

ST. A'S NEWS

Remember in prayer

Alan, Ed Baker, Barb, Bert, Bev, Bob, Carol, Christine, Francis Cook, Kelly DelGaizo, Bill Elliott, John Flemming,, Ellen Gracie, Melissa Grettler, John Griffin, Jack Grippe, Patti Havrilla, Zack Irwin, Janet B., Eileen Knepshield, Linda, Lisa, Maggie, Mary, Michelle Means, David Nicolls, Liz Pavolko, Peter, Peggy Perkins, Jean Plesea, John Reibel, Lou Salzer, Doug Trabert, Russ Vaughn, Victoria, Sue, Brad Webber, Sue Wendell, Sally & Tony Williams, Peace on Earth

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FEBRUARY HAPPY BIRTHDAY greetings to:

2/6 Karen Bond
2/7 Kevin Kulka
2/11 Debbie Davis
2/14 Zara Ostrander
2/18 Drew Howard
2/26 Guy Costa

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants. as they begins another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen they trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

Thank You!

Also a big Thank You to all those who help to bring you information on our Facebook page, New Website, and the Newsletter.



[The Bible Project](#)

-Outreach-

- ◆ **Tea Time** - Come for an afternoon of crafting and spilling the tea or coffee this President's Day Monday February 16 from 9 am to noon. For more information contact Pam Ostrander.
- ◆ **Ukrainian Egg workshops** are scheduled for March 8, 15 and 22 at 1pm to 3pm. For more information contact Pam Ostrander.
- ◆ **The Safe Journey Woman's Shelter** collection is ongoing. Please continue to donate gently used or new clothing, household appliances and accessories needed to help families make a new start. Collection baskets are under the Outreach Tale and your donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you.
- ◆ **University Feed the Off Campus "Lambs"** donations may be left on the Outreach Table. Need ideas? See the handout on outreach table.
- ◆ **Friendship Quilt Group:** Next meeting 1pm Monday, February 16. (third Monday of each month)

-News of Note-

- ◆ Healing Prayer will be offered the first Sunday of the month at the altar following the service.
- ◆ **Ash Wednesday** service will be at 7:00 pm on February 18th @ St. A's.
- ◆ Stay up to date with what is happening at the Cathedral of St. Paul <https://cathedralofstpaul.org/>

-A View From the Pew-

February- the longest shortest month

Most of us don't need another reminder to do more. February is already full enough and winter can feel long by now. We're tired of the cold, tired of short days and ready for something to change. This is often when patience runs thin and it takes more effort to stay steady.

Faith shows up in the way we speak to people, handle frustration and respond when things don't go as planned. It shows up when we choose patience over irritation, honesty over avoidance and kindness when it would be easier to keep moving. None of this is dramatic. Most of it goes unnoticed. But it matters.

Love fits into this same category. Real love usually isn't flashy or poetic. It looks like giving people a little more grace than they deserve, listening when we'd rather talk and staying present when it would be easier to pull away. In a long season like winter, love often means simply not giving up on one another.

As we move through the rest of winter, may we stay attentive to the small moments God gives us each day. The blessing of a cup of tea wrapped up in our cozy homes. Pick up your bible and allow God to guide you through February.

Cyndi Altman



The Lectionary

Sunday February 1

Micah 6:1-8
1 Corinthians 1:18-31
Matthew 5:1-12
Psalm 15

Sunday February 8

Isaiah 58:1-9a, [9b-12]
1 Corinthians 2:1-12, [13-16]
Matthew 5:13-20
Psalm 112:1-9, (10)

Sunday February 15

Exodus 24:12-18
2 Peter 1:16-21
Matthew 17:1-9
Psalm 2
 or Psalm 99

Ash Wednesday

Joel 2:1-2,12-17
 or Isaiah 58:1-12
2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10
Matthew 6:1-6,16-21
Psalm 103 or 103:8-14

Sunday February 22

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7
Romans 5:12-19
Matthew 4:1-11
Psalm 32

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Let Us Pray:

Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with
 thy most gracious favor, and further us
 with thy continual help; that in all our
 works begun, continued, and ended in
 thee, we may glorify thy holy Name, and
 finally, by thy mercy, obtain everlasting
 life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

-A Good Read-



The common denominator in all these words and deeds is honesty. And listening to God's honesty leads us to experience God's goodness. In other words, as we discover more of the truth and beauty of a loving God, we can move from honest to goodness.

God wants us to think, speak, and act in response—the more honest and good, the better. In a world filled with deception, greed, and violence, people of faith are called to stand up and speak out for honesty and goodness.

This is a thoughtful companion for a journey through Lent or for anytime of the year.

Furman's book, [Honest to Goodness](#), is available on the Forward Movement website. Read a sample or order your copy today.

Vicar's Note-

I think most of us will make a commitment to give up some creature comfort or something we like for Lent. It is a sacrifice we make thinking somehow not having chocolate or a glass of wine will make us better people and move us closer to God. While I would agree that giving up something that is holding us back from a full relationship with God and our neighbors is a good thing, there is more to Lent than denying ourselves of something we enjoy.

Lent is a time of reflection. A time to look back at our lives over the past year and realistically see ourselves as we were, warts and all. There will be regrets and painful memories of things we have done or left undone as well as good memories of times we lived up to our Baptismal Covenant. This honest appraisal of who we are is important. We are neither totally corrupt evil people deserving of eternal damnation nor are we saints who are destined to sit at the right hand of God. We are the people God created and as such we have the potential to be in good and right relationship with God and our neighbors. If we start with that mind set the more we examine our lives the better we will be at repenting of those things we have done wrong and embracing those things we are doing right.

Lent offers us the time and space to be honest with ourselves and to be open to the Holy Spirit to help us grow into our full potential as God's beloved children. If we acknowledge our mistakes and make amends as best we can, we will begin to turn around our lives. Also, if we acknowledge those good things we have done and seek to do more, we will be better people. In other words, build on success and limit our failures. Sure we will make mistakes. We will not always live up to our full potential, but with time, honest evaluations of who we are and where we stand with God and our neighbors we will be in a better place to make the necessary changes to grow into the fullness of our relationship with God and His creation. May we all have a meaningful Lent. Peace, Fr. Dave +