



ST. PAUL'S EPISTLE

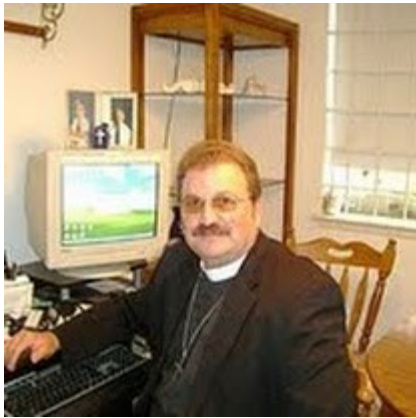


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Trinity - Advent 2015



FROM THE RECTOR'S DESK

Faith and Works, Trinitytide, 2015

James 2:18 "Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works."

Greetings in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. As 2015 passes through the summer months into fall, another year of our walk with Christ is moving rapidly ahead. Let us ponder a question, as this year passes into its fullness: are we moving ahead with Christ as surely as the days are passing? Put another

way, are we poised to harvest a bountiful gain of spiritual fruit, as we knock on the door to Advent, and another Church year?

If one is a long-time Christian, and especially if one has worshipped with the historic Book of Common Prayer for several years, one is certainly familiar with the verse from St. James above. James is often seen as a counterbalance to St. Paul's (and Martin Luther's) statements that we are saved by faith alone, through the grace of Christ. There can be no doubt that we Christians are saved only by the saving grace of Jesus Christ, and not by our own works. Our deeds done to please God are in the final analysis only inferior efforts, due to our innate sinfulness. Absent the sanctifying grace of God through Christ, they have little effect. However, combined with the Grace of God, a different situation occurs.

Thus, St. James has a point. Mere belief without action is hollow, and ultimately fruitless. That is, one may believe deeply and completely in their individual salvation, and cherish it with great joy. This is wonderful and praiseworthy to God. Yet, Christ calls us to produce fruits of our salvation and His Grace. This fruit is not to justify us before God, for that is impossible. Only One, Jesus Christ, could do that. Instead, our fruit should grow naturally out of our new nature in Him, being new creatures in Christ (2 Cor. 5:17), "old things are passed away, and behold, all things are become new." If one still has the barren fruit of bitterness, resentment, or anger towards God, let them pass away for the new harvest of love, joy, peace, gentleness, godliness, contentment, and self-control, which is the fruit of the Holy Spirit. Pray God that all of us may reap such a cornucopia!

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Parish Picnic on October 17 at Clear Lake Park at 11:00am.

Annual Parish Picnic: October 17

St. Paul's invites families and friends to join us for our annual Parish Picnic at Clear Lake Park on Saturday, October 17, beginning at 11am. Feast on hot dogs, Father Clay's famous bourbon beans, chips and much more! Enjoy a lovely view of Clear Lake, and bring the kids to play on the playground! Fur-babies are welcomed too!

Other Upcoming SPAC Events:

Daughters of the Holy Cross

Quiet Day—Saturday, September 12 9:00am

SPAC Games Party

Saturday, November 14 2:00pm

Bring your favorite game! Invite your family and friends to join us in some friendly competition!

Greening of the Church/Christmas Decorating

Saturday, December 5 11:00am

Beautify the church for Christmas time! Family and friends are welcome to help!

Give us your input! ***What kind of fellowship activities would you like to see at St. Paul's?*** Email your suggestions to jennbridget@yahoo.com. Check out Page 3 for some additional ideas and let us know what you think!

From the Rector's Desk

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Planted with prayer, communal worship, and fellowship, may our individual harvests be attractive and apparent to all. Consider **Matthew 5:16**: "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." In so doing, we will grow the Kingdom of God in general, and St. Paul's in particular.

May God's richest blessings be upon you this Trinitytide.

In Christ,

Fr. Stephen

ST. PAUL'S CHOIR NOTES

St. Paul's Choir meets every Sunday prior to mass, from 8:30am—9:30am. We will begin practicing music for the Christmas season as early as mid-October, and we hope you'll consider joining us and sharing your voice with us! Current choir members are happy to tell you how much fun we have had getting to know each other as we've gathered to sing, and we'd love to get to know you better as well! If you are interested in joining, either join us one Sunday morning, or email Choir Director Jenn Clark at jennbridget@yahoo.com or call her at 281-610-5131. Let's make beautiful music together!

What would you think about St. Paul's having...?

Young(ish) Adults (Ages 20—45): Monthly mixers with young(ish) adults from other local Anglican parishes

Wednesday Night Meals

Youth Group (Ages 12—18)
What kinds of activities would our teens like to do together? Game nights, Community Service, field trips, movies, concerts?

Book Club—featuring contemporary Christian books (example: Rick Warren's "Purpose Driven Life")

Community Service projects— monthly community service projects for parishioners to participate in (example: Houston Food Bank Star of Hope, Animal Shelter, Thanksgiving Meal at George R. Brown)

Hot Dog Social in November—featuring 8 Trax

Invite our neighbors to join us at St. Paul's and enjoy 50s/60s rock music from the 8 Trax cover band!

St. Patrick's Day—group go to Holy Trinity in the Heights to attend their annual St. Patrick's Day dinner & live band

Christmas Caroling

St. Paul's Activities Re-Cap

Confirmations, Installation, Dedication —

St. Paul's welcomed our Diocesan Bishop., the Rt. Rev. Royal U. Grote, on July 12th for the dedication of our paid-off church building, the installation of Fr. Stephen as Rector of St. Paul's, and to confirm Jonathan Vojacek, Ebony Phillips and Josh Phillips. This blessed event marked our growth and stability in Christ.

English Tea —

Over 75 tickets were sold for our English Tea, held on May 23rd. The event was organized by our Rector Emeritus, Father Clay Shadeck, and raised over \$1600. The tea was a parish-

wide effort, with church members contributing their culinary skills and volunteering as kitchen staff and servers. Thank you to all who helped make this event a great success!



PARISH EVENTS SEPT – DECEMBER 2015

Look for these upcoming events in the life of St. Paul's:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>TYPE</u>
Sept 13	Trinity 15	Said Mass
Sept 16	St. Cyprian	EP/ES
Sept 20	Trinity 16	Said Mass
Sept 27	Trinity 17	Said Mass
Sept 30	St. Jerome	EP/ES
Oct 4	Trinity 18	Sung Mass
Oct 11	Trinity 19	Said Mass
Oct 15	St. Theresa	EP/ES
Oct 18	St. Luke/Trinity 20	Said Mass
Oct 25	Christ the King/Trinity 21	Sung Mass
Oct 28	SS. Simon & Jude	EP/ES
Nov 1	All Saints' Day/Trinity 22	Sung Mass
Nov 8	Trinity 23	Said Mass
Nov 11	St. Martin of Tours	EP/ES
Nov 15	Trinity 24/St. Alfred	Said Mass
Nov 18	St. Hilda of Whitby	EP/ES
Nov 22	Sun. Next Before Advent	Said Mass
Nov 29	1st Sun. in Advent	Sung Mass
Dec 6	2nd Sun. in Advent	Said Mass
Dec 8	Conception of BVM	EP/ES
Dec 13	3rd Sun. in Advent/Rose	Said Mass
Dec 20	4th Sun. in Advent	Said Mass
Dec 24	Christmas Eve	Sung Mass
Dec 25	Christmas Day	Said Mass



PARISHIONER BIRTHDAYS

Sept 4	Jenn Clark	Oct 24	Gloria Salinas (Velma Contreras' sister)
Sept 8	Fr. Stephen Stults	Nov 2	Walter Paynter (Margaret Anderson's son)
Sept 10	Les Merrem	Nov 5	Michael Shuck
Sept 10	Martha Stockwell (N. Hudiburgh's mother)	Nov 18	Dana Jones
Sept 11	Sam Barr (Dr. Barr's gs)	Nov 20	Daniel Johnson
Sept 27	Bob Barr, Jr. (Dr. Barr's son)	Nov 21	Sam Sessions
Sept 27	Margaret Guardia	Nov 27	Lee Ann Jackson
Oct 5	Margaret Anderson	Nov 27	Timi Barnhart (Velma Contreras' daughter)
Oct 10	Leslie Mamud (Grant's daughter)	Nov 30	Noelle Jones
Oct 11	Alexander Stults	Dec 8	Della Stults
Oct 15	Nnamdi Anusiem	Dec 12	Silvia Johnson
Oct 18	Leah Palmer	Dec 12	Heidi Tobias (Bill Harrison's daughter)
Oct 19	Emily Switzer	Dec 13	Bonnie Johnson
Oct 19	Chad Harrison (Bill's son)	Dec 15	Bill Johnson
Oct 21	Molly Blair Jackson Young (Neil's daughter)	Dec 18	Troy Martz
Oct 23	Angela Johnson	Dec 31	Kathy Burkardt
Oct 24	Ijeoma Anusiem		

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Sept 24	Herman and Nadine Grose	Dec 4	Deacon Joseph Bernard and Jean Blanchard
Sept 25	Father Stephen and Della Stults	Dec 6	Fr. Clay Shadeck (Diac. Ord.)
Oct 2	Rosemarie and Ralph Fusco	Dec 17	Robert and Edwina Clark (Jenn's parents)
Oct 4	Don and Isabel Tillerson	Dec 20	Fr. Clay Shadeck (Priest Ord.)
Oct 10	Stephanie Gonzalez, David Johnson, Troy Martz, Barbara Sessions, Doug Switzer, Jacob Switzer, Jennifer Switzer (Baptism)	Dec 28	Merle and Gloria Grant

REQUIEM

Sept 5	Elber Travis (Laurie Price's father)
Oct 14	Diana Loveday (David Loveday's wife)
Oct 20	Albert Fratangelo (Della Stults' father's birthday)
Oct 27	Jack Shadeck (Fr. Clay's father)
Nov 11	John Barr, Jr. (Dr. Barr's nephew)
Nov 16	Neal Allen Jackson, Jr. (N. Jackson's son)
Nov 19	Sam Fuller (Dr. Barr's father in law)
Dec 7	Merville Harrison (birthday)
Dec 19	Edith Smith (Jenn Clark's grandmother)
Dec 24	Chris Douglas (Susan Douglas' father)



MINISTRIES

Vestry: Fr. Clay Shadeck (Rector Emeritus), Fr. Stephen Stults (Rector), Br. Joseph Bernard (Deacon), David Loveday (Sr. Warden), Bruce Blifford (Junior Warden, property), Sam Sessions (Secretary)

Mass Servers: Bill Johnson (MC), J. White, J. Johnson, David Johnson, Doug Switzer, I. Switzer, L. Austin

Lay Readers: P. Caggiano (lead), L. Austin, S. Sessions, M. Grant, K. Johnson

Ushers: Bruce Blifford, Bill Harrison, David Loveday, Curt Hurst, Merle Grant

Sunday School: Laurie Price (Headmistress), Rosemary Fusco

Daughters of the Holy Cross: Dona Price (President), Barbara Sessions, Kathleen McCullough, Ethel Adler, Susan Douglas, Gloria Grant, Br. Joseph Bernard (Chaplain), Fr. Stults (Spiritual Advisor)

Altar Guild: Rosemary Fusco, Susan Douglas, Debbie White, Laurie Price, Barbara Sessions, Bonnie Johnson, Kathy McCullough

St. Paul's Choir: Jenn Clark (Director), Susan Douglas, Marily Simon, Zel Arbuckle, Susan Hurst, Dottie Speedie, Curtis Hurst, Bruce Blifford

Organist: Alison Tyler

Librarian: Gloria Grant

Treasurer: Fr. Clay Shadeck, Dottie Speedie (Assistant Treasurer)

Prayer Box: Velma Contreras

St. Paul's Epistle Newsletter: Jenn Clark

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