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FROM OUR RECTOR

Dear Parish Family and Friends:

I came across this meditation this Lent and I pray it speaks to you as much as it did to me:

“Man has fallen, and he continues to fall: often he becomes a caricature of himself, no longer the image of God, but a mockery of the Creator. Is not the man who, on the way from Jerusalem to Jericho, fell among robbers who stripped Him and left Him half-dead and bleeding beside the road, the image of humanity par excellence? Jesus’ fall beneath the Cross is not just the fall of the man Jesus, exhausted from His scourging. There is a more profound meaning in this fall, as Paul tells us in the Letter to the Philippians: “though He was in the form of God, He did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men... He humbled Himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a Cross” (Phil 2:6-8). In Jesus’ fall beneath the weight of the Cross, the meaning of His whole life is seen: His voluntary abasement, which lifts us up from the depths of our pride. The nature of our pride is also revealed: it is that arrogance which makes us want to be liberated from God and left alone to ourselves, the arrogance which makes us think that we do not need His eternal love, but can be the masters of our own lives. In this rebellion against truth, in this attempt to be our own god, creator and judge, we fall headlong and plunge into self-destruction. The humility of Jesus is the surmounting of our pride; by His abasement He lifts us up. Let us allow Him to lift us up. Let us strip away our sense of self-sufficiency, our false illusions of independence, and learn from Him, the One who humbled Himself, to discover our true greatness by bending low before God and before our downtrodden brothers and sisters.”

Why? Why did our Lord have to die such a terrible, ugly and horrible death? He asked the same question to His Heavenly Father in the Garden of Gethsemane as He prayed, “remove this cup from me.”. However, Jesus then goes on to say “yet not what I will, but what thou wilt.” Mark 14: 36. God’s will for Jesus’ life is a ransom for many. Before Jesus could finish the prayer of foregoing this brutal death, He knew the answer His Father in heaven would give. How many times do we require and demand our will be done rather His most gracious will? Jesus was born to die. Jesus died so that we might have eternal life. This Lent we have and will continue to walk the way of the cross and hear about Jesus falling three times on the way to His death on Calvary. It was and is our sins that made Him fall that we commit each and every day of our lives. Our collective sin which was a terrible weight to bear and yet Jesus did it willingly, obediently and submissively because He loves.

We are about to embark on the one week of the year the Church calls holy. It is a week like no other week on our calendar. It is a week that begins with the triumphant entry into Jerusalem and ends with the triumphant departure of Jesus from this world. One could go from one joyful triumphant Sunday (Palm Sunday) to the next (Easter Sunday) and skip all the rest that reveals the rest of the story leading up to our Lord’s resurrection. The fullness of the Gospel and our message of hope is lived out during the liturgies of Holy Week and to miss them is to miss part of that glorious message of new life. If you like happy endings in the

books you read, just come on Easter Day but if you want the rest of the story, plan on joining us this Holy Week.

Looking forward to seeing you often in church.

Faithfully,
Canon H.W. Herrmann, SSC, VI Rector

Lenten Dinner and Lecture Series

"but the people would not receive Him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem."

Luke 9:53

Each Tuesday evening during Lent, a guest speaker will present a concise overview of the above passage from Saint Luke's Gospel of how to set our faces to receive Jesus throughout Lent. The evening will begin at 6:00 p.m. with Stations of the Cross, followed by a soup and bread Lenten meal (freewill offering) and then the speaker will make his presentation for twenty minutes, followed by a period of questions and discussion by those present. Each evening will end by 7:30 p.m. and a nursery will be provided, beginning at 6:00 p.m. A sign up sheet to provide three soups and bread each Tuesday will be posted for your participation. Come and join us this Lent as we journey together during these 40 days as we seek the one, true, living God made known in Jesus Christ our Lord. Come and bring a friend or two.

Tuesday, March 23: Canon Ed Monk, SSC, Saint John's, Corsicana, Texas

HOLY WEEK—Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter

Palm Sunday, March 28, begins the only week of the year that the Church calls Holy. This year we will once again offer those most rich and ancient liturgies throughout Holy Week; Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil, and Easter Day. Each of these liturgies are important and tell a portion of the story of our Lord's last days in his earthly ministry and His passion.

Palm Sunday, March 28, 9:30 a.m.—*(This will be our only morning liturgy of the day)(Procession beginning outside, weather permitting)* This is the beginning of Holy Week and we will gather prior to the 9:30 a.m. liturgy on the porch on the east side of the building for the Blessing of the Palms to begin the Palm Sunday procession into the church as we process down the sidewalk and out onto Ector Street, turning left at the corner and processing through the main doors of the church and into the nave as we re-enact the triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

Holy Monday, March 29, 9:30 a.m.—Celebration of the Holy Eucharist in the Saint Augustine Chapel

Holy Tuesday, March 30, 6:00 p.m.—Celebration of the Holy Eucharist in the Saint Augustine Chapel

Holy Wednesday, March 31, 12:15 p.m.—Celebration of the Holy Eucharist in the Saint Augustine Chapel

Maundy Thursday, April 1, 7:00 p.m.—The term "Maundy" is derived from the Medieval English word mounds, meaning, "command" or "mandate". The Gospel of Saint John, chapter 13 describes Jesus at His last supper washing the disciple's feet telling them that everyone is to be treated equally, servant and master, and commanding them to love one another. On this day, we gather in a happy environment (the Passover meal). Jesus gives us a command (often enacted by the washing of feet) and he feeds us (Eucharist). He leaves the upper room and goes to the Garden of Gethsemane (the Blessed Sacrament is taken to the Altar of Repose in the Saint Augustine Chapel), the celebration is over (the stripping of the altar) and he asks us to watch with Him for one hour.

The Altar of Repose-The Maundy Thursday Watch 8:00 p.m.—Jesus asks his disciples a sorrowful question at the Garden of Gethsemane: “Could ye not watch with me one hour?” The “Watch” will take place at Saint David’s this year in the Saint Augustine Chapel at 8:00 p.m. following the Maundy Thursday liturgy and will continue until the Morning Prayer liturgy at 8:40 a.m. on Good Friday. A sign-up sheet will be in the foyer with one hour time slots each. Maundy Thursday liturgy and will continue until the Morning Prayer liturgy at 8:40 a.m. on Good Friday. A sign-up sheet will be in the foyer with one hour time slots each.

Fermentum—On Maundy Thursday a piece of consecrated Bread (called Fermentum) from Bishop’s Eucharist on Holy Tuesday will be placed into the chalice after the Lord’s Prayer, and before the Fraction. This ancient rite symbolizes unity with our Bishop in the Eucharistic Fellowship, which is particularly appropriate on this day when Jesus prayed for the unity of all believers.

Good Friday, April 2, 12:15 Noon—Why would such a sad day be called “good”? The word “good” in this context dates back to the Old English usage of “pious” or “holy”. On Good Friday, Jesus was on the cross from noon until 3:00 p.m. If we have a choice, there should be no television or other form of entertainment from noon until 3:00 p.m. on this day. It is the time Jesus dies for us. The liturgy is the second most ancient liturgy of the entire year, next to the Great Vigil. We will show our sadness by entering in silence....praying for all sorts and conditions of the people, by reading the account of Jesus’ death, by venerating His cross, and by receiving His Body and Blood. We are never permitted to celebrate the Eucharist on Good Friday, we receive from that which was consecrated the night before. The organ is silent as we mourn the death of Christ. The “Good Friday Cantata” and the three hour preaching service are rather new innovations, introduced just over a century ago. However, the liturgy at Saint David’s will follow a liturgy that goes back to a third century man, Egeria.

Day of Fasting

This practice is encouraged for the purpose of drawing spiritually closer to our Lord on that day in which he was sacrificed for us on the cross. The fast may be broken after 3:00 p.m. or after sundown on Good Friday. The practice in the Episcopal Church has always been to abstain from meat on this day and for some, throughout the year on Fridays.

The Great Vigil, April 3, 8:00 p.m. and Easter Sunday, April 4, 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.—We will bless the fire (bursting from the tomb), light the Paschal candle (the Risen Christ), and proclaim the Exultet (ancient hymn of “Pesach” or “passing over”, such as Moses from Egypt to Isreal or Christ from death to life). We will hear our history (prophecies), baptize the catechumens (the only time baptism was celebrated in the early church), join the expectant saints (Library of Saints), and proclaim the Resurrection. This is the most ancient and beautiful of all Christian liturgies. Following the Great Vigil there will be a reception in the parish hall. For those of you attending the Vigil, please remember to bring a handbell from home for the liturgy and a finger food to share at the reception.

Sacramental Confessions—will be offered Saturday, April 3, 2010 in the chapel beginning at 9:30 a.m. If the door is open, one may enter but wait if the door is closed. Forms on “How to Make a Confession” may be found in the tract rack. If you need additional guidance, please see a member of the clergy or to schedule an alternate time. This is truly a wonderful sacrament the Church has to offer it’s member’s and should be taken advantage of by all.

Baptism—the next opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism is at the Easter Vigil, Saturday evening, April 3, at 8:00 p.m. In the early Church, this was once the only time during the calendar that new members were brought into the Church. 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.

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: 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: 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 8-10 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. More information will be coming in the March and April bulletins and the April Wales Tales. If you have any questions, please contact Holly in the parish office.

Christian Education

Palm Sunday and Easter Day—there will NOT be any Christian Education classes those days other than children's chapel and the liturgies of the Church.

Christian Education—Sunday School is meeting at 9:15 a.m. in the Chapel. We will be giving each family a Lenten Calendar which each family is encouraged to discuss with their children. We will also be giving each family a collection box [Mite box]. We are asking our children to remember others by giving money from their allowances or jobs. The money which is being collected will be given to the Anglican relief fund which is going to Haiti. We encourage all our families to bring their children and participate in Sunday School.

Ministries and Organizations

Daughters of the King—The Daughters of the King will meet on Saturday, April 10 at 10:00 a.m. There will be a guest speaker for the April meeting. The subject will be quiet time.

Women of Saint David's—The WOSD met on Saturday, March 6 for breakfast and a meeting. The women agreed that a new kitchen dishwasher and the parish flooring were long discussed needs for our church and approved both projects. We will focus our fundraising efforts on these two areas. All women in the church are members of the WOSD and we'd love to have your help and input. Future meetings for the WOSD are May 22, September 11, and December 4. Our first fundraiser: Pub Night is scheduled for June 12 at the Fisher Home -- We hope to see you there!

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.

Youth of Saint David's—These past few weeks the Y.O.S.D. has taken it pretty easy enjoying a movie day together and making prayer list posters for the youth room, all in the efforts to save our energy for the upcoming months. March will be filled with Easter preparations on March 21, filling Easter eggs for our younger children and baskets for our shut-ins, Easter day festivities on April 4, and the Spring Rummage Sale on April 17. 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. 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.

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.

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.

The Association of Christian Women—will meet here at Saint David's on Tuesday, March 30 at 9:00 a.m.

Altar Guild—the Altar Guild will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 27. After coffee, the Altar Guild will be preparing for Holy Week and Easter. For more information call Pat Caruthers at 940.387.2944.

Saint of the Month

Saint Joseph, Protector of our Lord

All that we know of Joseph we learn from the first two chapters of Matthew and of Luke. Otherwise he is mentioned only in passing in Luke 3:23; John 1:45; John 6:42 as the supposed father of Jesus. (Mark does not mention him at all.)

In the face of circumstances where a man of lesser character might have reacted very differently, Joseph graciously assumed the role of Jesus' father. He is well remembered in Christian tradition for the love he showed to the boy Jesus, and for his tender affection and care for Mary, during the twelve years and more that he was their protector.

Joseph was a pious Jew, a descendant of David, and a carpenter by trade. (The Gospels use the Greek word TEKTON, which means "builder," as in "architect." It has been suggested that he may have been a mason or a metalworker, or a building contractor. In favor of the traditional translation, we have a remark in the writings of Justin Martyr, who was born in Palestine, probably around 100, and who tells us that he has seen plows and ox-yokes still in use which were said to have been made in the carpenter-shop at Nazareth.

We may not believe that the particular claims were all accurate, but they are testimony to what the Christians of Palestine in the early second century believed that Joseph's occupation had been, and this may be an idea continuously handed down in the community there since the early first century.) Because of the silence of the Gospels, and because Jesus entrusted Mary to the care of John, it is generally believed that Joseph died a natural death after the visit to Jerusalem when Jesus was twelve (Luke 2:41-51), but before the Baptism of Jesus when He was thirty. Joseph's influence during those early years must have been tremendous. When Jesus spoke of God as being like a loving Father, He was using a word that he had first learned as a child to apply to Joseph. Joseph stands as a testimony to the value of simple everyday human things, and especially that human thing called "fatherhood."

Saint Joseph, Protector of our Lord, pray for us this day.

Easter Flowers—If you would like to order Easter flowers you can either fill out the forms available in the narthex or contact Holly in the parish office at 940.387.2622, office@stdavidsdenton.org. All orders must be received no later than Friday, April 2.

Parish Register

For the Faithful Departed— Vicki McCombs; and all Haitian victims; Priscilla Ann Trejo; Ginger Perez; Michael Connor; Joanne; Marcia; James Brown; Cecil Thompson.

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

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

Anniversaries

3/1 Gaylord and Glenda Connor	3/14 Mark and Laura Wallace
3/3 Lee and Chelsey Stafki	3/31 Bob and Jan McGee
3/4 John and Arline Hargrove	

Birthdays

3/1 Grace Ridout	3/10 Marge Landers	3/21 Lois Cole
3/2 Joy Siegmund	3/11 Bryan Connor	Preston Curry
3/3 Wendy Martinez	Barrett Oliver	Kaye Hayes
Katherine Ralph	3/12 Robert Penley	3/22 Redheart Roberts
3/4 Julia MacDonald	Dave Mays	3/23 Catlyn Carr
Laura Palmer	3/13 Sarah Stone	3/25 Brittany Reese
3/5 Robin Richards	3/14 Nik Nemanic	3/27 Nathan Probst
Katherine Ivey	3/16 Kathy Wright	Katie Lemley
3/6 Matthew Chafin	3/18 Mona Carrico	3/28 Mark Barber
3/9 Joan Ingoldsby	Judy Thurmond	3/31 Lea Richards
Stephen Hope	Lori Carr	

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

March 2010

	March 7	March 14	March 21	March 28
<u>Ushers</u>				
8:00 a.m.	Miller	Millard	Touraine	Rousey
10:30 a.m.	Ridout Odom	Mays Baird	Easley Mays	Odom Hundley
<u>Altar Guild</u>				
	Team I	Team II	Team III	Team IV
<u>LEM's</u>				
8:00 a.m.	A. Rainey	Pickens	B. Rainey	Phillips
10:30 a.m.	Dodson Bradbury	Hale Sanders	Seatvet Kensinger	Mays Hundley
5:00 p.m.	Giffin	Ballantine	Sager	LaCour
<u>Acolytes</u>				
	Team I	Team II	Team III	Team IV
<u>Hospitality</u>				
8:00 a.m.	Ballantine Weathers	Pickens Mills	Prentice Bassett	Poinier Rainey
10:30 a.m.	Ridout Andrews	Shultz	Clifford	Mallory Ealey
<u>Golden Nook</u>				
8:00 a.m.	Miller	Touraine	Fisher	Touraine
10:30 a.m.	Clifford	Hale	Sidor	Odom
5:00 p.m.	Carrico	Carrico	Carrico	Carrico
<u>Vestry Greeters</u>				
8:00 a.m.	Keffer	Pickens	LaCour	Touraine
10:30 a.m.	Mays	Johnston	Siegmund	Williamson

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	1 6:30 Inquirer's Class	2 6:00 Lenten Dinner and Lecture Series	3 6:30 Healing Liturgy, HE Rite II	4 9:30 Morning Prayer, HE Rite I 6:30 Adult Bible Study	5	6 8:30 WOSD
7 8:00 HE Rite I; 9:15 Christian Ed; 10:30 HE Rite I; 12:30 YOSD; 5:00 HE Rite I	8	9 6:00 Lenten Dinner and Lecture Series	10 6:30 Healing Liturgy, HE Rite II	11 9:30 Morning Prayer, HE Rite I 6:30 Adult Bible Study	12	13
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28 9:30 HE Rite II; 5:00 HE Rite I Palm Sunday	29 9:30 HE Rite II Holy Monday	30 6:00 HE Rite II Holy Tuesday	31 12:15 HE Rite II Holy Wednesday			

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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 I (During Lent)
Children's Chapel
5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I (During Lent)
**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