



*St. Peter and St. Paul Anglican Church*

# Pillar & Post

## Our Vision

*St. Peter & St. Paul Anglican Church will be a vibrant community of connected, committed Christians sharing Christ's love and message by establishing a thriving presence in our community.*

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# ASH WEDNESDAY

**March 6, 2019**

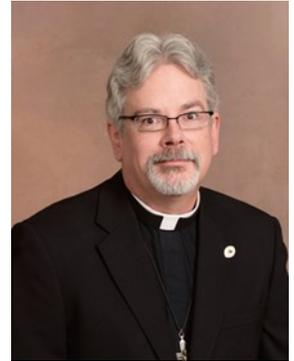
## Mission Statement

*The mission of St. Peter & St. Paul Anglican Church is to worship God, spread the gospel of Jesus, and serve the Lord.*

## The Work That We Have to Do

### A Holy Lent?

What, really is this Lent thing? Why do we do this?  
What good is it?



As we approach Lent, we can expect that several things will have changed. The color will change from Green (Ordinary Time) to Penitential Purple. The last time we saw this color was after the last time we saw green. Last November 25th, we changed from Green (Ordinary Time) to Penitential Purple for Advent. Both Advent and Lent are penitential times for us to take stock and prepare for a Great event. In the case of Advent, we're of course preparing for Christmas – though not quite as early as the stores start preparing (Labor Day?). In this case, we're in Lent preparing for Easter.

Lent has been prescribed as a period of preparation for Easter in the church from the earliest times (the 1<sup>st</sup> century). Originally it was just 2 or three days of fasting. Then, in 325, a period of 40 days was prescribed for the baptismal candidates, modelled after the 40-day fasts of Moses (Exo 24:18), Elijah (1Kgs 19:8), and Christ Himself (Mat 4:2, Mar 1:13, & Luke 4:2). Those 40 days are from Ash Wednesday through Holy Saturday (~7 weeks = 46 days – 6 Sundays = 40 days). Sundays are always feast days, so they don't count (more on this later). During the early centuries, the fasting was very strict – only one meal a day in the evening was allowed and would never include meat (no fish either) or eggs. After the 9<sup>th</sup> century, those practices were relaxed to include a light noon meal, and then were generally abolished by the 15<sup>th</sup> century. Now, we choose our own fasting, though traditionally we do attempt to eat less through the week, feasting only on Sundays.

Liturgically, we observe lent by "toning down" the normal celebratory mood. We omit "Alleluia" from our vocabulary. We say the mass rather than chant or sing it. We replace the Gloria In Excelcis with a less-joyfully hymn of praise (the Trisagion, for example). Also, we begin the mass with the Penitential Order, which include the recitation of the Decalogue (10 Commandments), and the prayer of confession before we begin the Liturgy of the Word (readings).

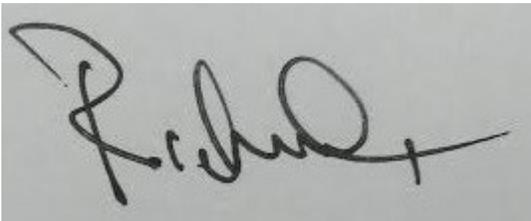
Speaking of confession, we use the general confession at mass. This confession is good for "lighter" sins that we need to confess to clear our hearts and consciences before we take communion. This confession is fine and good on a regular – even daily basis, but is not sufficient for our "heavier" sins – the ones that we just can't seem to forget or forgive ourselves for. One person's light-weight sin may be a tremendous burden to another, so I won't try to tell you what sins are heavy and what sins are light. There is a "How to Make A Confession" form on my office door that you can use to examine your conscience as you prepare.

In any case, it is a good practice, and a commendable practice of the catholic church (ours included) to make a private confession once each year, and Lent is a perfect time to do it. All you need to do is prepare (examine your conscience), make an appointment with a priest (or other clergy, and they will tell you how to get the absolution), and you're all set. All you have to do at the appointment is arrive, tell the priest which form of confession you would like to use (In the Book of Common Prayer, Form 1 (pg. 447), or Form 2 (pg. 449). As you can see in the two liturgies, you say the first words, "*Bless me, Father, or Have mercy on me.*" When you walk out of the confessional, you'll be pure as the driven snow – clean as the day you were baptized – unburdened – sinless, until you step back out into the world and start piling up little sins again (as we all do – remember, we're broken). In any case, if you have any question about making your confession, which is entitled "Reconciliation of a Penitent," don't hesitate to ask one of the clergy.

Other than making your confession, you *should* make some other changes in your habits during the Lenten season. Traditionally, we attempt to take on new things and put away some of the old. Rumor has it that most Christians simply give up chocolate for Lent. In my opinion, you're cheating yourself if that's all that you do (give up something). We need to make a sacrifice. What we give up needs to really mean something to us.

For me this year, one of the things I'm going to give up is caffeine. In addition to giving up something, we should also take on something. This year, I'm going to replace the caffeinated drinks with water. Hopefully, this will build a good life-long habit. Now, that's not all. I'm going to take on a daily devotional to help me think more about Christ during the day. I'm also going to read a book, "In the Steps of Jesus" that I didn't get to read before my trip to Israel. Also, I'm going to make every attempt to get out of the office for an hour after lunch each day to walk. There are a few other things that I'm still praying and hoping that God will inspire me to make sacrifices and to take on new habits that will bring me closer to Him and improve my quality of life. For all of you non-clergy types, I heartily recommend that you add a worship service to your routine. Come to Morning Prayer on one of the weekdays. Come to Stations on Wednesdays. Come to the weekday mass. God and I would love to see you.

The whole point of this Lenten Season of sacrifice and penitence, is to clear off some of the old rubbish in our lives, taken on some new good habits, and get closer to God. Also, as I said Sunday, if you really sacrifice, then you will really appreciate when Lent comes to a close on Holy Saturday and on Easter morning we see the beauty, the pageantry, the Liturgy, the colors in their finest array, and we can joyfully remember our Holy Lent as we say, "The Lord is Risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!"

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light gray background. The signature is cursive and appears to read "Richard".

# Voice of the Vestry

In adult Sunday school class this past week, we discussed suffering and trials and how they may effect our relationship with Christ. In the book, *The Practice of the Presence of God*, Brother Lawrence writes, "God often permits us to suffer a little to purify our souls and bring us to Him." This statement reminds me the quote, "there's no such thing as a foxhole atheist." Indeed when we face grave danger, the natural instinct, of believer and non-believer alike, is to reach out to our Heavenly Father for his protection. How about in less perilous times when perhaps we suffer relationship trials, emotional darkness or physical injury. What then, is God our first call? He should be! As brother Lawrence concludes, "Take Courage. Offer your sufferings to Him unceasingly and ask Him for the strength to endure them...". Suffering and discipline at the hand of our Lord is intended for spiritual growth and reliance on Him, not for our destruction.

In light of this, how might we consider our parish and the events of our recent past? As a family, we have indeed have passed through fire, perhaps we're even still smelling of smoke. Has this been an evil fire, an attack from the one who prowls like a lion looking to devour? It's a real possibility, but not without permission of God Himself and for His purposes. We may have cried out, "Why Lord? Why here, why now and why to us?" However, I believe the better question is, *what*. What purpose do You have for our parish? For what are you refining us? Lord, what do you want us to learn from this trial? The answer to these questions may lie in the Epistle of James, "Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything." Jm 1:2-4.

I cannot honestly say I found pure joy, but I have experienced God working in me. He has called me and provided a renewed zeal to serve Him. Where I struggle in the trial is to see the toll it's taken on the parish body. It's so easy to take an earthly view of past events and accordingly adopt a human reaction; unforgiveness, anger, sadness and distrust. However, we not human beings having a spiritual experience, but spiritual beings having a human experience! As adopted sons and daughters of the Most High God, we are called to a higher place and given a higher vision. Believer, we have been charged with conduct that Christ Himself exemplified, "Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace." Eph 4:2-3

Our faith is being tested, what shall our reaction be? Our human response or our spiritual response? Will...we...trust...God? Family, my prayer is that the Lord will give us a fresh vision, renewed strength, that we will submit to His trials and through our faithfulness, perseverance will finish its work so that we may be mature and complete. By His grace and goodness, we may yet find the pure joy St James describes. Amen.

Peace and love in Christ,

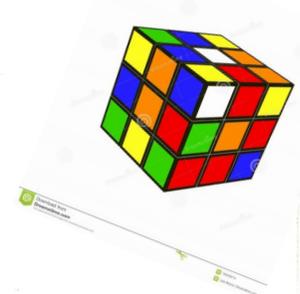
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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

***Are you - or someone you know - in trouble? Sick or in the hospital? Scheduled for surgery or a medical procedure? Suffered the death of a loved one? If so, please let the church office know. Our parish, clergy, and Jesus want to minister to you.***



*Choir Rehearsal: Wednesday 7-9pm  
Choir Room*



**WANTED:**

**Stuffed animals  
(no more than 12 inches tall and 9 inches wide)**

**Fidgets, Fidget cubes, Squish balls, Squish animals  
Rubics cubes**

**The Daughters of the King are collecting these items for the Grand Prairie Police Department and for Lindsey Spangler, a flight nurse first responder. These toys are used to relieve stress, anxiety and give comfort to children in stressful situations.**

**Please help the DOK by donating one or more of these items. Containers will be found in the Narthex labeled "DOK."**



# AYM NEWS



If someone told you that you could have the greatest gift in the whole world free! You'd be either all in, or a skeptic and all out. Well, we were given the greatest gift ever; and it is totally free. But as the skeptic would say someone had to pay for it; and that skeptic would be right; someone did. Jesus. To remember all that was given for us to receive the greatest gift ever totally free; we need to make a good thoughtful Lent as a thank you.

To prepare ourselves for the greatest gift ever that we receive on Easter; there are several things we can do. We can take the time to fast, forgive, repent, pray and share love.

There are several things that will help you prepare; giving up something that's your favorite or taking on something. Like write letters to someone to thank them or ask for forgiveness. Take a day and serve at the Life Shelter, give a meal to someone in need, read scripture each day, do Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer, Compline or a combination of different things. Take time this Lent to prepare for the greatest gift ever!

To help us along with that goal of preparing our hearts for the greatest gift ever given; we have devotions available on a table in the parish hall. One of the resources is a Reflection booklet with thoughts from our youth; children, teens, high school, college and young adults. With a sprinkle from our Sunday school teachers and youth leaders. We are so blessed that they have shared. I do hope you will pick one up. There are several different options, please prepare for the greatest given freely.

God's Blessings,

Cindy Paxton

***Children, Youth, Teen and College/Young Adults Ministries Update!***

<p><i>Youth Group will continue to meet. Come Join us Wednesday Nights! 6:00pm Dinner, Study, then Home by 8:00pm!</i></p>	<p><i>No Youth Group for March 6<sup>th</sup> ASH Wednesday. Masses at 7am, 11am and 7pm</i></p>
<p><i>A-Kids Mini Mission week begins Monday March 11. We will meet from 9am till 5pm Mon. Tues. and Wed. Bring a sack lunch and we'll provide the water &amp; snacks! Wednesday is a special surprise!</i></p>	<p><i>College/Young Adults Dinner each Monday Night! A different restaurant each week. Usually meet around 6:30pm.</i></p>
<p><i>March 8<sup>th</sup> through March 9<sup>th</sup> is our 30 Hour Famine. Eat your last meal at lunch; meet at church at 7pm on Friday. Bring a bottle of your favorite juice. We will break the fast at 5pm on Saturday with the Eucharist; then IHOP!</i></p>	<p><i>New Beginnings! March 22-24! Grades 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>. At St. Mark's Arlington. Check-in is from 7:00-7:45 Friday evening and closing mass is 11 am on Sunday morning. Cost: <u>\$50.00</u> Scholarships available.</i></p>
<p><i>Saturday March 30 Spaghetti Dinner and BINGO! All proceeds go toward our summer mission to Arizona. Dinner served at 6pm!</i></p>	<p><i>Church wide Rummage Sale March 14-16 Thursday-Saturday Set up begins on Monday March 11! Come Shop! We have great finds!</i></p>
<p><i>To join in or get more information Contact Cindy Paxton Friends are always welcome!</i></p>	<p><i>Cindy Paxton Text: 817-456-1904 Cindyp@stp2.org</i></p>

# Youth Mission

**THERE ARE ALWAYS MISSION OPPORTUNITIES. CONTACT THE  
CHURCH FOR INFORMATION!**

***To keep everyone up to date on Youth  
Events***

***Check out our church calendar at  
[www.stp2.org](http://www.stp2.org)***

## ***Save these Dates!***

*Tuesday March 5*

*Shrove Tuesday Pancake Super and Carnival!*

*Wednesday March 6*

*Ash Wednesday Masses No Youth Group*

*Fri. – Sat. March 8-9*

*30 Hour Famine! Come starve with us!*

*Mon.-Tues. March 11-13*

*A-Kids Mini Mission*

*Thur.-Sat. March 14-16*

*Church Rummage Sale!*

*Friday April 12*

*Making Palm Crosses for Palm Sunday*

*April 26 – 28*

*Happening at St. John's Fort Worth! Grades 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>*

*May 18-19*

*Fellowship Games/ Lock-In St. Peter & St. Paul*

*6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade*

### ***First Communion Classes!***

*First Communion Classes will begin on Sunday March 3 and continue through to April 7. We will meet directly following the 11am mass. We will have a 30minute lunch followed by 30minutes of instructions. All children age 5 and above are welcome to attend.*

*We will need parents to help provide a simple lunch. I will provide the first lunch on March 3. Our children will receive their First Communion on Easter Sunday at the 9am and 11 o'clock masses. Please contact Fr. Moseley or Cindy Paxton.*

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*Come join us on Friday April 12 in the parish hall to make Palm Crosses. These will be used for all Palm Sunday Masses. It's not as hard as you may think and it's such a joy! We make some extra for a neighboring church as a gift to them.*

*We will meet in the parish hall at 6pm, dinner provided. Everyone are invited to join in! Come join us as we come together to make palm crosses!*

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*"As each has received a gift, employ it for one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace:" 1 Peter 4:10*

*2019 Summer Mission is to Arizona to serve on an Indian Reservation. The dates are set for June 14-22. Please keep us in your prayers as we make our plans.*

*WE could use your support by prayers and financial. We must earn all our mission funds. To do that we fundraise. If you feel so called please give us your support. There are several opportunities to have some fun as you give us your support. We have the Rummage Sale, Spaghetti Dinner and BINGO, Stock-In-Youth; and the latest "Insurance against the Throne!" J*



**This is our “Porcelain Throne” but you don’t have to wake up to this Throne seated in your front yard! You can purchase Insurance to insure this beautiful “Throne” does not land in your front yard. If it does you can either Pay or Pray and we will come and move it on to another person’s front yard. The Throne can be passed on to your royal friends and family for a small fee.**

**Insurance to keep the Throne away is \$35.00, If you are the fortunate one to receive the Throne you may pray or pay a small Fee of \$25.00 to have this beauty moved. If you would like to send it to a friend we would be happy to deliver it for an additional \$5.00.**

**The Porcelain Throne will be making the rounds in March! So, you may want to insure your home soon against this Royal Dump!**



## Youth Mission RUMMAGE SALE MARCH 14-16 2019!

A rummage sale is coming soon! As you clean out please think of us. All proceeds go to support our youth in mission. Donated items can be placed in the parish hall in the corner nearest the office. Thank you for your support!



*Our Spaghetti Dinner BINGO will be **Saturday March 30!** Don't miss out on a great evening! Come join the fun! Tickets sold at the door. \$5.00 per person or \$25.00 for a family! BINGO \$1.00 per Card. All proceeds go towards youth in missions.*

## ***Easter Egg Hunt is on!***



**Easter is Sunday April 21**

***Come join us for an Easter Celebration Easter morning! We will have our annual Easter Egg Hunt after the 9 o'clock mass. As a bonus, there will be a lovely brunch provided.***

***We could use candy to stuff our eggs. If you would like to contribute please bring a bag or two of candy and put it in the church kitchen. Thank you!***

### ***Volunteers Needed!***

***Each Saturday at 10am we assist with BINGO at Green Oaks Rehab and Nursing. It's just around the corner from church. We need people who will come for 1 hour on any Saturday; 10am-11am. You will assist with BINGO. It's super easy. For those needing community service hours this is great for that. Hope you will come out any Saturday you can. For more info please contact Stephanie Barnes.***



***Vacation Bible School is set for July 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>!***

***Come join in the FUN! Invite neighbors and friends to come.***



## A-Kids Visiting Our Shut-ins



# College Youth at Dinner and Escape Room



## Weekly Worship Services

Sunday 8:00 am - Said **MASS**  
9:00 am - **MASS** - Rite II  
11:00 am - **MASS** - Rite I

Monday 8:30 am - Morning Prayer (Chapel)

Tuesday 8:30 am - Morning Prayer (Chapel)

Wednesday 8:30 am - Morning Prayer (Chapel)  
11:00 am - **MASS**

Thursday 8:30 am - Morning Prayer (Chapel)

Friday 8:30 am - Morning Prayer (Chapel)

Saturday 5:00 pm - **MASS**

## Coming Up

March 2—Color Me Irish  
March 5—Shrove Tuesday  
March 6—Ash Wednesday  
March 8-9—30 Hours of Famine  
March 11-13—A-Kids Mini Mission  
March 14-16— Church Rummage Sale  
April 12—Palm Cross making  
April 26—28 Happening

## Regular Weekly Activities

Sunday 10:00 am Sunday School  
(During the school year)  
12:15 pm Potluck Luncheon  
(1st Sunday of each month)

12:30 pm Order of St. Luke

Monday 7:00 pm Men's Volleyball

Tuesday

Wednesday 7:00 am Men's Study Breakfast  
9:30 am Women's Bible Study  
6:15 pm Family Night  
6:00 pm Arlington Life Shelter  
(4th Wednesday only)

7:00 pm Choir practice

Thursday 10 am Senior Saints  
(2nd and 4th Thursdays)

6:30 pm Young Adult Class

Saturday 8:00 am BOSA Breakfast  
(2nd & 4th Saturdays)



# March Birthdays



**Always  
In Our  
Prayers**

**Clark Bradley** (Shawhan)  
**Marge Padgett Boonstra** (Shawhan)  
**Rebecca Reed Pflieger** (Shawhan)  
**Michael Combs** (Shawhan)  
**Scott Fielder** (Shawhan)  
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