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FROM OUR RECTOR

Dear Parish Family and Friends:

Alleluia, Christ is Risen! Those liturgical words rang out for the first time during the Easter Vigil this year and they were most welcome to hear after a long, cold season of Lent. And what a Holy Week and Easter Day celebration we had at Saint David of Wales this year! Attendance was excellent and the Holy Spirit was present throughout as reported by many of you. I want to thank all of the serving groups who worked so hard to make Holy Week and the Triduum one of the best ever.

I want to say a word or two about encouragement. Yesterday I received one of the best notes I have received in quite some time. The note was from a young lady who had been involved in a car accident and I was initially contacted about the accident by Canon Monk who had just left our parish after the last of the Lenten Series dinners. Canon Monk relayed to me that there had been a two car accident on Scripture Street in front of Highland Baptist Church. I immediately went to see if I could be of any assistance and discovered there was a young man driving one car and a young lady the other. The young lady had a small cut on her forehead that was being looked at by a male nurse who had stopped to render aid and had left his five year old son in his car. While the paramedics and the nurse worked on the young lady the nurse asked if I would walk over and reassure his son that “Daddy would be right back.” I did and the little boy was fine watching all the flashing lights. Finally I got to speak with the young lady who was visibly shaken and who embraced me and said, “thanks for being here, but my car is a wreck now and I can’t afford another.” I assured her that she was infinitely more important than a car and that the car could be replaced but she could not be replaced. All was somewhat well so I went on back to the church and then home. The note she sent to me said in part, “that by stopping, you made a terrible situation something I can see positively.” A simple word of encouragement is all that we need sometimes in life to give us a new outlook in the midst of things we do not understand and often times look grim. So, what is my point? We all need each other in life more than we might imagine. During these fifty days of this Eastertide, I want us to be what we represented at the Easter Vigil; a small light to the world who needs the one, true light, Jesus Christ. Take your candle into the world to eliminate the darkness that is so overwhelming at times for us and those around us. Give a word of encouragement to someone and know that it is not you but the Son of God, risen from the dead that you bring to those in need of His light in their lives. Be careful as the light is more powerful than you can imagine. The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

See you in church during these great fifty days of Easter.

Faithfully,

Canon H.W. Herrmann, SSC, VI Rector

Dossal Curtains—have you noticed the new dossal curtains behind the high altar? We now have the following sets and liturgical colors: blue, white, green, red and violet. The green and blue sets have been spoken for by some generous parishioners. If you would like to help defray the cost of a set, write a check with the notation, “Dossal Curtains” in the memo section. We have JoAnn Mc Millen to thank for her hard work in organizing this project that reminds us of what liturgical season we find ourselves.

Appointment of Senior Warden—the Rector has appointed Jan Rousey as Senior Warden for the remainder of 2010. Due to work and personal commitments, David Williamson is stepping aside at this time from serving on the vestry. I want to thank David for having served the past two years on the vestry and his many contributions of leadership during that time. I want to also thank Jan Rousey for accepting this new responsibility of leadership at this time as he continues in his role as treasurer. Please say a prayer of thanksgiving for these fine leaders.

Baptism—the next opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism is on Sunday, April 18. If you or a child, or a member of your family desires to be prepared for Baptism, please contact the parish office to begin the process or mention it to the Rector.

Quarterly Giving Statements—Giving statements for the first quarter of 2010 are now available. If you have signed up for a login and password for the Member Portal then you will be able to access and print your complete giving statement at any time. If you need a login and password, or if you do not wish to use this service, and would like your statement mailed, please contact Holly in the parish office.

Saint David's Member Portal—The new member database that we purchased in 2009 is up and running. This database will allow members who have a login and password to the system to access your member profile and your giving statement. You will be able to make changes to your member profile and see your giving statement as it is updated on a weekly basis. There are groups set up for each serving organization and you will be able to e-mail members of your group and our parish through the database. **You will not be able to see or change anyone's information but your own and your family's.** The only people who have access to the whole database are the parish office. If you would like to take advantage of this new feature you will need to either e-mail Holly directly or call the parish office. Once you have been issued a login and password, you can access the member portal through our web site at www.stdavidsdenton.org/about-us and click on Member Portal. Questions? Please e-mail or call Holly in the parish office at 940.387.2622, office@stdavidsdenton.org.

Pilgrimage: Canterbury to Walsingham to Wales and Back?—several of our members have asked about taking a pilgrimage to a couple of our favorite destinations in the British Isles: Canterbury, Walsingham, England and Saint David's Cathedral in Wales. These two locations are two of the most popular in Britain and if enough members would consider making this pilgrimage, we could go as early as next summer in 2011 for about 10-12 days in length. If you have had the thought or dream of making such a pilgrimage, now is the time to start saving and planning. Please e-mail either the Rector at fatherherrmann@stdavidsdenton.org or the parish office at office@stdavidsdenton.org to have your name placed on a preliminary list to go. Details and prices will be forthcoming and published in a later edition of Wales Tales. This will be an exciting opportunity for our parish.

Saint David's Day—On Sunday, May 2, we will celebrate our Patronal Feast Day. We are asking the parish to join us for a potluck lunch following the 10:30 a.m. liturgy. More information will be coming in the April bulletins. If you have any questions, please contact Holly in the parish office.

Father Seatvet Retires, Again!—after many years of assisting at our parish, Father Seatvet is hanging up his biretta but will continue to be faithful in his attendance with his delightful bride, Dana. Father Saucedo will be celebrating each Sunday at 5:00 p.m. We are blessed to have both of these fine priests among us.

Congratulations to Linda Touraine—After more than 35 years with the Denton Public Library, librarian Linda Touraine has retired. Mrs. Touraine began her career with the Denton Public Library in the 1970s as the library's first professional children's librarian. She went on to head the Adult Services Department at the Emily Fowler Library and to serve as Adult Services Coordinator for the library system. She was responsible for the development of Fowler Library's stellar Genealogy and Texas collections. At the time of her retirement, Mrs. Touraine was the manager of the South Branch Library.

Christian Education

Christian Education—Sunday School meets at 9:15 a.m. every Sunday in the Chapel. The last day of Sunday School for this semester is Sunday, May 16. Recognition Sunday will be on May 23, Pentecost Sunday.

Vacation Bible School— VBS will take place June 7 through June 11. Come and join us as we follow Joseph on his journey in Egypt from Pharaoh's prison to the palace. Registration is available online or you can pick up a registration form in the narthex. We are asking the parish for donations of Capri Sun juices, individually wrapped snacks, grapes, olives, and brown paper grocery bags. We are also in need of volunteers to help with VBS. If you are able to assist in any way please contact Leslie Latham at 940.453.2589. This is a wonderful ministry and outreach opportunity for our church. Please join us. Scholarships are available.

Summer Church Camp—the Rector will once again be a part of the summer church camp at Camp Crucis in Granbury, Texas this summer during the week of July 11-16th. The Confetti I session will be for students, K - 6th grades and allows families with multiple children of a variety of ages to attend camp together. Applications and forms can be obtained through the parish office.

Ministries and Organizations

Daughters of the King—The Daughters of the King will meet on Saturday, May 8 at 10:00 a.m. Our guest will be Shirley DeDoes, speaking to us on the subject of quiet time.

Women of Saint David's—The next WOSD meeting is May 22. Breakfast goodies begin at 8:30 a.m. followed by the meeting at 9:00 a.m. Don't forget to bring your "Thank Offerings" -- we will collect the thank boxes (or your checks!) and vote on the distributions of those funds. WOSD has camp scholarship money set aside and it's not too early to start thinking about if your child wants to attend camp. Scholarships will be discussed at the meeting. All women who attend Saint David's are members of the WOSD and we hope you'll join us Saturday, May 22. For more information please contact Delie Fisher.

WOSD Summer Used Book Sale—The Women of Saint David's are looking for your used books and magazines. Books & magazines will be sold on the cart through summer at low prices. All money raised will go to the WOSD. All types of books are welcome, fiction, non-fiction, children's picture books, cookbooks, coffee table books, craft books, etc. Old magazines, in fair to good condition, are welcomed as well. Please no used activity or coloring books. Please place books & magazines in the basket labeled "Items for Cart", the basket will be located under the WOSD bulletin board in the parish hall.

Our Daily Bread—Our Daily Bread is in need of volunteers for their booth at the Jazz Fest. The Jazz Fest is April 23, 24, 25. If interested contact Eddie Touraine at 382-2954.

Youth News

Youth of Saint David's—the Spring Rummage Sale is on April 17 and to make it easier on all involved we are also planning a lock-in the night before the sale on April 16th. We have started taking any and all items for the sale. On Saturday, May 1 we will host a Kid's Carnival from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This will be an opportunity for our youth to participate in outreach to the community. We are inviting children from our immediate neighborhood and schools in Denton. We are having a tremendous year so far and look forward to the next few months the kids have planned! If you feel called to help or get involved in any of our activities please call Scott and Jeanie Porter at 940.387.5513, or Autumn Rainey at 940.395.8233.

Parish Spring Rummage Sale—On April 17 the YOSD will hold a Spring Rummage Sale and would appreciate your donations. We are currently accepting your items (other than books and magazines) here at the church. Anything and everything is welcome so feel free to spring clean and help our youth make some money for their retreat which is planned for the summer.

May Day Kid's Carnival—On Saturday, May 1 we will hold a Kid's Carnival here on the parish grounds, sponsored by the Youth of Saint David's. The carnival begins at 11:00 a.m. and will end at 4:00 p.m. This event is open to the entire Denton community is welcome. There will be games and prizes, as well as refreshments. We have had a great response from the community with many businesses agreeing to act as sponsors. This will be a fun filled day for the entire family. An all access ticket for the day is \$3.00 per person and will be available for purchase during the coffee hours on Sundays or at the carnival ticket booth. For more information, please contact Scott and Jeanie Porter at 940.387.387.5513 or Autumn Rainey at 940.395.8233.

Soldier's Angels—Our youth group is putting together a package for a soldier each month; below is a list of some items that would work great for his care package. You may send them with your child to our youth group meetings, or leave them in the box in the parish hall. Thank you for all of your support and help as we work to involve your youth in a worthwhile cause. Blankets, Phone Cards, Slippers, Cards and letters of encouragement, T-Shirts(solid gray or black), Lounge pajamas, Hand held games, Snacks, Chapstick, Personal hygiene items, Lotions, Backpacks, Bug repellent, Magazines, CD Players, CD's and DVD's, and Gift cards to Walmart, Target, etc.

Saint of the Month

Catherine of Sienna

Catherine Benincasa, born in 1347, was the youngest of twenty-five children of a wealthy dyer of Sienna (or Siena). At the age of six, she had a vision of Christ in glory, surrounded by His saints. From that time on, she spent most of her time in prayer and meditation, over the opposition of her parents, who wanted her to be more like the average girl of her social class. Eventually they gave in, and at the age of sixteen she joined the Third Order of Saint Dominic(First Order = friars, Second Order = nuns, Third Order = laypersons), where she became a nurse, caring for patients with leprosy and advanced cancer whom other nurses disliked to treat.

She began to acquire a reputation as a person of insight and sound judgment, and many persons from all walks of life sought her spiritual advice, both in person and by letter. We have a book containing about four hundred letters from her to bishops, kings, scholars, merchants, and obscure peasants. She persuaded many priests who were living in luxury to give away their goods and to live simply.

In her day, the popes, officially Bishops of Rome, had been living for about seventy years, not at Rome but at Avignon in France, where they were under the political control of the King of France (the Avignon Papacy, sometimes called the Babylonian Captivity of the Papacy, began when Philip the Fair, King of France, captured Rome and the Pope in 1303). Catherine visited Avignon in 1376 and told Pope Gregory XI that he had no business to live away from Rome. He heeded her advice, and moved to Rome. She then acted as his ambassador to Florence, and was able to reconcile a quarrel between the Pope and the leaders of that city. She then retired to Sienna, where she wrote a book called the *Dialog*, an account of her visions and other spiritual experiences, with advice on cultivating a life of prayer.

After Gregory's death in 1378, the Cardinals, mostly French, elected an Italian Pope, Urban VI, who on attaining office turned out to be arrogant and abrasive and tyrannical, and perhaps to have other faults as well. The Cardinals met again elsewhere, declared that the first election had been under duress from the Roman mob and therefore invalid, and elected a new Pope, Clement VII, who established his residence at Avignon. Catherine worked tirelessly, both to persuade Urban to mend his ways (her letters to him are respectful but severe and

uncompromising -- as one historian has said, she perfected the art of kissing the Pope's feet while simultaneously twisting his arm), and to persuade others that the peace and unity of the Church required the recognition of Urban as lawful Pope. Despite her efforts, the Papal Schism continued until 1417. It greatly weakened the prestige of the Bishops of Rome, and thus helped to pave the way for the Protestant Reformation a century later.

Catherine is known (1) as a mystic, a contemplative who devoted herself to prayer, (2) as a humanitarian, a nurse who undertook to alleviate the suffering of the poor and the sick; (3) as an activist, a renewer of Church and society, who took a strong stand on the issues affecting society in her day, and who never hesitated (in the old Quaker phrase) "to speak truth to power"; (4) as an adviser and counselor, with a wide range of interests, who always made time for troubled and uncertain persons who told her their problems -- large and trivial, religious and secular.

The Interview with God

I dreamed I had an interview with God. "So you would like to interview me?" God asked.

"If you have the time" I said. God smiled, "My time is eternity." "What questions do you have in mind for me?"

"What surprises you most about humankind?"

God answered... "That they get bored with childhood, they rush to grow up, and then long to be children again. That they lose their health to make money...and then lose their money to restore their health. That by thinking anxiously about the future, they forget the present, such that they live in neither the present nor the future. That they live as if they will never die, and die as if they had never lived."

God's hand took mine and we were silent for a while.

And then I asked... "As a parent, what are some of life's lessons you want your children to learn?"

"To learn they cannot make anyone love them. All they can do is let themselves be loved. To learn that is not good to compare themselves to others. To learn to forgive by practicing forgiveness. To learn that it only takes a few seconds to open profound wounds in those they love, and it can take many years to heal them. To learn that a rich person is not one who has the most, but is one who needs the least. To learn that there are persons who love them dearly, but simply have not yet learned how to express or show their feelings. To learn that two people can look at the same thing and see it differently. To learn that it is not enough that they forgive one another, but they must also forgive themselves."

"Thank you for your time," I said humbly. "Is there anything else you would like your children to know?"

God smiled and said, "Just know that I am here...always."

-author unknown.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

April 2010

	April 11	April 18	April 25
<u>Ushers</u>			
8:00 a.m.	Millard	Miller	Rousey
10:30 a.m.	Odom Baird	Easley Mays	Mallory Hundley
<u>Altar Guild</u>	Team II	Team III	Team IV
<u>LEM's</u>			
8:00 a.m.	Pickens	Sanders	B. Rainey
10:30 a.m.	Phillips Bradbury	Dodson Johnston	Mays Hundley
5:00 p.m.	Ballantine	Sager	Hodges
<u>Acolytes</u>	Team II	Team III	Team IV
<u>Hospitality</u>			
8:00 a.m.	Millard Keffer	Touraine Rousey	Johnson Reese
10:30 a.m.	Seatvet Siegmond	Hundley Bussell	Nichols McMillen
<u>Golden Nook</u>			
8:00 a.m.	Touraine	Fisher	Touraine
10:30 a.m.	Hale	Sidor	Odom
5:00 p.m.	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
<u>Vestry Greeters</u>			
8:00 a.m.	LaCour	Pickens	Touraine
10:30 a.m.	Johnston	Siegmond	Johnston

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4 8:00 HE Rite I; 9:15 Christian Ed; 10:30 HE Rite II; 12:30 YOSD; 5:00 HE Rite II	5	6	7 6:30 Healing Liturgy, HE Rite II	8 9:30 Morning Prayer, HE Rite I 6:30 Adult Bible Study	9	10 10:30 Daughters of the King
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25 8:00 HE Rite I; 9:15 Christian Ed; 10:30 HE Rite II; 12:30 YOSD; 5:00 HE Rite II	26	27	28 6:30 Healing Liturgy, HE Rite II	29 9:30 Morning Prayer, HE Rite I 6:30 Adult Bible Study	30	

Parish Register

For the Faithful Departed—Priscilla Ann Trejo; Ginger Perez; Michael Connor; Joanne; Marcia; James Brown; Cecil Thompson; Robert Wooldridge.

For the Bereaved: the Oliver, Trejo, and Orr families; the Perez family; Dolores Brown and the Brown family; the Oliver and Thompson families; the Mohelnitzky and Wooldridge families.

Baptisms—Congratulations to Rachael Sims who was baptized at the Great Vigil liturgy on Saturday, April 3.

First Communion—Congratulations to Joe Fisher who celebrated his First Communion on Easter Sunday at the 8:00 a.m. liturgy.

Our Prayers and Best Wishes to those celebrating a birthday or anniversary in April!

Anniversaries

4/6	Clay and Judy Thurmond	4/22	Jack and M Jones
4/10	Steve and Cindy Knox	4/26	Mark and Stephanie Oliver

Birthdays

4/1	Evelyn McMillen	4/10	Ryan Ponsonby	4/20	Ethan McDaniel
	Delores Brown	4/11	Char Mallory	4/22	Evelyn Blankson
	Elizabeth Swaner	4/12	Brady Brown	4/23	Gloria Schmitz
4/2	Carolyn Briner	4/14	Jan McGee	4/24	Barbara Philipson
	Florentino Febre		Mark Youngblood		Colin Carr
4/3	Fortunato Sunio	4/16	Sarah Fitzpatrick	4/27	Joan Latham
	Julia McCane	4/18	Lindsay Keffer	4/28	Lynn Rousey
4/4	Becky Wright		Victor Lemley	4/30	
4/5	Laura Sunio	4/19	M Jones		
	Ryan Clifford		Fay Penley		
4/6	Kathleen LaComb		Rachel Davis		

Financial Report from Treasurer, Jan Rousey:

These numbers were presented and approved at the March Vestry meeting.

	February Actual	February Budget	2010 Actual	2010 Budget
Income	\$20, 161	\$26, 047	\$45, 156	\$312, 603
Expense	\$22, 713	\$27, 682	\$51, 063	\$332, 259

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Weekly Worship and Bible Study Schedule

Sunday
8:00 a.m. *Holy Eucharist, Rite I
9:15 a.m. Christian Education (Adults and Children)
10:30 a.m. *Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Children's Chapel
5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II
**A nursery is provided for all children to age 5.*

Monday-Thursday
7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
Wednesday
6:30 p.m. Evening Prayer and Healing Liturgy, Rite II
Thursday
9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer and Holy Eucharist, Rite I

Mid-Week Bible Studies

Thursday
6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study

***Confessions are heard by appointment