



THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF ST MARK & ST PHILIP
EASTER NEWSLETTER 2019

Last Ash Wednesday, we marked the beginning of the Lenten season wherein we are urged to pray, fast and meditate on God's word. In our journey, we saw and noticed lots of challenges, both human-caused, and natural calamities. In my personal meditations, I tried to take the place of those victims, those family members who are/were grieving. It's really hard and heavy. Sighing, prayer is my immediate action on all these challenges. There is no better thing to offer other than remembering them in our prayers. We need to recall how Jesus took our place. Do we remember what He did? He died because of our sins. He took the prize for us to be saved from damnation and eternal death. He did not complain, but rather offered His own life as a ransom for many. As we continue on our Lenten journey, let us be faithful and submissive to Him. Let us not be the kind of person/believer that is always complaining. Let us be patient and have Him as our strength. After all, Jesus Christ will surely rise again and He will be very happy to see us all in His great Easter and resurrection. I will share to all of you these words to ponder and I will quote "You took my parking space at church." This should wake us up.

One day, a man went to visit a church, got there early, parked his car and got out. Another car pulled up nearby . The driver got out and said, "I always park there! You took my place!"

The visitor went inside for Sunday School, found an empty seat and sat down. A young lady from the church approached him and stayed, "That's my seat! You took my place!" The visitor was somewhat distressed by this rude welcome, but said nothing.

After Sunday school, the visitor went into the sanctuary and sat down. Another member walked up to him and said "That's where I always sit! You took my place!" The visitor was even more troubled by this treatment, but still he said nothing.

Later, as the congregation was praying for Christ to dwell among them, the visitor stood up, and his appearance began to change. Horrible scars became visible on his hands and on his sandaled feet. Someone from the congregation noticed him and called out. "What happened to you?" The visitor replied, as his hat became a crown of thorns and a tear fell from his eyes, "I TOOK YOUR PLACE".

May Christ Jesus find us all awake and renewed during His great Easter and resurrection. God bless us all.

Meditating and praying, Padi Joey P. Vallejo+

TOWN HALL MEETING - MARCH 9th, 2019

The Diocese of Calgary had a group of town hall meetings throughout the diocese during March (Lethbridge, March 2; Calgary, March 9 and Red Deer, March 16).

This was a very different meeting than the ones I had attended in the past. The new staff at the diocese are very inviting, supportive and could not emphasize enough that they are there to support each of the parishes. This support could be in the form of grants for

various projects each parish feels is important to their ministries. Yes, we will need to support each request with proper documentation, but in my opinion, the staff is much more open to positively reviewing each request.

This 360 degree turn comes at a critical point in the life of “The Anglican Parish of St. Mark and St. Philip”. In my opinion “God has answered our prayers around offering guidance to our diocese.”

I thank the corporation for gently pushing me to attend this event and to learn about our new diocese staff.

Presenters at the meeting included:

- Archbishop Most Rev. Greg Kerr-Wilson on how might we deepen our faith, understanding and confidence in Jesus to inform and strengthen the Mission God is calling us to;
- Executive Officer Rev. Pilar Gateman on how can we work as a team to further the Mission of God in our Diocese;
- Director of Finance Ms. Lorraine Betts on what keeps you up at night;
- Rural Missioner Rev. Clara King on lay ministries for both the rural communities/parishes and future needs for urban communities/parishes.

I left the meeting with a much more positive feeling for the future ministry of our parish family, support never before shown from the diocese and a whole new transparency on many subjects never before even hinted at being shared with parishes within the diocese, none the less being shared with the whole city community.

Each day and especially on Sunday I now thank God for listening and never giving up on us, I shed a tear during our contemporary music and pray for the day other things we hold dear to our hearts will again be a reality.

God Bless always,

Your Treasurer

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UPCOMING POTLUCK

Our next parish potluck will be on Sunday, May 5th, after the 12:30 PM service. Please bring a main course, salad or dessert, and ensure that all perishable food remains hot, or cold, in the journey from home to the potluck. There will be a concert as part of the

potluck, as well as a "Give and Take" table, so bring any household items that you no longer need, and take anything that you wish from the table. Donations are always welcome.

EASTER SERVICE SCHEDULE

Maundy Thursday: April 18, 2019 at 7:00 PM.
Good Friday: April 19th @ 10:00 AM
Easter Sunday: April 21st @ 8:00 AM & 12:30 PM

GOING INTO HOSPITAL??

If you are, it is helpful for the parish and clergy to know so that you can be remembered in prayer and visited. If you can't send a message yourself – let a family member, friend, or a member of the nursing staff know that your faith family is important to you and get them to phone and leave a message at the church: (403) 244-0198.

Don't forget- Automatic Debit is now available for your offerings. Please let Andrew Daye know if you wish to set up this automatic service. Sets of monthly envelopes are also available for 2019.

The deadline for submissions for the April issue of the newsletter is May 16, 2019. There is a submission box outside the church office, or you can e-mail your submissions to murmor01@telusplanet.net - (subject line: "SMSP Newsletter"). Thank you!

Parish Priest: Rev.(Padi) Joey Vallejo

Parish Officers

Incumbent's Warden: Leslie Miles People's Warden: Marilyn Croot
Treasurer: Harold Hippe Envelope Secretary: Andrew Daye
Organist: Mary Ross Sunday School Coordinator: Donabel Vallejo
ACW: Vacant Prayer Partnership: vacant

Altar Guild President: Marilyn Croot

*Parish Council: Sharen Stevenson, Carolyn McLennan, Mary Smith,
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