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REMINDER...SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26... CHRIST THE KING



• **Parish Pot Luck 'Bruncheon'** follows immediately after Mass. A consistently tasty time lasting about an hour

• **Daylight Saving Time** ends...set your clock **BACK 1 HOUR** Saturday

night and enjoy an extra hour of sleep Sunday morning...!



ADVENT SUNDAY LESSONS AND CAROLS...

The notable event marking the New Church Year, Lessons & Carols, is on Advent Sunday, November 30 at 4:00 PM. This truly moving parish tradition, now in its 6th year, is an excellent opportunity for evangelism and outreach to friends and relatives not yet acquainted with the Christ Church Parish family and traditions.

To aggressively expand attendance each parishioner will receive five (or more) printed invitations on Sunday, November 9 to personalize and send to people you'd like to attend with you. In the final stages of production right now is the invitation with matching envelope and a brief description and history of the Lessons and Carols Anglican tradition...you need only add your personal sentiment and mail them with a target date for them to arrive by November 17.

Right now...commence your list of who you'll be bringing...we'd love to run out of seats!

PARISH MAILING LIST EXPANSION...

Is underway to expand communication beyond those we already know. Over the past few weeks we've made a significant number of additions to the Christ Church Parish mailing list ...why some of you may be receiving this for the first time and we're far from finished!

You doubtless know someone who either has no contact with our parish or any other church or would like to explore new possibilities. Put their name on a card and drop it into the collection plate or hand it to one of the clergy or send an email note...they will be added to our 'contact' list. Please include name(s), address, phone number and email address.

The four most effective forms of outreach communication are...

- Personal contact
- Yellow Pages advertising
- Direct mail
- The parish website

We employ all four...the single most effective is personal contact...bringing someone with you and welcoming visitors who have found us through the other three.

MORE ABOUT THE PARISH WEBSITE...

Redesigned and greatly expanded over the past few months, have a look at www.christchurchparishacc.com

This is proving an increasingly effective outreach tool. Thanks to the efforts of Fr Deacon Rick Hobbs you'll now find Sunday sermons posted each week along with a series of photographs showing inquirers "what's inside"...comprehensive additions to the site is an ongoing commitment to expanded communication.

NEW STATIONS OF THE CROSS...

Donated in memory of Mary Wheeler were installed and seen for the first time on St Luke's Day. Obtained from a London antique dealer, the beautiful stations were first in church in Bruges, Belgium, are a stunning complement to our French Gothic architecture and a most fitting memorial to Mary. Thanks to Al Schick who negotiated the purchase and personally installed the fourteen stations.



A votive mass honoring Mary Wheeler at which the stations will be blessed is being planned; specifics will be announced at a later date.

ALL SAINTS DAY...

Will be celebrated this year on Sunday, November 2 at the 9:00 AM Mass. Yes...this actual day is November 1 and while we usually don't shift the celebration of this important day we are doing so in order to maximize exposure to this major feast day.

ALL SOULS DAY...

Follows All Saints Day by one day and so is transferred to Monday, November 3. The All Souls Day Requiem will be at 6:30. Please put the names of those you'd like remembered on the list which is now on the table at the back of the nave.

PARISH PANTRY MYSTERY...

Earlier this year it was noted that some items emerged from the dishwasher unqualified for the Good Housekeeping Seal of Approval. Mysteriously a new dishwasher appeared. It

was found in early October installed and very quietly producing exquisitely clean dishes. The dishwasher is so quiet that no one heard or saw it being installed...profound parochial thanks to the quiet mystery donor!!!

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI DAY...

Was a great time with 54 at Sunday Mass and more than 40 present for the Blessing of Animals following Coffee Hour. Remarkable was the very happy sound of many children at mass and more animals than at any time in recent history!



Thanks to Alex Von Anstedt for photographs appearing in *The Parish Times* and the website.



THANKSGIVING DAY MASS...

10:00 AM, Thursday, November 27

Please bring some canned or packaged staple food items to help restock the parish supply for assisting the poor and homeless.

THANKS TO...

Bill Carr for representing the diocese at the Anglican Catholic Church Provincial Synod in Metairie Louisiana.

FROM THE RECTOR...

Last summer my telephone, email and "look at this" clippings file activity escalated as increasingly controversial issues beset the Episcopal Church. I have been in communication with people from all over the world seeking to understand what's going on. I have been urged by many to "speak out publicly" on some of these matters but continue to follow a policy of not commenting upon matters not in our domain...though individual conversations continue at a rapid pace.

While we are not a part of the Episcopal Church or The Worldwide Anglican Communion both are a part of our heritage so there is an understandable tendency to follow and be asked about the proceedings of both bodies.

Suffice it to say that what has now gained worldwide attention within and outside the Anglican Communion are many of the same issues that precipitated the 1977 Congress of St. Louis and the formation the Anglican Continuum by conservative clergy and laity; of which the Anglican Catholic Church remains a part.

How should we respond to questions? First is what NOT to do...respond in a smug "We told you so" manner. Self-righteous behavior has no place anywhere...it serves only to inflame and further divide. What is appropriate is prayer...I am struck by the profound analysis of a Roman Catholic friend who followed with interest the early October conference of conservative American Anglicans in Plano, Texas...he wrote:

"While you and I are not directly affected by the current Episcopal (Church) problems - I believe we are all baptized into the one Body of Christ, and the 'health' of any one member or group ultimately affects us all, so we are well advised to pray for them."

Likewise I commend to you the following...

Letter from Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger to the "A Place to Stand" Gathering (The October meeting in Plano, Texas)

October 9, 2003

*From Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger
The Vatican, on behalf of Pope John Paul II*

I hasten to assure you of my heartfelt prayers for all those taking part in this convocation. The significance of your meeting is sensed far beyond Plano, and even in this City from which Saint Augustine of Canterbury was sent to confirm and strengthen the preaching of Christ's Gospel in England. Nor can I fail to recall that barely 120 years later, Saint Boniface brought that same Christian faith from England to my own forebears in Germany.

The lives of these saints show us how in the Church of Christ there is a unity in truth and a communion of grace which transcend the borders of any nation. With this in mind, I pray in particular that God's will may be done by all those who seek that unity in the truth, the gift of Christ himself.

With fraternal regards, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger

Take these thoughts to heart...include the Collect on p. 37 of the BCP in your daily prayer life...

For the Church

O GRACIOUS Father, we humbly beseech thee for the holy Catholic Church; that thou would be please to fill it with all truth, in all peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it, where it is in error, direct it; where it is in anything amiss, reform it. Where it is right, establish it; where it in want, provide for it; where it is divided reunite it; for the sake of him who died and rose again, and ever liveth to make intercession for us, Jesus Christ, thy son, our Lord. *Amen.*

Fr John Altberg

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 All Saints Day (Transferred) 0900 Sung Mass - 1015 Coffee Hour	3	4	5 12:00PM Low Mass, Healing	6 Alcoholics Anonymous 7:30 p.m.	7	8
9 Trinity 20 0900 Sung Mass - 1015 Coffee Hour	10	11	12 12:00PM Low Mass, Healing	13 Alcoholics Anonymous 7:30 p.m.	14	15
16 Trinity 21 0900 Sung Mass - 1015 - Coffee Hour 1030 - 1100 Discussion Group	17	18	19 St Teresa 12:00PM Low Mass, Healing	20 Alcoholics Anonymous 7:30 p.m.	21	22
23 Trinity 18 0900 Sung Mass Coffee Hour 1030 - 1100 Discussion Group	24	25 Vestry Meeting 7:00PM	26 12:00PM Low Mass, Healing	27 Alcoholics Anonymous 7:30 p.m.	28	29
30 Advent 1 0900 Sung Mass Coffee Hour 1030 - 1100 Discussion Group 4PMLesson&Carols	Dec 1 St Andrew	2	3 12:00PM Low Mass, Healing	4	5	6

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