Spring Greetings

As our temperatures start warming up, we are anew with many things. The sight of robins brings us hope for new things, many of us have been able to get the vaccine which brings us hope that we will all be able to worship together soon.

It has been almost one year that we have endured so much and able to do so little. With a new season, let us hope that we will enter a new time to enjoy each other. We look forward to the clocks changing and able to enjoy the daylight for a longer period.

We are planning as best we can for the upcoming Holy Season, with Lenten teachings and making final plans for services during the Holy Week.

Thank you to all that answered the survey for the Memorial Garden, we have taken your suggestions under consideration and are looking to the future.

Many thanks to all our volunteers that do so much to keep St Elizabeth’s running, from our office angels, to our “mailing group”, those that worked so hard to find the break in the electric lines so that we could get the outside lights working again. Also, to our “Grounds crew” for their hard work no matter what the temperature to keep the grounds looking great. To the sound booth crew for your dedication during the past months to help us during service and recordings to get the word out. To all those that do some of the little things, like just emptying the garbage, vacuuming, cleaning between services, we are

News from the Senior Warden

From Fr. Norm

RECTOR’S RAMBLINGS

February is the month when “love is in the air”. The stores are filled with boxes of chocolates shaped as hearts. Cards with words of love fill the racks. Florists are prepping for the season by ordering more roses and tulips. It is another opportunity for retailers to make a profit on the holiday when cupid will come and shoot an arrow into the hearts of lovers.

What is your plan to share the love of God in this season? I mentioned it in my Sunday sermons that we have many opportunities to spread the love of God to others. Food pantries are always seeking volunteers to assist the homeless. The South Brevard Sharing Center also looks for volunteers to come and help many in our community who are just making it by. We can visit the sick and the shut-ins in our parish as well as those in care centers throughout the county. We have many opportunities to bring the love of God to others. I look

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Help Wanted

Looking for a person to handle some of the small “cleaning projects” on a regular basis. It involves taking out the trash, recycling, cleaning bathrooms when needed, bins out to the street for collection days, sweeping and vacuuming when necessary. At present we do not have enough activity to have a cleaning company come in, so if you have some extra time and would like a bit extra of spending money, contact Sr Warden, Laurel Matthews at 201-230-6238 or at steleizabethsepis@gmail.com.

Lent Devotional: The Lion

Genesis 49:8-12 (ESV)

Judah, your brothers shall praise you; your hand shall be on the neck of your enemies; your father’s sons shall bow down before you. Judah is a lion’s cub; from the prey, my son, you have gone up. He stooped down; he crouched as a lion and as a lioness; who dares rouse him? The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor the ruler’s staff from between his feet, until tribute comes to him; and to him shall be the obedience of the peoples. Binding his foal to the vine and his donkey’s colt to the choice vine, he has washed his garments in wine and his vesture in the blood of grapes. His eyes are darker than wine, and his teeth whiter than milk.

On his deathbed Jacob prophesied the future of each of his twelve children, foreseeing their future ascendency or demise, prosperity or impoverishment. For some, the future would be full of violence and heartache. But for others, theirs would be a future of prominence and victory.

For Judah, the fourth among Jacob’s sons, his was a future of distinction. Judah’s reign would be a glorious one indeed and it is no wonder that Judah himself would be called a lion (v. 9).

In Revelation 5, John has a vision of the enthroned Lion of Judah, and yet this vision is juxtaposed with a Lamb who was slain. Why? The Gospels show us that Jesus demonstrates his greatest power through weakness, his lordship through service, and his sovereign reign through self-sacrifice. Jesus, through His sacrifice is worthy of our honor as our King of kings and Lord of lords. His sacrifice made a way for our victory over shame, rejection and an impoverished spirit. In your moments of brokenness, heartache and hardship, do you see that Jesus Christ experienced brokenness for you so that you might experience the abundance of his reign over your life?

When we are weak He is strong. King Jesus is our source of help, courage, strength and wisdom. No matter what we face today or in the future Jesus took all of our pain to the Cross. Does this mean we won’t have problems? No, of course not. It does mean when we do have problems we do not face them alone. All we have to do is ask for His help, His guidance, His strength. Jesus is more than just our Savior, He is our Lord, our King that rules over all the earth and has everything you need to be successful in “Going forth and making disciples.”

Prayer

Lord Jesus, we are amazed that you reign not only through a demonstration of power, but also of service; not only through exaltation, but also humiliation; not only through might, but also sacrifice. Help me to see that you are the Lion who was slain like a lamb, so that in my humiliation I might experience your exaltation. In Christ’s Name, Amen.
**Birthdays**

Dora Wunner March 4  
Davy Moore March 6  
Marika Slawski March 6  
Norma Washington March 6  
John Ohlsson March 8  
Kathy Chin March 11  
Sue Johnson March 11  
Alan Ottolini March 15  
Rhoda Daniels March 16  
Burl Farley March 16  
Cynthia Lum Shue Chan March 16  
Raelyn Macera March 16  
Joseph Stone March 17  
Sharon Bean March 20  
Pat Cleary March 20  
Mairead Fields March 22  
Dave Miller March 25  
Fannie Salerno March 27  
Marie Badger March 28  
David Bean March 31  
Joseph Stone Jr March 31

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**Anniversaries**

Davy & Christina Moore March 5  
Desiree & Josh Fields March 26  
Gerald & Roberta Crotts March 29  
Ann & Alan Ottolini March 30

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**March 2021**

**Lenten Services: Lenten Study with Fr. Norm:**

*And Jabez called on the God of Israel saying, “Oh, that you would bless me indeed, and enlarge my territory, that your hand would be with me, and that you would keep me from evil that I may not cause pain.” So God granted him what he requested.* (1 Chronicles 4:10)

Join us at 10 AM on Wednesday in Lent to study this verse. We will begin Feb. 24 and finish Mar. 17. Please call ahead (772)589-2770 and reserve your seat.

**Easter Flowers:** Please have your flower donations in no later than Sunday, March 21st.

**Holy Week Schedule:**

- **Palm Sunday:** March 28th, 8AM & 10 AM  
- **Maundy Thursday:** April 1st, 7PM  
- **Good Friday:** TBD  
- **Easter Sunday:** April 4th, 8 AM & 10 AM

**Attention:** If you think you have been exposed or tested positive for covid and have attended church in the last 14 days - please notify us.

**Friendly Reminder:** We all get a little fatigue when it comes to following the guidelines set forth by the Diocese concerning COVID-19. Everyone MUST wear a mask. This includes anyone singing, all attendees, any group or ministry meeting, including Sunday School. If you have a medical condition that you can not comply, you then must stay home.

**We need assistance in cleaning the Sanctuary after the 8am Service.** Please maintain social distancing at all services and meetings.

**Prayer Request:** You can now call (772-589-2770) or email the church office for prayer request. stelizabethsepis@bellsouth.net

**Daughters of the King Prayer:** DOK will be available for prayers in the Library during Communion. 8:00 AM will be the first Sunday of the Month and 10:00 AM will be every other Sunday

**Daughters of the King Bible Study:** DOK will be holding an open Bible Study, “In Pursuit of Jesus”, after the 10 am service on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month..
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Father Norman+

From Fr. Norm continued

Senior Warden continued glad you are here to help.

Thanks to our staff of Chrissie and Sandy for keeping the administrative side going in spite of many items. Michael for playing so eloquently at services and of course to Father Norm who has helped guide us through these tough times and we are blessed that he has stuck with us through everything.

To the entire Vestry that has worked so hard during these last months keeping things going. We have had many meetings and we are working in the best interests of the family at St. Elizabeth’s.

If you would like to receive the readings for the month and have not let us know, it is not too late. Call the church office and leave your name and address and we will gladly add you to the list.

As we start this season of prayer and fasting, think about what you have done during this last year – Did you help your neighbor? Were you able to contribute in a small way to others that are less fortunate? Are you thankful for all that you have, not what you do not have? Be filled with gratitude, patience, hope and trust in God. Pray for your fellow man and that we may come through these trying times stronger in faith than before.

Enjoy the Spring, take time to “smell the roses” and take time to pray,

Blessing to all
Laurel Matthews
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