

**LIVING WELL WITH ALL YOUR HEART, SOUL,  
STRENGTH AND MIND**

***'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me. I was in prison and you visited me.'***

***Matthew 25: 24-36***

This last Sunday's Gospel reading was about Talents and Treasures, how we share what God has given us. The point of the Gospel was not about doubling your money or accumulation of wealth, but how you share what God has given you – your talents, your gifts, your blessings from God, ***YOURSELF, YOUR ONE INDIVIDUAL, WONDERFUL, AND PRECIOUS BEING.*** As with the third slave, our talents buried in the ground, hugged too tightly to ourselves, can become worthless talents, wither and die.

**Given to us to bless us that we might be a blessing to others.**

There are many ways at St. Mary's for you to use the gifts God has given you...

to bless others as you have been blessed.

Perhaps you are considering serving on the Bishop Committee, perhaps you are looking for others ways to offer your service... to make known the life and teachings of Jesus.

To make Jesus known... as the Body of Christ... at St. Mary's.

We are **alive and thriving**, despite our COVID challenges.

Despite the melancholy that may creep into our lives, there are many opportunities for you to offer your gifts and talents and treasures, a source of resilience and where hope is known and seen.

*Below is a list of **SOME** of the opportunities of what's going on at St. Mary's:*

Worship, Community Outreach, Newcomers Welcome, Adult Education, Children's Education, Communications, Pastoral Care, serving at our times of worship (reading of Holy Scripture, altar guild, greeters), Eucharistic minister, Stewardship and Finance, Treasurer and Bookkeeping, Discernment and Formation, and Music.

If you are interested in any of these areas and want to know more, please contact the parish office and we will connect you with other parish members who are involved and would welcome your participation. Many have already signed up to serve the community of St. Mary's and for that we are MOST GRATEFUL!!!! WE give you deep thanks. **St. Mary's needs all of us.** We hope you will consider joining us in ways that will deepen your relationship with God and one another through worship, service, and acts of mercy. This is your invitation to a Christian spiritual life.

Let us serve and grow together as we are companions on this spiritual journey!! ALL ARE WELCOME!

Gratefully,

Rev. Susan