5/23 Randolph Maison
5/30 Lorenzo Campoli
5/31 Bill Claren

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



SOME WORDS ON WORDS

Some words and thoughts from Father Bill

We like to use big words in the Church, but we do not always know what those big words mean, and that is a pity. This month, for example, sees the Feast of Pentecost, but how many of us know that the word, Pentecost, comes from the Greek word meaning “fifty”. The Church calls this festival Fifty, because it falls fifty days after another great festival. Yet the original Feast of Fifty Days was so named not because it came fifty days after a Christian festival, but fifty days after the Jewish festival, the celebration of the Festival of Unleavened Bread.

That was how Luke used the term in Acts of the Apostles chapter 2, verse 1, and again in chapter 20, verse 17. For Luke, it would seem, it is little more than a date on the Jewish equivalent of the liturgical calendar. In Acts 2 it is the day that he chooses to give a context to the giving of the Holy Spirit, a story he recounts with awe-inspiring gusto. But that is Luke. The evangelist whom we call John describes the giving of the Holy Spirit in a very different, much quieter manner and he sets in on a different date, the evening after the Resurrection of Jesus.

Pentecost, and a word derived from it, Pentecostal, have taken on a very different meaning from what we read in Acts of the Apostles, but that is all part of the way in which the meaning of words and concepts changes over time. I mention all this to highlight the point that words and concepts take on different meanings, even though the basic language is the same. When the language is English, we are all aware of these differences, but we do not always recognize them. I suspect the same is also true of Spanish, as I discovered in my days as a United Nations editor/translator.

In the case of English, words have come to mean different things in different places largely on account of the time when the English language was

introduced in a particular area. Thus I learned that the meaning of some English words as they are used in Jamaica reflects the usage of the writers of the time when England first took over the governance of the island in the seventeenth century. For someone from “off the island” it helps to be familiar with the writings of John Milton, John Bunyan and John Donne since the English spoken in Jamaica is based on the English used by those writers and their contemporaries. In a similar way, the English used in the United States, or at least the eastern United States, often reflects that of late eighteenth-century English writers, just before England gave up governance of the colonies.

Wherever the English language has been taken and has taken roots it has blossomed in a way that is unique to that environment. It is no wonder that English-speakers do not always understand each other, and even misunderstand each other. And, as I say, I suspect the same is true of Spanish speakers. Then, when you throw into the mix the pronunciation of the words, then the difficulties are multiplied. Yes, we all believe that we are speaking the same language, but in truth the words that we use sound differently to others and often their meanings are different. So we need to be patient with one another, especially with those for whom English (or Spanish) is at best a second language. We need to take time to discern what someone else is thinking and not just what that person is saying in words. But then, as any married couple will tell you, the same is true even in the closest of relationships.

We need to listen, then, not just with our ears, not even with our minds, but with our hearts, for, hopefully (to use an American English word!), we speak from our hearts to one another, and so it should be with our hearts that we should listen to one another.



Pastoral Care Ministry

An Ancient Hymn

At thy feet, O Christ we lay
Thine own gift of this new day;
Doubt of what it holds in store
Makes us crave thine aid the more;
Lest it prove a time of loss
Mark it, Saviour, with Thy Cross.

If it flow on calm and bright,
Be thyself our chief delight;
If it bring unknown distress,
Good is all that Thou canst bless;
Only, while its hours begin,
Pray we, keep them clear of sin.

We in part our weakness know,
And in part discern our foe;
Well for us, before Thine Eyes
All our danger open lies;
Turn not from us, while we plead,
Thy compassions and our need.

Fain would we Thy Word embrace,
Live each moment on Thy grace,
All our selves to Thee consign,
Fold up all our wills in Thine,
Think, and speak, and do, and be
Simply that which pleases Thee.

From: The Book of Common Prayer, 1940.

Submitted by Shirley Heath.

'By My God I Can'

'...By my God I can leap over a wall.'

[2 Samuel 22:30 NKJV](#)

What 'wall' stands between you and God's blessing? Limited resources? Past failures? Does the job look too big and you feel too small? Rise up and say, 'For by You I can run against a troop; by my God I can leap over a wall.' Instead of accepting what your sight and your senses tell you, stand on the promises God has given you in His Word. On the other side of the wall there is victory for you. AB Simpson said, 'You will never learn faith in comfortable surroundings.' It was after the disciples came through the storm that they asked, 'What manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey Him?' ([Matthew 8:27 KJV](#)) The One who commanded them to get into the boat knew there would be a storm, yet He sent them into it. Why? To develop their faith!

A little boy was crossing the ocean with his father, who was captain of the ship, when they ran into a terrible storm. The waves tossed them about like a cork and everyone was sick with fear. But he sat unafraid, his eyes directed toward a certain spot. When someone asked him why he was not afraid, he answered; 'I have my eye on that little window. Through it I can see the bridge, and on that bridge is my father. He's the captain of this ship. He has taken it through many storms and I know he will take it through this one too.' Rejoice, you will make it through this storm and get to the other

side. God has promised it. Start saying, 'By my God I can.'

Bob Gass – The Word for Today

HAPPENINGS AT HOLY FAITH

On May 12th, Holy Faith will be holding a Spring Barbeque. This will be the first Social, and .Fund Raiser of the year and it is with great anticipation that members of Holy Faith will come out in great numbers to show their support and get to know each other better while enjoying the good food that will be served. Tickets are on sale. \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 12.

You can see George Cleary or call the church office for more information. (772 464 4570).

On this day the Thrift shop will be holding a Yard Sale from 8am to 4pm. Be sure to check and see all the “finds”, there is for sale!

On May 16th at 1 pm, Leslie Bossa of Lifetime Pictures will be meeting with the Pictorial Directory Team, to discuss the various aspects of planning a successful Project. Invitations to become members of the team will be going out in the near future.

On May 16th, the four Episcopal Parishes in Port St Lucie will meet at Holy Faith to celebrate the Feast of the Ascension. There will be a light meal at 6pm and the Service will begin at 7pm. Fr. Bob Brandt of the Church of the Nativity will be the Celebrant and Fr. Mike Goldberg of St Augustine of Canterbury in Vero Beach will give the Sermon.

On May 27th, THE DAY OF PENTECOST, will be celebrated in a combined service at 11am.

The Vestry has voted to rent space to the Church of God of Prophecy. They meet on Sunday mornings at 10am in Shenandoah Hall.

On September 30, 2012, the Fourth Bishop of the Diocese of Central Florida, Gregory Brewer, will be visiting Holy Faith.

This is an invitation to all who wish to be Confirmed or Received into the Episcopal Church, or who wish to Reaffirm their vows. Please inform Fr. Bill or Fr. Pepe, so that steps can be taken to prepare the candidates for these events.



FYI

LAUS DEO - Do you know what it means ?

LAUS DEO

One detail that is never mentioned is that in Washington , D.C. There can never be a building of greater height than the Washington Monument.

With all the uproar about removing the ten commandments, etc., this is worth a moment or two of your time. I was not aware of this amazing historical information.

On the aluminum cap, atop the Washington Monument in Washington , D.C. , are displayed two words:

Laus Deo.

No one can see these words. In fact, most visitors to the monument are totally unaware they are even there and for that matter, probably couldn't care less.

Once you know *Laus Deo's* history, you will want to share this with everyone you know. These words have been there for many years; they are 555 feet, 5.125 inches high, perched atop the monument, facing skyward to the Father of our nation, overlooking the 69 square miles which comprise the District of Columbia, capital of the United States of America.

Laus Deo! Two seemingly insignificant, unnoticed words. Out of sight and, one might think, out of mind, but very meaningfully placed at the highest point over what is the most powerful city in the most successful nation in the world.

So, what do those two words, in Latin, composed of just four syllables and only seven letters, possibly mean? Very simply, they say 'Praise be to God!'

Though construction of this giant obelisk began

in 1848, when James Polk was President of the United States, it was not until 1888 that the monument was inaugurated and opened to the public. It took twenty-five years to finally cap the memorial with a tribute to the Father of our nation,

Laus Deo 'Praise be to God!'

From atop this magnificent granite and marble structure, visitors may take in the beautiful panoramic view of the city with its division into four major segments. From that vantage point, one can also easily see the original plan of the designer, Pierre Charles l'Enfant a perfect cross imposed upon the landscape, with the White House to the north. The Jefferson Memorial is to the south, the Capitol to the east and the Lincoln Memorial to the west.

A cross you ask? Why a cross? What about separation of church and state? Yes, a cross; separation of church and state was not, is not, in the Constitution.

So, read on. How interesting and, no doubt, intended to carry a profound meaning for those who bother to notice.

When the cornerstone of the Washington Monument was laid on July 4th, 1848 deposited within it were many items including the Holy Bible presented by the Bible Society.

Praise be to God!

Such was the discipline, the moral direction and the spiritual mood given by the founder and first President of our unique democracy

'One Nation, Under God!'

I am awed by George Washington's prayer for America Have you ever read it? Well, now is your unique opportunity, so read on!

' Almighty God; We make our earnest prayer that Thou wilt keep the United States in Thy holy protection; that Thou wilt incline the hearts of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to government; and entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another and for their fellow citizens of the United States at large. And finally that Thou wilt most graciously be pleased to dispose us all to

do justice, to love mercy, and to demean ourselves with that charity, humility, and pacific temper of mind which were the characteristics of the Divine Author of our blessed religion, and without a humble imitation of whose example in these things we can never hope to be a happy nation. Grant our supplication, we beseech Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.'

Submitted by Aurora Mata.

THE ROAD TO EMMAUS

Why Emmaus?

Many persons go through life unable to forgive themselves and others for things that have happened in the past or they have developed bad habits that are preventing them from reaching their full potential of peace and happiness with their families, friends, colleagues and especially with God.

If you, or someone that you know, is in need of improving their personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ, this is a great opportunity to do so.

Going to an Emmaus retreat will arm you with the tools needed to have spiritual strength to make necessary changes in your life.

I am working with St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church and they are having a Men's Emmaus Retreat in English the week end after Mother's Day, May 18, 19, 20.

I have attached an application with all of the necessary details. It is not necessary to be a Catholic to attend and grants are available for those who are unable to pay the registration fee.

The Emmaus men at St. Peter and Paul are a great bunch of guys and they work very hard to make each retreat an unforgettable and life changing experience for all who attend.

If you do not feel comfortable approaching someone regarding this, please call me and I will be happy to intervene.

Blessings to all,

Luis "Lucho" Sanabria
305-498-6557

Applications are available in the Church Office.

SERVERS' SCHEDULE MAY 2012

<u>LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>USHERS/ GREETERS</u>	<u>FLORISTS</u>
<p>6. 8am – E. Francis 10am - G. Williams</p> <p>13. 8am L. Crossett 10am – B. Claren</p> <p>16. Service for Ascension 7pm – L. McCalla</p> <p>20. 8am – S. Heath 10am – H. Walcott</p> <p>27. PENTECOST Combined Service 11am – L. McCalla</p>	<p>6. 8am – E. Francis M. Wisniewski</p> <p>10am – M. Sangster G. Horne</p> <p>13. 8am – L. Crossett M. Upright</p> <p>10am – J. Stone D. Moehl</p> <p>16. Service for Ascension 7pm – 1st Lesson – St. Andrew Psalm – St. Simon 2nd Lesson – Nativity POP – Holy Faith</p>	<p>6. 8am – C. Upright M. Upright</p> <p>10am - J. Guilleume</p> <p>13. 8am - C. Upright M. Upright</p> <p>10am – L. McCalla U. McCalla</p> <p>20.8am - W. Goddard M. Goddard</p> <p>10am - TBA</p>	<p>6. S. Heath J. Newport</p> <p>13. M. Stephenson E. Dixon</p> <p>20. D. Huggins I. Vaceannie</p> <p>27. P. Smith A. Creary V. Stephenson</p>
<p><u>ALTAR GUILD</u></p> <p>6. 8am - M. Thomas 10am - I. Vaceannie</p> <p>13. 8am - J. Newport 10am - I. Vaceannie</p> <p>20. 8am – M. Thomas 10am - I. Vaceannie</p> <p>27. PENTECOST SUNDAY Combined Service 11am – J. Newport I. Vaceannie</p>	<p>20. 8am – S. Heath A. Anter</p> <p>10am – B. Claren C. Inniss</p> <p>27. PENTECOST SUNDAY Combined Service 11am – 1st Lesson - V. Alleyne 2nd Lesson - G. Horne Psalm - L. Crossett Prayers of the People - A. Mata</p>	<p>27. 11am - TBA</p>	<p><u>COFFEE HOUR HOSTS</u></p> <p>6. Thrift Shop</p> <p>13. Men Hosting Brunch for Mothers Day</p> <p>20. Choir</p> <p>27. Pastoral Care Greeters/Ushers</p>