

Wales Tales

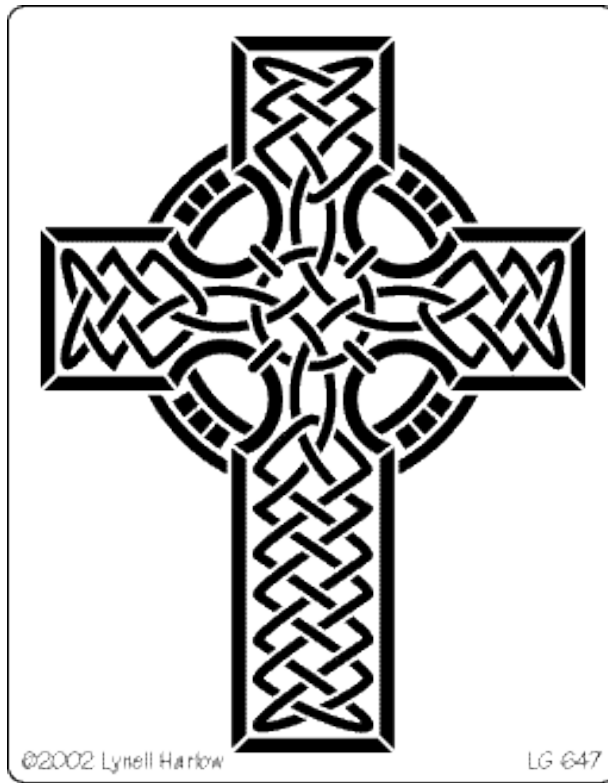
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**Join Us For
All Saints Sunday
This Coming Sunday November 6!**



From Our Rector

Dear Parish Family and Friends:

On Friday, October 28, 2011, the Church of Saint David of Wales gave a fine send off from this life to the next for Father Esteban Saucedo, who lost his battle with cancer but won the gift of eternal life. Jesus Christ overcame death and the grave and bids us to join Him forever in that place where there is no crying or sorrow, but the blessed assurance of life eternal. Twenty years of faithful service at Saint David of Wales as an assisting priest after his retirement from “full-time” ministry! Father Saucedo came among as one who served and not as one to be served, reminding us of Jesus. His family continues that witness of Christian love that he left behind for them as a gift that will one day bring them to that heavenly place of reunion. The good news is that we still have an assisting priest, but now, we have one in the nearer presence of God interceding for each of us and a parish that he dearly loves. Thank you Father Saucedo for your stewardship of love for a parish who benefitted from your sacrificial love all these years. Pray for us.

Speaking of stewardship and love, this month we have are blessed to do something we only get to do once a year. This once a year blessing is in the form of our stewardship commitment for the next year. Why do I say it is a blessing? This is our chance to fulfill our Christian duty and obligation to God. When we have done all that Christ asks of us, we have nothing to be proud of. Our good works do not earn our salvation, nor merit anything at the hand of our Savior. Our uttermost service is only our bounden duty and privilege. It is a blessed thing, when we are wholly yielded to obey Him, for His service is perfect freedom from envy, dissatisfaction with our lot, jealousy of others, and pride. The wonder is that He takes us into partnership with Himself. Partnership with God; now that is a thought and concept. If anyone were to ask you if you could partner with anyone else in the world, who would you choose? God has chosen you to be one of His own and partner with Him. Are you ready for this partnership? A life partnership from the Giver of Life, Jesus Christ. It doesn't get any better than that.

See you in church.

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

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Order of Saint Luke—The Order of Saint Luke has finished its study and will be inducted by Father McBride on All Saints' Sunday, November 6. Deacon Carol Hobson is the chaplain for this new chapter and you will hear more of its plans in the coming months. We congratulate the new members: David Mays, Ed Nancarrow, Joe Hobson, Kelly Weathers and Dana Seatvet.

Prayer Garden—a huge thank you and well done to JoAnn McMillen, Dave Mays and the MOSD for all of their work in the Prayer Garden! It looks marvelous and inviting and will be blessed on Sunday, November 6 following the 10:30 a.m. liturgy.

Congratulations—to Autumn Rainey and Benjamin Stette who will be joined in Holy Matrimony on Saturday, November 12.

Thanksgiving Mass—on Tuesday, November 22 at 7:00 p.m. we will celebrate our Thanksgiving mass followed by a short reception in the parish hall. We are asking that everyone bring at least two items of food to donate to the Denton Community Food Center. Please join us and bring your family and friends.

Thanksgiving—do you have an extra place setting at your table on this day in which we offer thanks? If so, ask a single member of our parish to join you for your festive meal and you will be blessed.

Office Closure—the parish office will closed on **Thursday, November 25 and Friday, November 26 in observance of Thanksgiving.**

Nominating Committee for Vestry and Convention Delegate—a nominating committee, composed of the outgoing members of the Vestry is being organized for the purpose of gathering names for nomination for the Vestry and to serve as 2012 diocesan convention delegates. If you are being called by God to serve him in this way, please contact Lindsay Keffer, Jolayne LaCour, Mary Jo Pickens, and ex-officio members, John Andrews, or Canon Herrmann. What qualifications are needed for someone to serve? The following requirements should be met:

1. A confirmed member of the parish age 18 years or older.
2. A confirmed communicant in good standing of the parish.
3. Regular church attendance.
4. A giver of record to the work of the parish for at least a year prior to the election, either tithing or working towards a tithe, and willing to serve God and His Church in a leadership capacity.

Advent and Christmas at Saint David's

Sunday, November 27—the first Sunday in Advent, we will follow our regular schedule of liturgies.

Sunday, December 4—the second Sunday in Advent, we will follow our regular schedule of liturgies.

Tuesday, December 6—Advent Dinner and Lecture at 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 11—the third Sunday in Advent, Rose Sunday. We will follow our regular schedule of liturgies that day. Advent Lessons and Carols will be offered during the 10:30 a.m. liturgy in place of the Liturgy of the Word.

Sunday, December 18—the fourth Sunday in Advent. We will follow our regular schedule of liturgies.

Saturday, December 24—Christmas Eve. Join us at 5:00 p.m. for our liturgy that will include the childrens Christmas pageant. A reception will follow in the parish hall. Our second liturgy of the day will take place at 11:00 p.m. with a reception to follow in the parish hall.

Sunday, December 25—Christmas Day. We welcome all of our parishioners, their family and friends to celebrate Christ Mass with us at 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, December 31—New Year's Eve Mass and Wedding Vow Renewal at 6:30 p.m.

Our Daily Bread—is a community soup kitchen in Denton that ministers to those who are in need of a hot meal, warm clothes in cold weather, hygiene products, and also provides direction to other area charities that will provide for other needs. We have several parishioners who volunteer on a regular basis for Our Daily Bread and we are currently collecting the following needed items: sweatshirts, socks, hats, scarves, and gloves. A box for your donations has been placed in the parish hall.

Angel Tree Ministry—we will be working to give several children a special Christmas. Children who have either one or both parents incarcerated in a state or federal prison have applications filled out by their parents concerning age and clothing sizes and we have adopted over a dozen children this year. We ask the parish to give so that we may get them some items of need and to provide a blessing from our parish to the children. All checks should be made payable to Saint David's with a notation in the memo section of Angel Tree. Your generosity is requested.

From the Stewardship Committee:

When we let go of money we are letting go of part of ourselves and part of our security. But this is precisely why it is important to do it. It is one way to obey Jesus' command to deny ourselves...When we give money we are releasing a little more of our egocentric selves and a little more of our false security...Giving frees us to care. It produces an air of expectancy as we anticipate what God will lead us to give. It makes life with God an adventure in the world, and that is worth living for and giving for.

Richard J. Foster, The Challenge of the Disciplined Life

Things themselves do not remain, but their effects do. Therefore we should not be mean and calculating with what we have but give with a generous hand. Look at how much people give to players and dancers—why not give just as much to Christ?

John Chrysostom, Homilies on the Epistles of Paul to the Corinthians

It is more blessed to give than to receive, but then it is also more blessed to be able to do without than to have to have.

Søren Kierkegaard's Journals and Papers

I do not think I exaggerate when I say that some of us put our offering in the plate with a kind of triumphant bounce as much as to say: "There—now God will feel better!" ...I am obliged to tell you that God does not need anything you have. He does not need a dime of your money. It is your own spiritual welfare at stake in such matters as these...You have the right to keep what you have all to yourself—but it will rust and decay, and ultimately ruin you.

A. W. Tozer, Christ the Eternal Son

Christian Education News

Children's Sunday School—we will begin preparing for our annual Christmas pageant on Sunday, November 6 at 9:15 a.m. during Sunday School. If you would like your child to participate in the pageant, please be sure that they are present. We will also be sending out Advent cards so our children can count down to the Nativity.

Ministries and Organizations

Acolyte Ministry—the acolyte ministry under the direction of Joe Holland is currently looking for new members. All young people ages ten to eighteen are welcome, no previous knowledge or training is required. If you are interested please contact the Rector or Joe Holland.

The Altar Guild—will meet on Saturday, November 19 at 9:30 a.m. for refreshments and to prepare for Advent. Are you interested in serving on the Altar Guild? Please see Pat Caruthers or Canon Herrmann for more information.

Adult Choir: The Sopranos, New, In the Choir!—Mrs. Jenny Caneen-Raja is a lecturer in English at the University of North Texas and is scheduled to defend her dissertation this spring at Florida State University. She moved here with her husband Masood Ashraf Raja, from Kent State University, south of the Akron-Canton area in Ohio last year. Although new to Denton, she has already joined the Denton Bach Society and is singing with their choir along with four other of our church choir regulars. Jenny says she "grew up in a movie theatre that my father ran in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. My parents were very musical, although with different tastes. My father favored classical music, while Mom liked the musicals of the 1930's and 40's, as well as the new (at that time) musicals of the early 1970's. Dad's tastes also left me with a soft spot for the Lawrence Welk singers, and Mom's keen appreciation of the Statler

Brother's gave me one of the best audition songs around: 'Countin' Flowers on the Wall.'" One of her earliest memories was her great confusion when Richard Harrison, saying his lines as King Arthur in *Camelot*, spoke on the record "Jenny, where are you?" She thought he was speaking directly to her. The theatre her father ran played MGM's *That's Entertainment* for ten weeks, making an indelible impression on her singing style; she loved Judy Garland, Lena Horne and, yes, Ethel Merman! Jenny's father had been a professional singer/actor, and she followed in his footsteps, winning acting awards and making a living as a singer/dancer/actress in Orlando, FL. Her favorite Christian song is "Sweet Little Jesus Boy" with "His Eye is on the Sparrow" a close second.

Fabiana González is our newest scholarship singer, a mezzo-soprano filling out the alto section of the choir. She says: "Since the moment I visited for my audition I felt very welcomed and comfortable with the people around me and inspired with their enthusiasm to work as part of the community. I have to say that I feel at home and happy, not only because I found a gig, but because I have found a family, an amazing group of friends and a way to give to others the gift God gave me, my singing." Fabiana was born in Manatí, Puerto Rico. In 2008, she received a bachelor's degree in Vocal Performance from the Puerto Rico Conservatory of Music, where she trained with eminent vocal teachers and coaches. Recently Ms. Gonzalez completed a Masters of Arts in Early Music at the Yale Institute of Sacred Music under the tutelage of James Taylor. She is currently completing a Graduate Artist Certificate at University of North Texas with the guidance of Prof. Jennifer Lane. Fabiana has extensive experience in chamber music, working with the Puerto Rico Conservatory of Music Concert Choir and the Orfeón San Juan Bautista, a professional choir with which she sang for 8 years. She participated in numerous festivals and summer programs including programs at the University of British Columbia, the Longy School of Music in Boston, the International Vocal Arts Institute in San Juan, Puerto Rico, and the Muestra de Música Antigua Summer Festival in Castillo de Aracena, Spain and is a founder and one of the lead singers of Guajava Consort ensemble dedicated solely to the performance of early music. On October 30, she was a soloist in the Denton Bach Societies presentation of "Italian Choral Music of the Baroque".

Daughters of the King (DOK)—the Daughters of the King will meet Saturday, November 12, at 10:30 a.m. For more information please see Betsy Kensinger or Edith Hays.

Men of Saint David's (MOSD)—will meet on Saturday, November 19 at 8:00 a.m. for Morning Prayer followed by breakfast and a meeting to finalize preparations for their booth at the annual Denton Christmas Tree Lighting Festival on December 2. 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.

Military Troop Ministry—are you called to help support our troops overseas? The following items are most needed by our troops overseas and a receptacle will be place in the parish hall for donations. Thank you in advance. The items needed are: camouflage bandanas, heavy socks, stuffed animals or shoes for small children, beef jerky (individual packets), canned nuts, noodle soup packets, pistachios, powdered Gatorade, raisins (small individual boxes), sunblock. For more information please see Betty or Wes Upchurch.

Women of Saint David (WOSD)—Thanksgiving and Christmas will soon be here. Starting November 19, the WOSD will be hosting a sale of pre-baked frozen casseroles as well as hand-crafted gift items and other treasures. All individuals that have any items that you would like to donate for the sale, we would be most appreciative! We are looking for hand-made items, baked goods, and 'gently used' regiftables. These items will be sold in late November and early December, and the profits will go toward the WOSD charitable giving, camp scholarships, and church improvement projects. More details on the sales will be included in the church bulletin and other WOSD emails.

Two WOSD parish social nights are planned for 2012, so mark your calendars: Family Game Night, January 13, 2012, and Adults Mixer, April 20, 2012. Look for details in future Wales Tales issues.

Thanks everyone for your generous contribution of time and food provided to Father Saucedo's family in their home and at the reception following the funeral on October 28.

The next WOSD meeting will be held December 3, 2011 in the home of Bonnie Bassett at 905 Ridgecrest Circle, Denton, TX 76205. Come at 8:30 a.m. for fellowship followed by the meeting at 9:00 a.m. There will be a general discussion about the WOSD organization and plans as well as the election of board members for 2012. Please plan on attending this important meeting!

The Golden Nook—if you haven't visited the Golden Nook recently, please come by and see us! We now have wall crosses and other religious themed home decor. We're expanding from prayer books to bibles and other reading material. New merchandise will be arriving during the next few months so you will want to stop by weekly.

Saint of the Month

Charles Simeon

November 12

Two hundred years ago, students at the English Universities were required to attend church regularly, and to receive the Holy Communion at least once a year. This latter requirement often had bad effects, in that it encouraged hypocrisy and an irreverent reception of the sacrament. Occasionally, however, it had a very good effect, as with the Cambridge student Charles Simeon. He wrote: "On 29 January 1779 I came to college. On 2 February I understood that at division of term I must attend the Lord's Supper. The Provost absolutely required it. Conscience told me that, if I must go, I must repent and turn to God."

By this experience his life was transformed. Upon finishing his college work he was ordained, and shortly appointed chaplain of Holy Trinity, Cambridge, where he remained for 55 years, until shortly before his death on 12 November 1836. His ministry helped to transform the lives of many undergraduates, of whom we may mention two in particular. Henry Martyn (Oct 19th), inspired by Simeon, abandoned his intention of going into law and instead devoted his life and his considerable talents to preaching the Gospel in India and Persia. William Wilberforce (July 20th), also led in part by Simeon's ministry of teaching and example, devoted his life to the abolition of slavery throughout the British Empire. Simeon's enthusiasm and zeal brought him much ridicule and abuse, which he bore uncomplainingly. Though he himself remained in one place, his influence extended through the Anglican world.

November 2011 Ministry Schedule

	Nov 6	Nov 13	Nov 20	Nov 27
<u>Ushers</u>				
8:00 a.m.	Miller	Rousey	Touraine	Reese
10:30 a.m.	Odom Mays	Danzig B. Hundley	Mallory Easley	Odom Baird
<u>Altar Guild</u>				
	Team IV	Team I	Team II	Team III
<u>LEM's</u>				
8:00 a.m.	Rainey	Phillips	Pickens	Sanders
10:30 a.m.	Seatvet Kensinger	Mays Hundley	Hale Bradbury	Danzig Stafki
5:00 p.m.	Sager	LaCour	Hodges	Ballantine
Thanksgiving Mass	7:00 p.m.	Phillips, Hale		
<u>Acolytes</u>				
	Team I S. Connor K. Stafki C. Prater	Team II B. Keffer W. Sims	Team III M. Connor C. Sims	Team IV D. Bussell R. Jones-Duffy
<u>Hospitality</u>				
8:00 a.m.	Weathers Ballantine	Pickens Mills	Prentice Bassett	Poinier Prescott
10:30 a.m.	Andrews Thorpe	Shultz Brown	Holland Fisher	Mallory Ealey
<u>Golden Nook</u>				
8:00 a.m.				
10:30 a.m.				
<u>Vestry Greeters</u>				
8:00 a.m.	Rousey	Mays	Caruthers	Pickens
10:30 a.m.	LaCour	Johnston	Andrews	Oliver

Parish Register

For the Faithful Departed: Kimberly Agar; +Bishop Donald Davies; Father Esteban Saucedo+, August Schleich, Charles Davidson.

For the Bereaved: the Agar family, the Davies family; the Saucedo family, the Phillips and Schleich families; the Davidson and Siegmund families.

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

November Anniversaries

11/1 Joyce Jones-Duffey and Wayne Duffey; **11/4** Mona and Jim Carrico, Jolayne LaCour and Wayne Zimmerrmann; **11/9** Dana and Father Lloyd Seatvet; **11/15** Jennie and Don Walsh; **11/16** Lydia and Steffan Jones; **11/21** Ellen and Bob Ralph; **11/23** Linda and Eddie Touraine; **11/24** Stacy and Bret McDaniel; **11/25** Karen and Steve Hale, Lois and Don Johnson.

November Birthdays

11/1 Buck Powell; **11/2** Amy Hope; **11/5** Ed Coe; **11/6** Carolyn Miller, JoAnn McMillen, Bob Fisher; **11/7** Emma Ricks, Maureen LeBeau; **11/8** Peggy Roach; **11/11** Norma Curry; **11/12** Betty Shultz, Alison Smith; **11/13** Lois Johnson, David Poinier, Courtney Han, Eamon Danzig; **11/14** Emma Ploeger, Megan Ploeger; **11/15** Mark Miller; **11/16** Laura Wallace; **11/17** Victoria Sunio; **11/21** Jaqueline Cooke; **11/22** Suzanne Webb, Ben Ivey, Scott Hays, Laura Jennings; **11/23** Ron Ponsonby; **11/24** Larry Hayes; **11/25** Sandy Parker, Jane Boyle; **11/26** Collin Wallace; **11/27** Gerri Chafin; **11/29** John Wehrung, John Wright..

If your birthday or anniversary is not listed, please contact Holly in the parish office right away so that we can correct our records.

Financial Report from Treasurer, Jan Rousey:

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

	Sept actual	Sept budget	YTD actual	YTD budget	2011 budget
Income	\$ 24, 779	\$ 25, 496	\$ 248, 934	\$ 229, 464	\$ 305, 692
Expense	\$ 29, 097	\$ 27, 671	\$ 268, 174	\$ 249, 039	\$ 332, 043

November 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 <u>7:00</u> All Saints' Day	2 <u>6:30</u> All Souls' Day	3 9:30 Rite I <u>6:30</u> Bible Study	4 Rector's Day Off	5 Diocesan Convention
6 8:00 Rite I 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Rite II 5:00 Rite II	7	8	9 <u>6:30</u> Healing Liturgy, Rite II <u>7:30</u> Inquirer's Class	10 9:30 Rite I <u>6:30</u> Bible Study	11 Rector's Day Off	12 10:00 DOK <u>2:00</u> Wedding
13 8:00 Rite I 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Rite II 5:00 Rite II	14	15 6:40 Vestry	16 <u>6:30</u> Healing Liturgy, Rite II <u>7:30</u> Inquirer's Class	17 9:30 Rite I <u>6:30</u> Bible Study	18 Rector's Day Off	19 8:00 MOSD 9:30 Altar Guild 10:00 Vestry
20 8:00 Rite I 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Rite II 5:00 Rite II	21	22 <u>7:00</u> Thanksgiving Mass	23 No Wednesday Mass	24 Happy Thanksgiving!	25 Parish Offices Closed	26
27 8:00 Rite I 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Rite II 5:00 Rite II	28	29	30 <u>6:30</u> Healing Liturgy, Rite II <u>7:30</u> Inquirer's Class			

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Sunday Schedule

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
5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

A Nursery is provided for children up to the age of 5. Please see an usher for directions.

Schedule on Wednesday

6:30 p.m. Healing Liturgy and Holy Eucharist Rite II

Schedule on Thursday

9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer and Holy Eucharist Rite I
6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study

Confessions as scheduled and by appointment