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The Left-hand Column

☂ No calendar this month, but our Sunday duty page is still there, because—maybe you'd like to read each Sunday's lessons which you'll find at the bottom of the page.

☂ Sorry to say, there will be no spring Sanford Concerts. Yet more victims of covid-19.

☂ And, by the way, don't forget your pledge. Mail it, or pay it online—it's important.

☂ I know it seems as if the Mardi Gras pancake supper happened in another time zone on another planet, but it was only a few weeks ago. It was delicious and we thank all those hard workers who made it happen.

☂ Numerous people have asked about Vera Standing—how is she, has anyone heard from her? You can write to her in care of her son. Here's the address: Ms Vera Standing, c/oMr. Roy Standing, 5914 Serenity Lane, Durwood, Maryland 20855-1835.

☂ The Thrift Shop, like all of us, is dormant now, but we'll be opening again in a month or so, and we need volunteers.

Loaves

&

Fishes

APRIL 2020

In The Year of the Mask, Again Jesus Rides into the Chasm

Dear Friends,

Presiding Bishop Curry said, *In this time when we are all affected by the coronavirus, whether directly or indirectly, whether physically, biologically, psychologically, spiritually, and for many economically, it may be helpful to remember that we're in this together.* (March 10, 2020). Around the world, people are reaching out to their first responders and health care professionals in many ways. Realigning machines to make

face masks, offering all hospital workers free lunches or lattes, a brother and sister playing their cellos for a neighbor who must shelter-in-place. . . .the list on goes on.

We are part of the human family of God. Jesus came to show us that his way of love is the way of life. While relationships may be particularly strained during this shut-down, consider the power of



mercy and forgiveness. While children may complain, consider that the gift of interaction and presence with them that will be forever in their memories. In close living, best to pause the external control behaviors such as blame and criticism. Listening and negotiating are better ways.

In the days to come, the stories of the Palm/Passion and Resurrection meet us at the crossing of this global disaster. We learn from the biblical stories that God is always teaching us about the ways of love: how to serve those closest even if they may deny you, how to turn to God in prayer, how to accept suffering and find mercy, and how challenging it is to accept the gift of the Holy Spirit breathed upon us by the Resurrected Christ.

May this April open up time for you to enter the pilgrimage of Holy Week through Eastertide in a new and recommitted way (albeit virtually) so that you come to a personal revival and thanksgiving for the acts of love by which God has redeemed us through Jesus Christ our Lord. May we all come to God seeking Jesus as the women did at sunrise on the day that changed the world forever. *HE IS RISEN!* He is alive, words cannot exhaust the new way of grace awaiting those in whom he lives.

You summon us to life in the midst of death, peace in the mist of violence, praise in the midst of despair. Filled once again with your unruly Spirit, may we answer your summons and be part of the movement of life. Amen

(A Way Other Than Our Own, Walter Brueggemann.)

Yours in Christ,

Beverly+

So, we're (temporarily) not in church every Sunday. No pot luck dinners. No book club meetings. Thrift Shop closed. Preschool closed. Nothing going on. Why should we keep paying our pledges?

Because, the bills continue to come in. Because the support is there for all of us right now; it's just coming in different ways. Because we want it all to be there when this is over. Because it matters.

You can mail it to the church at 44078 St. Andrews Church Road, California, Maryland 20619. The box is checked daily.

You can transfer it by way of the website— <https://standrewsleonardtown.org>.

Your choice, but please, do it.

Watch Easter Worship Online APRIL 12, 2020

We are working on all the details to offer online video of an Easter Worship Service, presumably from our Web Site. More details to come. Without violating diocesan or CDC rules, and with the help of a video recorder, a musician, lector, and flower arranger, I hope such an offering will be inspiring and encourage us during Eastertide, helping us to remember we will again be together physically, as we are now all together spiritually.



We Could Use a Few Good Saints These Days

One of the great things about saints is their amazing variety. Some are truly endearing (St. Francis, with his homilies for the birds, dear old Dunstan, with his red-hot tongs, chasing the devil), some are old cranks (Jerome comes to mind here), and some have names that just make you laugh (Ethelburga of Barking—*Barking*, how could you resist?), even though they were undoubtedly exemplary, good people. Some are just, well, jerks (but we won't go there).

So, who are we celebrating for April? Starting on the first with Frederik Denison Maurice (born in 1805) who warned, "We have been dosing our people with religion when what they want is not this but the living God," they are an interesting group.

Included are James Lloyd Breck (born in 1818), who founded Seabury Divinity School; Richard, Bishop of Chichester (1197), who wrote, "Dear Lord, of thee three things I pray:/To see thee more clearly,/Love thee more dearly,/Follow thee more nearly"; Martin Luther King, Jr. (1929), who will be remembered for the ringing words of "I have a dream. . . ."

Pandita Mary Ramabai was born in 1858 in India where she was denied access to a formal education, but nevertheless founded the Mukti Mission to care for widows and orphans, and translated the Bible into Marathi.

Anne Ayers, born in London in 1816, founded

the first Anglican religious order for women in North America.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer was hanged in 1945 at Flossenburg Prison. Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, Jesuit and paleontologist, saw God as the “highest point of pure consciousness,” pulling the evolutionary process toward the “Omega Point.” He died Easter Sunday 1955. John Muir, born in 1838 in Scotland, arrived in 1868 in Yosemite Valley, “the grandest of all the special temples of nature.”

Christina Rossetti was involved, as was her brother Dante Gabriel, with the Pre-Raphaelite movement. She wrote a sensuous fairy tale, *Goblin Market*, and also more than five hundred devotional poems. Sarah Joseph Buell Hale, widowed four days before the birth of her fifth child, supported her family by writing. She edited Godey’s *Lady’s Book* for forty years, wrote verses for children (including “Mary Had a Little Lamb”) and helped found Vassar College.

There are more, but you get the idea; there is no cookie cutter that produces saints. They’re just people, extraordinary in some way, but nevertheless, people.



Mom, I’m Bored. . . .

There are a lot of children at home these days, bored and (maybe) cranky, looking for inspiration. What to do with all this unexpected time?

Fortunately, some folks who have special rapport with young people have come up with an answer, several answers, shared with readers of the *Washington Post* by Mary Quattlebaum.

Like to draw? Mo Willems (*Don’t Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus*, *Knuffle Bunny*, and many more) is online every afternoon at 1:00, **Lunch Doodles** time—kennedy-center.org/education/mo-willems.



Mo Willems

Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday Grace Lin (*A Big Mooncake for Little Star*) and her daughter Hazel answer questions **Kids Ask Authors** during their podcast, kidsaskauthors.com.

Got an aspiring writer in the family? **Young Writer’s Blueprint** (<https://writingblueprints.com/p/writing-course-ages-6-10>) might be the inspiration for a career. It’s a short course taught by Alice Kuipers (*Life on the Refrigerator Door*, *Polly Diamond and the Magic Book*) teaches. It’s listed for ages six to ten, but has suggestions everyone can use to improve writing skills.

Are your family fans of the *Lunch Lady* graphic novels? Author Jarrett J. Krosoczka is offering drawing lessons (**Draw Everyday with JJK**) every afternoon at 2:00—you.tube.com/studiojjk.

Maybe your kids just like to color. Try the Children’s Book Council’s coloring book. Twenty-three illustrations to print and color by twenty-three illustrators celebrating Children’s Book Week, May 4-10—everychildareader.net/cbw/coloringpages-2020.

Several publishers are offering a variety of activities. HarperCollins—harpercollins.com/childrens/harper-at-home. Holiday House—holidayhouse.com/holiday-house-resources. Scholastic Learn at Home Hub—classroommagazines.scholastic.com/support/learnathome.html.

And then there’s this for the budding entomologists in your family: <https://lithub.com/here-are-some-crazy-close-up-portraits-of-ordinary-bugs/>



Saving the World While Twiddling Our Thumbs

If you, like many others, are wondering whether we will, in a few months, be thinking, “Well, that was a waste; nothing happened,” realize that this would be the best outcome, just what we’re going for. It would mean that our efforts, our solitary confinement, worked.

Here is Dr. Emily Landon, an expert on infectious disease and Executive Medical Director, Infection Prevention and Control at the University of Chicago Medicine:

“This isn’t the life any of us expected. And certainly, there are others who will make much greater sacrifices. And there are many more disappointments to come. . . .

“But in the end, we will look back and see it as just a piece of what happened in our whole lives. And we have to remember that. How can soccer or a book club be so dangerous? Why ask so much of people for just a few hundred cases? Because it's the only way to save those lives. And now is the time. . . .

“In short, without taking drastic measures, the healthy and optimistic among us will doom the vulnerable. We have to fight this fire before it grows too high. These extreme restrictions may seem, in the end, a little anticlimactic. Because it's really hard to feel like you're saving the world when you're watching Netflix from your couch.

“But if we do this right, nothing happens. Yeah. A successful shelter in place means that you're going to feel like it was all for nothing. And you'd be right. Because nothing means that nothing happened to your family. And that's what we're going for here.”

To read it all, go to <https://www.uchicagomedicine.org/forefront/coronavirus-disease-covid-19/emily-landon-speaks-about-covid-19-at-illinois-governors-press-conference> .



“I wish it need not have happened in my time,” said Frodo. “So do I,” said Gandalf, “and so do all who live to see such times. But that is not for them to decide. All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given to us.”

~J.R.R. Tolkien, *The Fellowship of the Ring*



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Jesus knew a secret: to wash someone's foot if it is a voluntary act, engenders compassion. The lowly, unprotected foot, not the wise hands or head, is vulnerable, unmasked.

~~Nora Gallagher, *Things Seen and Unseen*

April 5 Palm Sunday

Chalice, readings: Brenda Frazier

Reading of the Passion: Congregation

Altar duty:

Coffee hour:

10:30 a.m.

Verger: Mary Maker

First reading and psalm: Katie Dailey

Second reading and chalice: Beth Wagner

Reading of the Passion: Congregation

Acolytes: Taylor Benson, John Blackwell, Mikell Blackwell

Ushers: Walls family

Coffee hour:

April 12 Easter Sunday

8:00 a.m.

Chalice, first reading and psalm: Dan Donnelly

Second reading and PoP: Judi Donnelly

Altar duty:

Coffee hour:

10:30 a.m.

Verger: Susan Bennett

First reading and psalm: Laura Essex

Second reading and chalice: Cathy Walls

Acolytes: Ben Walls, Sam Walls, Julia Belvin

Ushers: Benson family

Coffee hour:

April 19

8:00 a.m.

Chalice, first reading and psalm: Mary Larson

Second reading and PoP: Jerry Gehrig

Altar duty:

Coffee hour:

10:30 a.m.

Verger: Dee McRae

First reading and psalm: Bob Sisson

Second reading and chalice: Kimbra Benson

Acolytes: Taylor Benson, John Blackwell, Mikell Blackwell

Ushers: Duff family

Coffee hour:

April 26

8:00 a.m.

Chalice, first reading and psalm: Rese Bergen

Second reading and PoP: Ron Leonard

Altar duty:

Coffee hour:

April 26

10:30 a.m.

Verger: Don Schramm

First reading and psalm: Ginni Stein

Second reading and chalice: Dee McRae

Acolytes: Olivia Johnson, Zach Stickney, Andy Stickney

Ushers: Mary Maker and Ginni Stein

Coffee hour:



April 5

Liturgy of the Palms

Matthew 21:1-11 Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Liturgy of the Word

Isaiah 50:4-9a. Psalm 31:9-16

Philippians 2:5-11

Matthew 26:14-27:66 or Matthew 27:11-54

April 12 Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34-43 or Jeremiah 31:1-6 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Colossians 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43

John 20:1-18 or Matthew 28:1-10

April 19 Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:34-43 or Jeremiah 31:1-6 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Colossians 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43

John 20:1-18 or Matthew 28:1-10

April 26. Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a,36-41 Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17

1 Peter 1:17-23 Luke 24:13-35



Jesus Christ, you traveled through towns and villages "curing every disease and illness." At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love.

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care. Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another. Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders. Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow.

Be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace.

~~from A Coronavirus Prayer,
America: The Jesuit Review

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Yes, the Thrift Shop is closed now, but we'll be open for business again in a month or so, and we need volunteers. Sorting (your chance to have first dibs) is done every Tuesday. Selling is every Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday. Selling days are also an opportunity to take advantage of the great bargains that come our way, but, even more, they're an opportunity to meet some interesting people you might not otherwise know. And, working in the Shop is a ministry; we are the face of St. Andrew's to many people. We are able to hear their stories, to respond in many ways, to contribute to our St. Andrew's family and to the community. What's not to like?

