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From Our Rector

Dear Parish Family and Friends:

From the Catecheses by John Chrysostom, Bishop:

“If you desire further proof of the power of this blood, remember where it came from, how it ran down from the cross, flowing from the Master’s side. The gospel records that when Christ was dead, but still hung on the cross, a soldier came and pierced his side with a lance and immediately there poured out water and blood. Now the water was a symbol of baptism and the blood, of the Holy Eucharist. When the soldier pierced the Lord’s side, he breached the wall of the sacred temple, and I have found the treasure and made it my own. So also with the lamb: the Jews sacrificed the victim and I have been saved by it.”

The season of Lent is about over and we enter Holy Week spiritually refreshed. Right? Or should I ask how your Lent has been for you? Did you accomplish that which you had hoped for during this time of repentance? There is still a little time left, however, Holy week is upon us with new opportunities. The quote above is from John Chrysostom, a Bishop and Father of the early Church. Without Good Friday, there is no Resurrection or Easter Day. The pouring out of our Lord’s life on the cross is a terrible event in that it showed the sinfulness of mankind and yet, on the other hand, it provided a way for mankind to be with their creator and savior forever. I never have been able to wrap my mind around the ugliness, pain and suffering for our Lord on Good Friday. That is one reason the compilers of the lectionary believe they need to tell the fullness of the story during the Sunday readings. A good example of that is the Passion Gospel on Palm Sunday which includes everything except the Resurrection. If one came only on Sunday’s you would miss the opportunity to engage in some of the best liturgy and spiritually the Church has to offer. I invite you therefore to set aside your Sunday spiritually during Holy Week and allow yourself to be immersed in the best the Church has to offer. Each year, God has something new for me to think about, pray about and ponder and I am looking forward to what it is this year. Put yourself in a good place this Holy Week and you will be rewarded by a spirituality you have not experienced before. Find the treasure, as John Chrysostom would say, and make it your own.

See you in church and throughout Holy Week.

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

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Christian Education—there will be no Sunday School, next Sunday, Palm Sunday, April 17, or on Easter Sunday, April 24. There will be Children’s Chapel during the 10:30 a.m. liturgies.

Tuesday Evening Lenten Program and Soup Suppers—thank you to all of those who participated in making this year’s Tuesday Evening Lenten Series successful. The soups, breads, and salads were wonderful as were the speakers and the fellowship.

Sacramental Confessions—if you would like to make your confession prior to Easter please see a member of the clergy or contact the parish office. Forms on how to make a confession can be found in the tract rack.

Easter Flowers—to order flowers for Easter please fill out the form in the weekly bulletin and hand it to an usher or turn into the parish office.

Denton Breakfast Kiwanis Club—will host a Pancake Supper and Silent Auction on Friday, April 15 at Saint Andrew Presbyterian Church, 300 West Oak Street in Denton. Tickets are \$8.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children. All proceeds go to support the Interfaith Ministries Apple Tree Project. To purchase tickets, see Joe Holland or online at www.dentonbreakfastkiwanis.org.

Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter at Saint David of Wales

Palm Sunday, April 17, 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.—Both morning liturgies on Palm Sunday will begin with the Blessing of the Palms and the procession into the church. (*Procession outside weather permitting.*)

Holy Monday, April 18, 9:30 a.m.—The Celebration of the Holy Eucharist in the Saint Augustine Chapel.

Holy Tuesday, April 19, 6:30 p.m.—The Celebration of the Holy Eucharist in the Saint Augustine Chapel.

Holy Wednesday, April 20, 12:00 p.m.—Noonday Prayer in the Saint Augustine Chapel.

Maundy Thursday, April 21, 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.

Maundy Thursday Watch, 8:30 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. Sign-up sheets to watch for an hour at the Altar of Repose are available on the table in the narthex.

Good Friday, April 22, 12:15 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.—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 on Good Friday

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 of Easter, April 23, 8:00 p.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.

Easter Sunday, April 24, 8:00 a.m., 10:30 p.m., 5:00 p.m.

Saint David’s Nursery—the nursery here at Saint David’s is available to children ages five and under every Sunday during the 8:00 a.m. liturgy, the Christian Education hour at 9:15 a.m. and the 10:30 a.m. liturgy. During other events and liturgies, the nursery is available to all children ages five and under. Childcare for children ages six and older will be provided in the youth room next door to the nursery. If you have any questions regarding the nursery or childcare, please contact Holly in the parish office at 940.387.2622 or email to office@stdavidsdenton.org.

Youth Confirmation—if you have a teen ready for confirmation instruction, please call or e-mail Holly in the parish office. Our hope is that there are enough to have their own teenage class. Let us know, please.

Order of Saint Luke (OSL) —is an ecumenical healing order and several members are interested in starting a local chapter in the parish. On Saturday, May 7 at 10:00 a.m. Father Bob McBride, who has been with us recently, both on a Sunday and a weekday, will share more on the purpose of this healing order and how we can get our chapter started. If you have an interest in the healing ministry of the Church or just want to learn more about it, join us May 7. All are welcome.

Christian Education News

Children’s Sunday School— the Sunday School will host an Easter Egg Hunt immediately following the 10:30 a.m. liturgy on Easter Sunday. If your child will be participating, please leave their name and age on the sign up sheet on the table in the narthex.

Christian Symbols for April

April 3(the fourth Sunday in Lent): garments—Garments can be festive, mournful, deceitful, royal and ceremonial; or can show poverty. The garments of Jesus reflect his purpose, his human and divine being.

April 10(the fifth Sunday in Lent): hands—Hands do many things for many different purposes: perform tasks, give power and authority, take control, specify a location, and express people's wishes. One special use is when we use our hands for prayer.

April 17(the last Sunday in Lent, Palm Sunday): palm trees—the palm tree is tall and regal. Palm leaves paved Jesus' route into Jerusalem before his crucifixion.

April 24(Easter Sunday, the Resurrection of Our Lord): Easter—a new season with white and gold as the color. The Bible tells the story of transformations: of the spirit, of the body, of the mind, and even of a nation. The human spirit grows and develops while on this earth, and human life is always changing. Metamorphosis is constantly taking place, sometimes because of our choices and often because of the will of God.

Ministries and Organizations

Altar Guild—the Altar Guild will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 16 for fellowship and then to prepare for Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and Easter. For more information please contact Pat Caruthers at 940.387.2944.

Canterbury Students of TWU and UNT!—Thanks to generous contributions from both parishes we have enough money to pay for the creation of our own web site! We will meet at Fuzzy's Tacos at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 17 to discuss the website and upcoming events. For more information or if you need transportation, please contact Patrice Easley at 817.797.1449.

Men of Saint David's—will not meet in April. The MOSD will resume meetings on Saturday, May 14 at 8:30 a.m. All men of the parish are invited to join us for fellowship, prayer and service to God and His Church. Please e-mail Steve Hale at steve.hale@stewart.com or Vern Bassett at vern@hurricaneoc.com to let us know if you can attend. The Men of Saint David's recently represented our great parish at the 35 Conferette Festival, a 4 day music festival located in the heart of downtown Denton. The MOSD 'manned' a beverage booth offering water and sodas to festival goers throughout the event which saw thousands of attendees each day. This event gave the MOSD and opportunity to serve the community, fellowship together, and create an already growing visibility for our church home. We look forward to more community involvement from the MOSD and our parish family. Check out the bulletin board by the kitchen in the parish hall and read the article from the Denton Record-Chronicle on the 35 Conferette and the highlighted paragraph about our MOSD's participation!

Outreach Committee—the Outreach Committee will meet on Thursday, April 28 at 7:00 p.m. For more information please contact Eddie Touraine at 940.382.2954.

Women of Saint David's—the next WOSD meeting is May 21 in the parish hall. We'll have breakfast goodies available at 8:30 am and start the meeting at 9:00 a.m. All women of the parish are invited to attend and we look forward to seeing you! Among other subjects, we'll discuss plans for Thank Box Offerings collected next year. If you have any questions about this or another WOSD announcement, please contact Margaret Dodson: margaret.dodson@gmail.com or 940.387.3119.

Women of Saint David's Thank Offering Boxes—the next ingathering for the Thank Offering boxes will be at our May 21 meeting. The money we put in the boxes represents our thanks to God for the blessings He has provided us over the year. The WOSD collects these "thanks" every May and then donates the funds to

one or more local charities. Money collected May 21 will be given to Denton Christian Preschool and Friends of the Family. If you would like to write a check, please make it out to WOSD and write "Thank Box" in the memo line. If you don't have a box but would like one, please see Margaret.

WOSD Summer Camp Scholarship Applications— Spring may be in the air, but it's never too early to start thinking about summer camp! The WOSD have set aside funds for summer church camp. All children who attend Saint David's and are under 18 are eligible to receive a partial scholarship from the WOSD to attend summer camp at either All Saints Conference Center or Camp Crucis. Please note that the amount awarded to each child is dependent upon the number of applicants. Applications will be available on the table in the entryway and are due **May 15, 2011**. Once you've filled out an application, please place it in the WOSD's mail box located in the parish hall or return it to one of the WOSD's Executive Officers (Margaret Dodson, Esther Andrews, Linda Touraine, and Delie Fisher).

WOSD Cart—We have two sales planned for our cart this year. The first is a book sale scheduled for the late spring/early summer. The second sale will be held later in the fall and will feature homemade and "regifiable" items. If you have items you'd like to donate to either sale now, please bring them to the Golden Nook and we'll store them for you.

Youth of Saint David's—will meet immediately following the 10:30 a.m. Sunday coffee hour on Sunday, March 17. For more information please contact Jeanie Porter at 903.316.2926

Plants and Flowers Needed—as is our custom and tradition, we ask the parish to loan us your potted plants and flowers for the Altar of Repose in the chapel for the all night watch on Maundy Thursday. You may pick up your plants on Good Friday to return to their respective homes. Thank you.

Saint of the Month **James Lloyd Breck**

Breck was born 27 June 1818 near Philadelphia, and attended high school at the Flushing Institute, founded by William Augustus Muhlenberg, who inspired him to resolve at the age of sixteen to devote himself to missionary activity. In 1844, by then a priest, he went to Wisconsin (then on the frontier) with two classmates, under the direction of Bishop Kemper, to found Nashotah House, intended as a monastic community, a seminary, and a center for theological work. It continues today as a seminary and representative of one traditional aspect of Anglican thought and practice.

In a letter to a friend, Breck described the seminary in his day as follows:

The students boarding with us are all theological. They are chiefly young men, sons of the farmers, and all communicants of the Church. Our students, like ourselves, are poor, but not the less worthy for all that. They seek the Ministry, but are unable to attain it without aid. We have a house; for this we pay no rent; it belongs to the Church, and so do we. We have land. They work four hours a day for their board and washing, and we give them their education without cost. Thus their clothing is their only expense, and to enable them to purchase this, we give them six weeks vacation during the harvest, when they can earn the highest wages. Brother Adams and myself work four hours, except when we are teaching or doing Missionary labor. We must all work for our board. That is the only way in which they will feel it their duty to labor and to study, and the only way in which our people will feel their duty to the Church, and to ourselves as clergy of the same.

We rise at 5:00 a.m., Matins at 6:00. The Morning Service of the Church at 9:00. On Wednesdays and Fridays, the Litany at 12:00. On Thursdays, the Holy Eucharist at the same hour of 12:00. The Evening service of the Church at 3:00, and Family Prayer or Vespers at 6:30 or 7:00 p.m. Our students labor between 7:00 and 9:00 in the morning, and 1:00 and 3:00 in the afternoon.

In 1850, Breck moved on to Minnesota, where he founded schools for boys and girls, and the Seabury Divinity School at Faribault (now part of Seabury-Western Theological Seminary in Chicago). He also began mission work among the Chippewa Indians, and laid the foundation for work among them by Christian priests from their own people. In 1867 he moved on to California to build another seminary. He died there in 1876.

Parish Register

Faithful Departed: we ask your prayers for the faithful departed from our parish; Cruz Mattei; Roy Gossett. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace and may light perpetual shine upon them.

For the Bereaved: the Mattei and Armstrong families; the Gossett and Bahnsen families.

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	4/11 Char Mallory	4/22 Evelyn Blankson
Delores Brown	4/12 Brady Brown	4/23 Gloria Schmitz
Elizabeth Swaner	4/14 Mark Youngblood	4/24 Colin Carr
4/2 Carolyn Briner	Jan McGee	4/26 Tom Sanders
Eric Pulido	4/16 Sarah Fitzpatrick	4/27 Joan Latham
Florentino Febre	4/18 Lindsay Keffer	4/28 Jack Leonard
4/3 Fortunato Sunio	Victor Lemley	Lynn Rousey
Julia McCane	4/19 M Jones	
4/4 Becky Wright	Fay Penley	
4/5 Laura Sunio	Rachel Davis	
4/6 Kathleen LaComb	4/20 Ethan MacDonald	
4/10 Ryan Ponsonby		

Financial Report from Treasurer, Jan Rousey:

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

	February Actual	February Budget	2011 Actual	2011 Budget
Income	\$21,001	\$25,496	\$51,510	\$305,962
Expense	\$28,413	\$27,671	\$55,959	\$332,043

April 2011 Ministry Schedule

	April 17	April 24
<u>Ushers</u>		
8:00 a.m.	Touraine	Rousey
10:30 a.m.	Mallory Odom	Mays B. Hundley
Maundy Thursday	Rousey/Mays	
Good Friday	Rousey (12:15 p.m.)	Mays (7:00 p.m.)
The Great Vigil	Mays	
<u>Altar Guild</u>	Team III	Team IV
<u>LEM's</u>		
8:00 a.m.	Sanders	Phillips
10:30 a.m.	Mays Bradbury	Hundley Kensinger
5:00 p.m.	LaCour	Hodges
Holy Monday	Hodges	Holy Tuesday Ballantine
Holy Wednesday	Fowler	Maundy Thursday Danzig/Ballantine
Good Friday	Hundley/LaCour (12:00 p.m.)	Johnston/Seatvet (7:00 p.m.)
The Great Vigil	Hale/Pickens	
<u>Acolytes</u>	Team III M. Connor T. Strecker T. James	Team IV T. Wright N. Ruez R. Jones Duffey
<u>Hospitality</u>		
8:00 a.m.	Prentice Bassett	Poinier B. Rainey
10:30 a.m.	Holland Fisher	Mallory Ealey
<u>Golden Nook</u>		
8:00 a.m.	Touraine	Touraine
10:30 a.m.		
<u>Vestry Greeters</u>		
8:00 a.m.	Keffer	Pickens
10:30 a.m.	Johnston	Andrews

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Rector's Day Off	2 2:00 Funeral
3 8:00 Rite I 10:30 Rite II 12:30 YOSD 5:00 Rite II	4	5 6:00 Lenten Dinner and Lecture Series	6 6:30 Healing Liturgy, HE Rite II	7 9:30 Morning Prayer, HE Rite I 6:30 Bible Study	8 Rector's Day Off	9 10:00 DOK
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17 8:00 Rite I 10:30 Rite II 5:00 Rite II Palm Sunday	18 9:30 Rite I Holy Monday	19 6:30 Rite II Holy Tuesday	20 12:00 Noon Prayer 6:30 Healing Liturgy, HE Rite II Holy Wednesday	21 7:00 Rite I 8:00 Watch at the Altar of Repose Maundy Thursday	22 12:00 Rite I 7:00 Rite I Good Friday	23 8:00 Great Vigil of Easter Holy Saturday
24 8:00 Rite I 10:30 Rite II 5:00 Rite II The Resurrection of Our Lord	25	26 6:40 Vestry	27 6:30 Healing Liturgy, HE Rite II	28 9:30 Morning Prayer, HE Rite I 6:30 Bible Study 7:00 Outreach	29	30

Weekly Worship Schedule

Sunday

8:00 a.m.

*Holy Eucharist Rite I

9:15 a.m.

Christian Education for all ages

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.*

Wednesday

6:30 p.m.

Evening Prayer and Healing Liturgy, Rite II

Thursday

9:30 a.m.

Morning Prayer and Holy Eucharist, Rite I