

The St. Francis Bulletin

FROM OUR RECTOR

Fr. Aaron Cappucci

Continuing along the same lines of the article found in last month's parish newsletter, I would like to continue to explore the relationship between the Collects, Epistles, and Gospels to be used on Sundays throughout the year (found on page 90 and following) and the Psalms and Lessons of the Daily Offices (found on page x and following). In particular, I want to draw our attention to the theology and logic of our lectionary. Namely, redemption accomplished and applied.

Redemption *accomplished* is the focus of Advent through Trinity Sunday. That is, the collects and propers appointed for each Sunday focus on the person and work of Christ as He accomplished our redemption by the blood of His cross. The church continues to plunge the depths of the riches of Christ by pouring over these same lessons year after year, growing deeper in our knowledge and love of God in the gospel.

Redemption *applied* is the emphasis of the collects and propers throughout Trinity Season (Trinity Sunday until Advent). This is where we see the redemption that Christ accomplished be applied to the believer by the Holy Spirit. This is where the two great commandments – love God and love your neighbor – are worked out in the life of the church in terms of practical spirituality.

But upon closer examination, you will notice that readings for Sundays appointed in the Prayer Book on pages 90 and following are found almost exclusively in the Epistles and the Gospels. This may seem like a red flag for those who desire to have a steady diet of Old and New Testament readings throughout the year. However, the lessons for the daily offices of Morning and Evening Prayer are a combination of Psalms, Old, and New Testament readings that coincide with the liturgical calendar (i.e., from Advent through Trinity Season).

Robert Crouse has this to say regarding our lectionary:

“The character of this ancient Eucharistic lectionary is often misunderstood and misconstrued. It is not, and was never intended to be a substitute for Bible reading and Bible study; that can be done much more completely and thoroughly in other contexts: in the Daily Offices, in Bible study groups, in private study, with the help of commentaries, and so on.

The Eucharistic lectionary offers, instead, a systematic, doctrinal, moral and spiritual teaching, by way of Biblical texts.... It is an important, and really a basic, part of our Christian heritage, ancient and ecumenical, which it seems to me we must receive thankfully, cherish devoutly, and ponder in our minds and hearts week by week.”

That is to say, as we move into the habit of following the collects and propers of our Prayer Book and Eucharistic lectionary, let us be a people actively engaged in the reading and studying of the whole of Holy Scripture in the whole of life.

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE

Mark Ramin

I am very pleased to report that our mortgage balance will be under \$290,000 this month, down from the original \$605,000 balance and way ahead of our scheduled repayment terms. The St. Polycarp Guild's "Manly Footwear for Fr. Cappucci" fundraiser helped to reduce this balance by \$209 last month! Thank you for your continued support of our Building Fund.

Several of our members that are of an age where they are subject to Required Minimum Distributions on their

retirement accounts have been utilizing the advantageous tax break of having some of these amounts transferred directly from their retirement accounts to St. Francis as a contribution. This is advantageous as St. Francis receives the full amount of the distribution and the donor is not required to pay federal income taxes on the distribution. Please contact me or our Treasurer, Grady Collins, if you have any questions or if you need assistance with arranging this type of transfer to St. Francis.

ANGLICANS FOR LIFE

September 11th of this year marked the twenty second anniversary of the terrorist attacks in 2001. The nation mourns the loss of 2,977 lives lost in one day. This was a horrific event indeed, but how many consider, much less mourn, the loss of life through abortion....close to 2,700 babies a day?! This number is definitely down from prior to the Dobb's decision by the Supreme Court last year, but nevertheless thousands of abortions occur in this country every day. The fight is not over. Anglicans For Life is dedicated to ending this senseless loss of life by providing help, guidance, and support to help people embrace life from conception to natural death.

How are we at St Francis participating in that mission? We are actively supporting Trotter House, a pregnancy resource center. With Trotter House, we held the first annual baby shower in May, we were able to "buy" and fill a table at their "Help Healing and Hope benefit luncheon (upcoming on October 6th), and in mid November we will be sponsoring a family for Christmas. We welcome donations of diapers, clothing, toys, etc. at any time.

St. Francis also supports 40 Days for Life, an organization that holds prayer vigils for forty days in the fall and in the spring of each year. Committing to pray daily for one hour either at a facility or at home to end abortion is easy to do, and the fall vigil is currently in progress. For more info see 40daysforlife.com.

Other ways to participate in Anglicans for Life include the Rally for Life at the Austin State Capitol every January, highlighting opportunities to support those who adopt or provide foster care (the national Anglicans for Life has an adoption fund that gives \$2,000 grants to any member of an Anglican Church that adopts /fosters ...either domestic or international), communicating about adoption awareness month (upcoming in November), and contributing to Anglicansforlife.org. To either donate or apply contact Anglicansforlife.org. For questions or more info, contact Charlotte Ready.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE PRAYER VIGIL

September 27 - Nov. 5

Where do we go from here now that Roe vs Wade has been overturned and Texas has outlawed abortion?

There is supply and demand. The supply of abortion has been outlawed and severely limited, but the demand has not been eliminated. To continue our mission of peacefully and prayerfully ending abortion and building a culture of life, we still need to be out in the community offering life-affirming

options for women and families so that the abortion industry (which is still operating) doesn't convince or coerce them to go across state lines. There has also been a massive increase in abortion pills being sent through the mail (which is illegal, but very difficult to enforce the laws). We have a lot of work left to do to continue to build a culture of life. Planned Parenthood, which has one abortion facility and 3 satellite facilities here in Austin, has stated

that they are not going anywhere. They have essentially become a travel agent for abortions across state lines, so they are still taking clients and selling abortions. God has been on the move as we work to build a culture of life. Our prayer presence and outreach continues in front of the local abortion-referral facilities to help women find life-affirming alternatives. From September

27-November 5th, we will unite with hundreds of cities across the world for a simultaneous 40-day prayer vigil. Here in Central Texas at least 300 women have changed their minds and chosen life! To claim your prayer hour (and for other resources) visit CentralTexasCoalition.com or call the Coalition for Life office at (512) 296-2071.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

St. Francis' [Operation Christmas Child](#) collection will begin this month. **Donations will be collected beginning October 15th.** This is an exciting yearly event for the St. Francis youth. We look forward to packing boxes on November 12th. St. Francis started participating in Operation Christmas Child in 2002, so this will be our 22nd year of participation!

How to get involved: Beginning October 15, we will be happy to accept your donations of toys and supplies at the table near the front doors of the church. Below are suggested donation items: St. Francis usually tries to focus on the 5-9 age group. We will have a detailed list available at church by the second week of October.

- A "Wow" Item - Doll (with accessories), soccer ball (with a pump), stuffed animal, clothing outfit, small musical instrument, backpack
- Personal Care Items
- School Supplies
- Clothing and Accessories
- Craft and Activities
- Toys

Alternatively, you may donate funds toward the purchase of gift items, or toward shipping costs for the boxes (OCC suggests a donation of \$10 per box for shipping). Please make checks out to St. Francis. Learn more about this wonderful ministry [here](#). Please contact Melissa Bernard with any questions and suggestions you may have at nelson440@gmail.com. Thank you for your consideration!

ALTAR FLOWERS

If you wish to make a remembrance, memorial or thank offering, consider donating for the altar flowers. Use an envelope from the bookcase at the back of the Nave to enclose your donation. Fill the envelope front out as appropriate and place it in the wooden box.

MAILING ADDRESS

St. Francis has a new mailing address due numerous break-in attempts of the mailbox that used to be at the church. Our new mailing address is: St. Francis Anglican Church, PO Box 201881, Austin, TX 78720.

NEWSLETTER DELIVERY OPTIONS

- Receive the newsletter via e-mail with a printable version attached
- Pick up a printed copy on the table at the entrance to the church
- Have a copy mailed to your physical mail box (cost to the church is 50 cents)
- View newsletters on our website.

To change how you receive the newsletter, email info@stfrancisaustin.org

5th SUNDAY POTLUCK

October has 5 Sundays! Plan to bring something tasty to share for the 5th Sunday Potluck after the 11:00 service on October 29.

ONGOING DONATIONS

We are still collecting items for the Trotter House (A Pregnancy Resource Center) and for Mobile Loaves and Fishes. Place your donations in the box in the fellowship area.

Trotter House accepts:

- Diapers, bottles, teething, new or gently used clothing and toys
- Monetary donations can be made at: <https://www.betterunite.com/TrotterHouse-alwayson>
- For more information go to: <https://www.trotterhouse.org/>

Mobile Loaves and Fishes accepts:

- Toiletries (soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, almost any hygiene item)
- New or gently used clothing for adults and children
- Monetary donations can be made at: [Donate](#)
- For more information, go to [Mobile Loaves & Fishes](#).

CATECHISM CLASS COMPLETED

Some of you may remember we had an adult education offering for a couple of weeks in March of 2020. Recollection was that a couple dozen showed up for the 15 minute classes held between services.

The plan was to discuss the questions in the book **To Be a Christian: An Anglican Catechism**. This in-person class abruptly ended with the restrictions placed on us with COVID.

In May of 2021, the course was restarted, but online. The plan was the same: review the questions via Zoom for only 30 minutes a session. Pretty quickly, the group decided to not only discuss the questions, but to read the 2-8 Bible passages that were included with the questions.

On Sept. 20, the group of 8 finished the last question. In 2 years and 4 months, the Catechism class discussed 368 questions and read hundreds of Bible passages. About 20 people joined us for part or all of the course between May 2021 and the end.

HELP NEEDED FOR COFFEE HOUR

Just about everyone enjoys visiting over a cup of coffee and a bite to eat after each of the services. Although Doug and Cesia Cooper have taken on much of the role as hospitality hosts, help from the congregation would be greatly appreciated. We need weekly volunteers to help with set-up, clean-up, and contributing food items. We also would appreciate donations for regularly used items, such as paper plates, napkins, and creamer. You can find a sign-up sheet for volunteering and donations on the fridge in the church kitchen.

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

2 John and Christina Hatley

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

5 Kevin Burnette
Peter Nwachuku
6 Gideon Hatley
13 Ella Collins
18 Rudy Montalvo
21 Francesca Cappucci
28 David Norris
29 Doreen Robertson
30 John Hatley

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sundays

- 9:15 a.m. Nursery is provided.
9:30 a.m. Said Holy Communion. Healing prayers at the altar rail follow the service
9:30 a.m. Sunday School for youth
10:00 a.m. Choir Practice
11:00 a.m. Choral Holy Communion. Healing prayers after the service.

Tuesdays

7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Bible Study online via [Zoom](#)

Thursdays

7:00 p.m. Evening Prayer in person in the church and via Zoom.

OCTOBER CALENDAR

Oct 7 - Saturday

10:00 a.m. Prayers for the Nation

Oct 8 - 2nd Sunday & 4th Sunday (Oct 22)

12:45 - 2:00 p.m. Spiritual Formation Group - upstairs at the church

Oct 9 - 2nd Monday

6:00 p.m. Vestry Meeting via Zoom

Oct 13 - 2nd & 4th Friday (Oct 27)

7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Home group at the McCown's house

Oct 16 - 3rd Monday

7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Readers of First Things group online meeting. Contact Karl Stephan at kdstephan@txstate.edu to join the online meeting via Zoom or come in person to the fellowship hall

Oct 20 - 3rd Friday

NOON to 1:00 p.m. Mother's Prayer Group in the fellowship area

Oct 27 - 4th Friday

4:30 p.m. Mobile Loaves and Fishes Make Ready Team

5:30 p.m. Mobile Loaves and Fishes Truck Run

Note on the calendar:

- To join any of the meetings or services held via Zoom, email info@stfrancisaustin.org

READINGS FOR OCTOBER

10/1 17 after Trinity ([Link to Readings](#)) P21

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32
Psalm 25:3-9
Philippians 2:1-13
Matthew 21:28-32

10/8 18 after Trinity ([Link to Readings](#)) P22

Isaiah 5:1-7
Psalm 80
Philippians 3:14-21
Matthew 21:33-43

10/15 19 after Trinity ([Link to Readings](#)) P23

Isaiah 25:1-9
Psalm 23
Philippians 4:4-13
Matthew 22:1-14

10/22 20 after Trinity ([Link to Readings](#)) P24

Isaiah 45:1-7
Psalm 96:1-9
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Matthew 22:15-22

10/29 21 after Trinity ([Link to Readings](#)) P25

Exodus 22:21-27
Psalm 1
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
Matthew 22:34-46

Notes on the readings:

- St. Francis follows the 1979 BCP Lectionary for the lessons. We are in Year A.
- The text read at the service is from the Revised Standard Version of the Bible.
- Each of the listed Sunday readings is linked to the corresponding page on LectionaryPage.net.
- The Sunday collects and text of the psalms are generally from the 1928 Book of Common Prayer.
- On the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month, the psalm is chanted during the 11:00 service. The pointing is from the St. Francis Psalter, found at <http://stfrancisaustin.org/psalter>, which is based on the Cathedral Psalter.

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ST. FRANCIS' MISSION STATEMENT

- We are a community of believers in the Gospel of Jesus Christ whose mission it is to spread that Gospel in what we preach and in the way we live.
- We are called to know the Word of God, to act on it in our lives and to share it with our brothers and sisters in the world.
- We are determined to uphold the ancient faith of our ancestors in the Anglican tradition, to offer traditional Christian values based on the Holy Word of God and to be faithful witnesses to the person of Jesus in the Austin Community.
- St. Francis parish is dedicated to the presence of Christ in the lives of the poor, the needy, the sick, to each other and to all those to whom Jesus comes to minister in his life on earth.
- As a community of believers, we intend to entrust our growth in love, in faith and in resources to the generosity of God.