



St. Augustine's Clarion

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Easter 2011

Your Rector's Musings

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Here we go again!

Rabbits that lay Easter eggs and Reese's rainbow-wrapped chocolates "for the season." And on it goes. We have the "cute factor" at play: fuzzy rabbits and chicks and likewise all the commercial tugs that reduce the Easter message to just another season to market and merchandize. Not unlike Christmas, the Easter message gets blurred and lost.

What then is Easter all about? What makes this season so pivotal? Do we know the story? Can we share it? Do we have the courage to proclaim it?

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

This is the good news of Easter: Christ is alive and well in our lives. Easter is about the good news of new life offered in the form of Jesus. Not only this! We are also to love as God loves us in Christ and bring that new life to all our relationships. Part of the good news is to rediscover that God unconditionally loves us. So too, in knowing that as we are loved, we are to be living that love out in the lives of the community around us. This is really what the resurrection is all about. "Bring New Life."

So who are we going to be with in the next week? Are we able to share the care that Jesus offered to the woman of Samaria, to the blind man, to Mary and Martha? Can we recognize that we are serving God in them as they also come to recognize God in us? The best way of knowing (experiencing) the new life is through reaching out to someone in need of help. We are to be their hope bringers. By so doing we also find hope for ourselves.

God knew what to do then and still knows what to do now in order that you and I might come to know the new life promised to us as followers of the Christ.

For this Easter then, go tell the story. Better still, go and be the story in someone else's life.

Blessings,
Bob+

EfM Graduation with Bishop Jane Presiding

Sunday, May 15th, 2011

Services for this day are at 8:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Easter Events at St. Augustine's

The Seder Supper originally
planned for
Thursday, April 21
CANCELLED

Maundy Thursday Service
Thursday, April 21 begins
at 7:30 p.m.

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*Great Easter Vigil*  
Saturday, April 23 8:00 p.m.

The Parishes of St. George's, St. Luke's, St. David's, St. Patrick's and St. Augustine's come together to participate, celebrate and welcome the Good News of Easter.

Please bring an Easter Basket to bless and a noisemaker.

Easter Baskets (to break the fast Easter Morning) typically include a ring of sausage, new butter, hard-boiled eggs (maybe decorated), sweet bread, a candle, a small container of horseradish and of course some good Easter chocolate.

Please don't miss this service – it's one of the best liturgies in which we participate.

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Easter Sunday Service
Sunday, April 24th 10 a.m.



Families with Young Children Gathering
Sunday, May 15th, 2011
Marcus Fung will lead a drumming program.



Reading with Our Children

The stories within the Hebrew Scriptures are well worth reading to our children. A children's bible such as *The Beginner's Bible* published by Gold n' Honey Books contains some of the classic sagas from the Hebrew Scriptures and some of the classic tales involving Jesus from the New Testament.

The story of Joseph contained in Genesis 37 and following, is but one of the above. For smaller children, it needs to be read in six to seven parts. It is a story of God's faithfulness to Joseph through many trials and tribulations. It's one of hope and a downright good story too.

The **Annual Parish Retreat at Strawberry Creek** will be June 10 to 12 this year. Please plan to join us for a restful and reflective weekend. More information is forthcoming.



Sunday Nights Blues
continues...

Delicious Coffee
Thoughtful Conversation
A Friendly Community

This Month's meetings are on
May 1st and May 15th

7 - 9 p.m.
Blues Java Bar
106 Avenue & 50 Street

Where is the Post Office?

A little boy was waiting for his mother to come out of the store. As he waited, he was approached by a man who asked, "Son, can you tell me where the post office is?"

The little boy replied, "Sure, just go straight down the street two blocks and turn right."

The man thanked the boy kindly and said, "I'm the new preacher in town, and I'd like for you to come to church on Sunday. I'll show you how to get to Heaven."

The little boy replied with a chuckle, "Awww, come on; you don't even know how to get to the post office."