

FROM THE RECTOR...

LIBERTY AND FREEDOM



In the Collect for Independence Day (*Book of Common Prayer, Page 263*) we first acknowledge God as the source of our liberties and ask him "...that we and all the people of this land may have grace to maintain these liberties in righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

Independence Day...like Thanksgiving Day...is not a Church Festival. However, it is entirely appropriate we spend some time thanking God for the religious freedom we enjoy in this country...and remind ourselves..."Every good gift and perfect present comes from heaven; it comes down from God, the Creator of the heavenly lights, who does not change or cause darkness by turning." (St. James 1.17)

There is some debate as to whether the words *liberty* and *freedom* have the same meaning. Some would say...

...To have *liberty* is to be unencumbered (i.e., you may do whatever you want),

...To have *freedom* is to enjoy the benefits and protection provided by society (i.e., we have some constraints).

One could argue we give up some of our liberties for the sake of freedom...civil and criminal laws are in place to protect us...and impose penalties on those who break those laws. Absence of such laws could lead to a free-for-all state of anarchy.

Our purpose here isn't to debate the meanings of the words *liberty* and *freedom*...but to think about what the Collect for Independence Day is asking us to consider...God is the SOURCE of our liberty and freedom...and yes we believe it was through his "*mighty power our fathers won their liberties of old.*"

We celebrate the liberty and freedom we have to attend Mass every Sunday and to worship God as Anglican Catholic Christians. We should not take our liberty and freedom for granted. We should ask God for his guidance in using our liberty and freedom properly...doing what is right and good and glorifies him...and pray for our leaders and peace in our country and throughout the world.

Father Craig Looney+

INDEPENDENCE DAY...

Independence Day falls on the first Wednesday in July this year. It has been our custom at Saint Joseph Parish to transfer the observance of Independence Day to a convenient Sunday. We will observe Independence Day on Sunday 1 July and commemorate the Fifth Sunday after Trinity. Our Liturgy will conclude with the singing of both verses of the National Anthem (#142, Hymnal 1940).



VESTRY MEETING...



Vestry Meeting

The Vestry will meet on Sunday 1 July immediately following coffee and fellowship time, commencing at approximately 10:30 AM. We will meet in the classroom across from the Rector's Office. On the Sundays Vestry meetings are held...the Discussion Group will

not meet. Regular Vestry meetings are open to all interested parishoners.

CALL PRIMROSE...

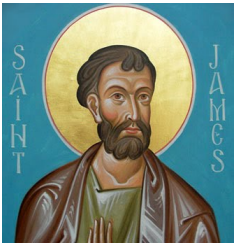
During the Month of July we will be collecting canned or pouched tuna and other meat products. Bring your food contributions to Sunday Mass and we will deliver them to CALL.



CALL also has a "Wish List" of items they always need in addition to our monthly collections. Please feel free to bring any of the following items at any time:

- Canned Chili
- Canned Pasta w/Meat
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Peanut Butter
- Soy Milk
- Travel Size Shampoo/Conditioner
- Toothbrushes/Toothpaste

JULY AND AUGUST BCP FEAST DAYS...



25 July...Saint James the Apostle (*Book of Common Prayer, Pages 246-247*)...James, the son of Zebedee, was the first of the apostles to suffer martyrdom and the only apostle whose death is recorded in the New Testament. According to Acts he was put to death by Herod

Agrippa I in 43-44 AD. According to legend Saint James made a visit to Spain before his martyrdom. Santiago de Compostela had been the destination of many pilgrims since the 9th century, who walk the Way of Saint James in his honor.

6 August...the Transfiguration of Christ (*Book of Common Prayer, Pages 247-249*)...has been a major feast of the Eastern Churches since the Fourth Century...and in the Western Church since the 15th. Its importance as a pivotal moment in the life of Jesus, is evidenced by the fact all three Synoptic Gospel writers include it in their narratives. The Transfiguration is a miracle that happens to Jesus and marks the conclusion of his public ministry...by all accounts a dismal failure...those who initially celebrated his arrival turned against him when he did not live up to their expectations of becoming a temporal and nationalistic Messiah. Even the three disciples who were his closest friends couldn't understand the meaning of what they were witnessing. We will observe the Transfiguration of Jesus on Sunday 5 August.



24 August...Saint Bartholomew (*Book of Common Prayer, Pages 249-250*)...was one of the Twelve Apostles. He is mentioned by name only in the Synoptic Gospels, always in the company of Saint Philip. He was a witness to the Ascension of Jesus as recorded in Acts 1.4, 12-13. He is identified with the Nathanael of John's Gospel, who is introduced to Jesus by Philip.

The name *Bartholomew* is English for Bar-Tolmai coming from Aramaic...meaning *Son of Tolmay*...or *son of the furrows*...or in more modern English...*plowman's son*. He and his father may have farmed digging trenches for planting seeds.

The 4th Century Church Historian Eusebius of Caesarea states after the Ascension, Bartholomew undertook a missionary journey to India where there was a thriving Jewish community. He left behind a copy of Matthew's Gospel in Hebrew. He and his companion Saint Jude "Thaddeus" are said to have been martyred in Armenia...and are the patron saints of the Armenian Orthodox Church.

WANDA'S LEMON CAKE...



Here is a recipe for a tasty lemon cake provided by the niece of one of our parishioners.

- 1 box lemon cake mix
- 1 box lemon instant pudding
- 3/4 cup Oil
- ...Mix together with wire whisk

- 4 eggs
- ...Add one at a time

- 1 8 oz can of 7-up
- ...Mix well and pour into a greased and floured bundt pan

Bake at 325 degrees for about 40 minutes or until feels firm to the touch.

Mix 2 cups powdered sugar and juice of 1 large lemon... pour over slightly cooled cake. Put in refrigerator until cold.

WORD PUZZLE SOLUTION...

Here is the solution to last month's Word Puzzle on Seasons of the Church Year. How did you do? Did you find all of the words?

SEASONS OF THE CHURCH YEAR

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- EPIPHANY
- ADVENT
- PENTECOST
- PASSIONTIDE
- ASCENSIONTIDE
- CHRISTMAS
- PRE LENT
- LENT
- ROGATIONTIDE
- EASTER
- TRINITYTIDE

WHAT IS A PARISH...?

Have you ever wondered what the *Parish* part of our name...Saint Joseph *Parish*...means? In English...first attested to in the 13th century...the word *parish* can be traced to the Ancient Greek *paroikia* (παροικία), "sojourning in a foreign land"...today we might say "staying with a friend or living in a foreign country temporarily".



Historically, a *parish* covered the same geographical area as the manor and its association with the parish church remains paramount to this day. The term *parish* refers not only to the territory, buildings and lands it encompasses...but more importantly to its people. The term *parish* is used primarily by Roman Catholic, Anglican, Eastern Orthodox and Lutheran churches.

Saint Paul writes our true citizenship is in heaven (Phillipians 3.20) and Saint Peter talks about our "living" like strangers in a strange land (1 Peter 1.17 and 2.11). If we take to heart what our friends Peter and Paul are saying...we can understand our life on Earth is a "living" in a strange land leading us ultimately to where our true citizenship...and our permanent residence lies...heaven.

The vehicle for our "living" is the *parish*...the *paroikia*...Saint Joseph Parish...not so much our historic church building as beautiful as it is...but the community of Saints trying to live our lives according to God's plan in this temporary home called Earth.

Saint Joseph Parish is a faith community and a family seeking to love God and each other and serve the city of San Mateo and surrounding area...spreading the Good News...inviting others to come and join us on our journey home.

ALTAR GUILD...



Saint Joseph Parish has always been a parish of exemplary volunteerism...things need to get done...and they do get done. We have three dedicated ladies who take care of the linens and priests' vestments and prepare the Altar for Mass. They would welcome some help...why not consider serving God as a member of the Altar Guild...perhaps once per month...as a member of the Altar Guild. No experience necessary...just the desire to serve God. Training is provided. Please see Father Looney or a member of the Altar Guild

SUMMER EXPENSES...

Many of us travel during the summer months...we need time away from work to recharge our physical (and spiritual) batteries. Unfortunately...the expenses incurred each month by the parish don't take a vacation...they are "due and payable" regardless of who is or isn't here on any given Sunday during the summer. Please keep this in mind and arrange to pay your pledge to the parish before you take off on that well-deserved trip.



LIKE US ON FACEBOOK...



Saint Joseph Parish has a Facebook page and it was recently updated with photos of Archbishop Mark Haverland's visit to the parish on Whitsunday. Father Looney is administrator of the Facebook page and reports 29 "likes" and no "dislikes". He requests our readers not use Facebook to communicate with him directly. He prefers you contact him by phone or by e-mail at frcl2004@sbcglobal.net.



A PRAYER FOR PARISH GROWTH

O GOD, WHO KNOWEST THE NEED OF ALL THY CREATURES, AND DOST BESTOW THE FAVOUR OF THY GRACE ALIKE UPON THE HUMBLE AND THE GREAT; BE WITH US IN ALL OUR ENDEAVORS DEVOTED TO THY SERVICE, AND GRANT US, WE BESEECH THEE, SUCH INCREASE OF NUMBERS AND OF MEANS AS WILL SECURE THIS HOUSE OF PRAYER TO THE WORSHIP AND GLORY OF THY SON, OUR SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST, WHO LIVETH AND REIGNETH WITH THEE AND THE HOLY GHOST, ONE GOD, WORLD WITHOUT END.

AMEN.

SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS – 9:00 AM SUNG MASS & SERMON
COFFEE HOUR & DISCUSSION GROUP

WEEKDAYS AS ANNOUNCED

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE BY APPOINTMENT

THE REVEREND FATHER CRAIG LOONEY, RECTOR

THE CONTINUATION OF ANGLICANISM We affirm that the Church of our fathers, sustained by the most Holy Trinity, lives yet...are determined to continue in the Catholic Faith, Apostolic Order, Orthodox Worship and Evangelical Witness of the traditional Anglican Church.



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