



Michael's Messenger

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"Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?"

Mark 16:3 *N.R.S.V.*

I have always been sustained in my ministry every time I read the greatest story ever told- "The Resurrection of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." This year brings a remarkable phase in our life as a faith community. As a way of guiding and leading this flock, I wanted you to take a brief moment and ask this very important question, "*Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?*"

To be in a tomb is to be in darkness and isolation. But Christianity is to be in the light and in the community. Our calling is to be a faith community, to be a family and to be the hands and feet of Christ into the World. Our very own purpose as parishioners of St. Michael is to continue to grow and give life to our church. And who will roll away the stone for us to see the light and life of our very own identity- It will be you and me.

Everyone in our parish spoke about being a more inviting church, being involved in our outreach ministry and gathering more youth and new families into our fold. And again, the question will be , "who will roll the stone away for us to see our goals and visions come to reality. It will be you and me.

Would you be comfortable if it be another Anglican parish or another faith community that will direct or lead the way to our own victory?

The task at hand is not a walk in the park. But I think we took the right step in immersing ourselves in these conversations. I will continue to pray that we will all be involved to grow our church. We have to start to roll our own stone and open our hearts to see the new light and the new identity of our parish community.

**Alleluia, Christ is risen! The Lord is risen Indeed,
Alleluia!**

Happy Easter!
The Revd. Louie Engnan

St. Michael's A.C.W. Friendship/Fellowship Group

Many thanks to everyone who supported our recent Purdy's Chocolatier Fundraiser. We have made a donation of \$500 to the Church Flooring Account.

On Monday, June 1, at 7:00 p.m. in the Millennium Hall, we will be hosting the annual Ecumenical Fun Night, an event which is shared by the women's groups of six other local churches of various Christian denominations. The theme for this year is "Shades of Cuba". We are looking forward to a "fun" time of sharing our talents in various ways as each group presents their contribution to the evening. This occasion is open to anyone who would like to attend (men included). Refreshments will be served.

As you may have noticed, our Anglican Church Women's group has added some new words to our title. At the beginning of this year, it was decided that the format of our meetings needed to be altered in order to reflect changing times and our somewhat smaller membership.

We will still continue our relationship with other A.C.W. groups as well as with the Diocesan A.C.W., and will continue to support St. Michael's and our various outreach programs. However, our meetings will be more informal, and our main focus will not be strictly on fundraising. We are planning to spend more time on fellowship and support where needed, and hope to invite speakers on various topics in order to broaden our horizons in whatever directions our faith will lead us. We will continue to meet on the second Wednesday of each month except for May when our meeting will be held on May 20th, and in July and August when we take a break for the summer. We also plan to have some meetings in homes as well as in the A.C.W. room in the lower floor of the Millennium Hall.

We wish to welcome all the women of our parish who would like to become members or associates, and look forward to any and all suggestions with regard to how we can become a more vibrant part of our faith community.

If you would like to have more information about our group and/or have any suggestions as to how we can best move forward in our journey together, please contact our chairperson, Kathi Dale, (kdale@shaw.ca) 604-596-2946, our secretary, Val Hampton (val_hampton@shaw.ca) 604-574-4639) or any other members of the A.C.W.

Val Hampton,

Secretary



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Date: June 14

Location: Bear Creek Park - picnic area off 140th St. and 86A Avenue

Time: 10:30 am, suggested to arrive before 10 to allow time to park and find spot(s) to sit

Parking: available in lot off 140th, but if possible, park in lot off 88th to let others with limited mobility park in the 140th lot.

Bring:

Hat, sunscreen

Chair or blanket to sit on

Family and friends

Bishop Melissa Skelton will be presiding. There will be a children's talk at the start of the service. After the talk, there will be crafts for the kids to do.

In case of rain, we will move the event to Saint Michael's 12996, 60th Ave. If this happens, we will post an announcement on this website: <http://www.sainthelenschurch.org>

3rd Annual Talent Show

Saturday, May 2nd in the Millennium Hall at 6 pm

Bring a friend and share your favourite dish

Diocesan Synod

May 22 and 23 at the Italian Cultural Centre, Vancouver

Tony Picher is the parish official delegate to this assembly. If you have any concerns that you think affects the life of our parish, make sure to get this to him before Synod.

Contact info: 604-594-1601 or tonypicher@gmail.com

Healing Mass on Pentecost Sunday

A Service of Prayer, Anointing and Laying on of hands will be offered by our rector on Sunday, May 24th

This will be after the 10am Service. Everyone welcome to participate

Evening Prayer and Bible Study

Every Wednesday from May 6th to June 24th at 6:30 pm in the Peart Lounge

Topic: Church Growth based on the book of Acts

Everyone Welcome!

We will be having an Intern this coming fall. Our intern will be part of our parish ministry for six months. If you know a place that our intern could rent while doing ministry, please let Natasha know. In particular our intern has a dog and is looking for a side suite with a patio.



A big congratulations to Lera-Lan who on Saturday, April 25th at Surrey Christian High School took part in the Taekwondo “Tournament of Champions” where she won three first place medals! Later this year she will be testing for her 3rd Degree Black Belt!



It's not easy to become an angel! First, you die.

Then you go to Heaven, and then there's still the flight training to go through.

And then you got to agree to wear those angel clothes.

-Matthew, age 9

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Count on God

Count your blessings instead of your crosses,
Count your gains instead of your losses,
Count your joys instead of your woes,
Count your friends instead of your foes.

Count your courage instead of your fears,
Count your laughs instead of your tears.
Count your full years instead of your lean,
Count your kind deeds instead of your mean.

Count your health instead of your wealth,
Count on God instead of yourself.



A Prayer for Everyone

Lord, keep me from being too talkative, especially keep me from expressing an opinion on everything, and stop me from jumping in to straighten out everyone.

Keep me from reciting endless detail; give me insight to get to the point.

Give me grace, Lord, to listen with patience when others describe their aches and pains, and help me to keep my lips sealed; and prevent me from sharing my own, much worse, aches and pains.

Teach me that, occasionally, I might be mistaken.

Make me thoughtful, but not moody; helpful, but not pushy; independent, yet gracefully accepting favours that others wish to give me.

Free me of the notion that because I have live a few years I am wiser than most people.

If I don't like some changes that have taken place, give me the wisdom to keep my mouth shut.

You know, Lord, that when the end comes I would like to have a friend or two left.

Upcoming Readings

May 3-5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 8: 26-40
Psalm 22: 25-31
1 John 4: 7-21
John 15: 1-8

May 10-6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 10: 44-48
Psalm 98
1 John 5: 1-6
John 15: 9-17

May 17-Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1: 1-11
Psalm 47
Ephesians 1: 15-23
Luke 24: 44-53

May 24-Day of Pentecost

Acts 2: 1-21
Psalm 104: 24-34, 35b
Romans 8: 22-27
John 15: 26-27-16: 4b-15

May 31-Trinity Sunday

Isaiah 6: 1-8
Psalm 29
Romans 8: 12-17
John 3: 1-17

June 7-Second Sunday of Pentecost

1 Samuel 8: 4-11, 16-20
Psalm 138
2 Corinthians 4: 13-5: 1
Mark 3: 20-35

June 14-Third Sunday of Pentecost

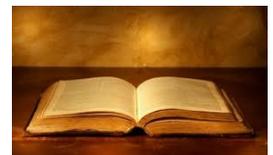
1 Samuel 15: 34-16: 13
Psalm 20
2 Corinthians 5: 6-10, 14-17
Mark 4: 26-34

June 21-Fourth Sunday of Pentecost

1 Samuel 17: 32-49
Psalm 9: 9-20
2 Corinthians 6: 1-13
Mark 4: 35-41

June 28-Fifth Sunday of Pentecost

2 Samuel 1: 1, 17-27
Psalm 130
2 Corinthians 8: 7-15
Mark 5: 21-43



Revisiting Our Journey to the Cross: A reflection on our Lenten Bible Study Series

By Bernard Joseph

My co-worker rushes back to Vietnam. His ninety-six year old mother just suffered a seemingly fatal fall and broke her spine. Relatives and friends as well as Mike expected the worse and was ready to accept the inevitable demise of such a loving and supportive person. Upon reaching her room, Mike approach her bedside and touch her cold hands. Suddenly, she opened her eyes and spoke, "Mike you're here!" Mike experienced the most extreme relief and whispered a thanksgiving prayer to Buddha. His mom is still here today. This experience was short of a resurrection. In fact as Mike and my other Vietnamese co-workers were relating to me about this experience, they said that it was a resurrection from death.

When Jesus was on earth, He began his ministry by proclaiming "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news" (Mark 1:15). One of the reason why Jesus lived, died and resurrected from the dead, was for the purpose of ushering in this kingdom. Yes, Jesus died for our sins. Yes, Jesus rose again from the dead so we might live a new life. And yet, let us not lose sight of the fact that each one of us is part of the kingdom of God. And that Christians belong to a group that should influence the world.

When we see rampant shootings and murder in our community, do we assign the responsibility only to the police and government and say it has nothing to do with us? Every time we ride a bus and see a panhandler or homeless person lying on the bench we say to ourselves, "Bah! Humbug!" We quickly grab our things and walk the other way. Racial discrimination, joblessness, over taxation of the common citizen, religious radicalization and politics of greed; we live in a unique and challenging world where systems and values are anti-God. How do we live our lives in such a way that it reflects the kingdom of God? According to Rt. Rev. Terry Dance, we are an "Easter people." That as Easter people we affirm three essential truths: First, that **DEATH IS NOT THE END; LIFE IS**. Second, that **VIOLENCE, EVIL AND OPPRESSION WILL NOT WIN THE DAY; LOVE WILL**. Third and most important, that **THIS IS GOD'S WORLD, NOT CAESAR'S**.

The power behind the resurrection should encourage us to live our lives for the purpose of changing the world for the better. And in the process, we continue to usher in the kingdom of God.

