

All Saints'

Friday, November 1, 2002
12:05 PM



Kirkin' o' the Tartan
Sunday, Nov. 17, 2002
at the 10:15 AM service
Scottish colors!
Scottish sounds!
Scottish edibles!

EMC Pledge cards

The Stewardship Committee reminds you that GHTC needs your pledge. Please turn in a pledge card to the Office or send it to David Stoll, Financial Administrator.

Cathedral clerical staff

The Right Rev. Barry R. Howe, *Bishop of West Missouri*; The Rev. Ben Newland, *Associate to the Dean*; The Rev. Dr. John O'Hearne, *Assisting Priest*; The Rev. Michael Shaffer, *Deacon*; The Rev. Linda Yeager, *Deacon*; The Very Rev. J. Earl Cavanaugh, *Dean Emeritus*; Mr. John L. Schaefer, *Canon Musician*; The Rev. Carolyn Stockwell Tangeman, *Deacon on Sabbatical*

Meditation

Alison the Homeless Guy

A woman came to him with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment, and she poured it on his head as he sat at the table. But when the disciples saw it, they were angry and said, "Why this waste? For this ointment could have been sold for a large sum, and the money given to the poor." But Jesus, aware of this, said to them, "Why do you trouble the woman? She has performed a good service for me. For you always have the poor with you, but you will not always have me." -Matthew 26:7-11

So, he's just sitting there eating his supper. The disciples are there too, and they're all having a fine time of it when this woman sneaks up behind Jesus and pours oil all over him. Now, if it were me, that would make me mad; but I guess they did things like that back in those days. It makes the disciples mad anyway, and they get all worked up about this woman wasting expensive ointment when they could have sold it and given the money to the poor. Then Jesus turns a pleasant little dinner gathering into an occasion to turn the world upside down, as he so often does. It must have been disconcerting to hang around with Jesus.

The Disciples, the woman, the oil and the yelling are all just the intro though, because the interesting line comes at the end of this passage. "For you always have the poor with you..." Jesus goes on to predict his coming death, but I'm caught up by the first half of that couplet. What does he mean we'll always have the poor with us? Is that a prediction? Is it evidence that Jesus does not think human society capable of eliminating poverty? Or is it an indictment? Is Jesus commenting on the structure of power set up so the wealthy profit from the poor, and showing his cards as a pessimist? Really, how about a little help here? If we're always going to have these poor hanging around, what should we do with them, O Son of God?

It's hard to define who the poor are exactly, without offending someone and demonstrating our own prejudices. I knew a man in Berkeley, though, who was definitely poor. His name was Alison, and he hung around the block of Euclid Street between the seminary and UC Berkeley. Alison always had a broom with him, and he swept the sidewalks all day long. He didn't work very hard at it; he was always ready to chat when I walked by. He usually had a bottle of Heineken wrapped in a brown paper sack, and there were rumors that he was selling Marijuana to the students at the Unitarian seminary next door.

I had to tell Alison my name every time I talked to him, which was fairly frequent, since he was often loitering outside my favorite burrito store. He always asked if I had any change, and occasionally I would give it to him. Another place he hung out was by the Seven Palms corner grocery store. I think he bought Heineken there. One evening I was buying some bread and a can of beef stew for a private dorm room feast when I discovered I was a couple bucks short of the total price, but still under the ten dollar minimum for a credit card purchase. The cash register was right by the door, and Alison overheard my predicament.

"Here," he says, and hands me a couple ones.

"Thanks," I said, "but I can just buy some more stuff and use my credit card. You probably need those dollars more than I do."

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“Not right now I don’t,” he replied.

So a homeless guy bought me dinner that night. Alison was quite a guy. I miss him more than I miss some of my classmates, to be quite honest about it, but I have to admit that most of my interactions with “The Poor” are not so interesting or nice. Lots of times they smell bad; about half the time they’re rude; and I can never tell how much of the time they’re lying to me.

I wonder if you know how many of the poor and homeless we see here at the Cathedral during the week? I wonder if you know how much time Linda and I spend talking to them and trying to decide if we are going to give them money from the Discretionary Fund. It’s a lot of time, and a lot of people. It has gotten really bad over this past summer as other helping agencies, as well as the people they are trying to help, suffer along with the ailing economy. We’ve asked the Social Action Committee and the Vestry to help us. This will get better, and we’ll continue to do our best to help the poor and homeless in our community, but I still wonder about Jesus’ words. Whether they were a threat, a prediction, or an accusation, he was right; we do still have the poor with us, showing no sign of disappearing. I wonder why that is, and I wonder what we should do about it. –BJN+



Memorials and thanksgivings

Sunday, October 6, 2002

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of John Edward Dewese by Jeannette, Jennifer and John. At the baptismal font in thanksgiving for the birthday of Bryant Johnson by his parents, Valerie & Jeffrey Johnson; and in thanksgiving for her grandchildren Whitney and Starr Terrell and James and Marguerite Sloan by Mrs. Herbert A. Sloan.

Sunday, October 13, 2002

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of Charline and Charles J. Schmelzer, II by Charles, Susan and Jonathan Schmelzer and Charline, Jason, Vicki, and Wyatt Franz. At the baptismal font in thanksgiving for Jason McDowell by Bud and Candy; and in thanksgiving for their sons, Garrett and William, and their daughter, Finley, by Kathy and Kirkland Gates. Memorial candles are given in loving memory of his grandfather, Jesse N. Johnson, by Leo Crabbs, Jr.

Sunday, October 20, 2002

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of their granddaughter, Natalie Day McMullen, by Larry and Marilyn McMullen. Memorial candles are given in loving memory of Faith Ganakopulos by Bonnie and Paul Lowrey; and as a thanksgiving by Mrs. Evelyn Toner.

Sunday, October 27, 2002

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for her children, Beck, Rachel and Dit, by Ferne Welles; and in loving memory of her husband by Mrs. Sanford Collins; also in loving memory of his wife, Lorraine Knaub Fisher, by Bill Fisher. At the baptismal font in loving memory of their grandmother, Mary Gentry Shaw, by Page Branton Reed and Leslie Branton Hoffecker; and in loving memory of his wife, Lillian W. Knoell, by John Knoell; and in loving memory of her mother, Lillian, by Donna Knoell and Jim Royer. Candles are given in thanksgiving for the second birthday of their son and brother, Luke Robert, by Heidi Molbak, Rob Verchick, Reed and Ty Molbak. Memorial candles are given in loving memory of her husband Kenneth E. Arnold, and their beloved son, Charles R. Arnold, by Mrs. Mildred Arnold; and in memory of Patricia Lenahan, by Bonnie and Paul Lowrey.

November Adult Forum topics

November 3: Finding Your Saint

It can be helpful to your spiritual life to have a saint to whom you can relate. The Rev. Linda Yeager will suggest ways to find a saint who could become personally meaningful to you.

November 10: Diocesan Convention Update

The GHTC Clergy and Delegates will highlight topics addressed at the Diocesan Convention.

November 17: No Adult Forum

Come enjoy the Kirkin' o' the Tartan.

November 24: The Art of Giving

The Rev. Carolyn Stockwell Tangeman, The Rev. John O'Hearne will help us discover ways to share our unique talents with others.

Adult Forums are audio-taped. Please contact Valerie Johnson at the Cathedral if you would like to check one out!

Advent reading circle

When you are making a list of "to do" activities for the Advent season, please mark Wednesday evenings, December 4, 11 and 18, to attend the first annual Advent Reading Adventure. We will gather for evening prayer at 5:30 PM in the nave, followed by a light supper in Founders' Hall. Then, Father Ben Newland and Deacon Linda Yeager will each lead a discussion of a timely book. Father Ben's group will discuss *Skipping Christmas* by John Grisham; Deacon Linda's group will discuss *Desire of the Everlasting Hills: The World Before and After Jesus*. Both books are available in the GHTC bookstore.

Father Newland comments on *Skipping Christmas*: What would happen if you were the only house on your street that didn't put up Christmas lights? What if you refused to buy presents, listen to Christmas music or eat cookies shaped like evergreen trees? What would happen if you decided to skip Christmas? In this easy to read story, a pair of average Americans are about to find out.

Every year the Christmas season is a gigantic consumer extravaganza, and every year the Church whines about it. Using this entertaining and funny novel as a starting point, and injecting scripture and other learned writings along the way, let's make our own pilgrimage towards Christmas. We'll decide what we'll skip, and what we'll keep. You can become a discerning consumer of Christmas propaganda and find out if you have what it takes to Skip Christmas...

Deacon Linda Yeager comments on *Desire of the Everlasting Hills*: Who is Jesus? What did the people of his time really think about him? What did his death mean to them then? What does this death mean to us now? Thomas Cahill, well known for his previous volumes, *How The Irish Saved Civilization* and *The Gift of the Jews*, has written a very readable book that discusses the people Jesus knew; the Jesus the Apostle knew; Paul's Jesus; Luke's Jesus and the world after Jesus. Getting to know Jesus in a closer way helps us prepare for His birth in a new and more personal manner.

For more information or to enroll in the series, please call the office, 816-474-8260.

Prayer during Advent

To better prepare us for the Christmas season, Morning and Evening Prayer will be offered on weekdays during Advent. Beginning Monday, December 2 and ending Friday, December 20, Morning Prayer will be read in the nave at 8:30 AM; Evening Prayer will be read in the nave at 5:30 PM. The services last about twenty minutes and will be led by a member of the clergy. Plan to spend a few minutes each day in the peace of your Cathedral.

News of small groups

Blakesley Reading Society

Saul Bellow's *Ravelstein* is the subject of the Reading Society's November meeting. The group will meet at the home of Candy McDowell, 5234 Bluffview, Parkville, MO. Newcomers are welcome to join this group.

Bridge and Card Group forming

Interest have arisen in forming a small group to play bridge and possibly other card games. If this activity appeals to you, call Linda Yeager, 816-474-8260, for more information or to sign up.



In November, we traditionally have three dates set for infant baptism. All Saints' Sunday, November 3, 10 and Thanksgiving Day, November 28 are the day for 2002. A baptism class will precede each of these dates. If you have a child you wish to have baptized, please call Linda Yeager, 816-474-8260.

The next baptism date will be Epiphany, 2003, January 12, 2003.

Christmas angels needed

The Kansas City Community Kitchen is, once again this year, looking for Christmas angels. The guests who lunch with us need winter clothing items, particularly gloves, hats and socks. The majority of our guests are men, but please do not forget the women and children. We are asking that you place these items in the marked baskets in the Tower. We will distribute them as needed. For information, call Linda Yeager at the Cathedral office, 816-474-8260.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to the awesome women in our Congregation! Honors have been bestowed on several, including the following. Jeannette Nichols has been named Woman of the Year by the Central Exchange for her 50 years of contributions to business, philanthropy and the Kansas City community. Mary Shaw Branton has been honored by the Native Sons as Outstanding Kansas Citian for her contribution in promoting and preserving history, including serving as president of Jackson County Historical Society and president of the first operating committee for the Wornall House. Marnell Sparks has been elected president of the Diocese of West Missouri Episcopal Church Women, an organization of the church that includes every woman in our diocese. She will serve in that capacity for the next three years.

Thanksgivings

In the spirit of the season of thanks and at risk of leaving someone out, the staff of the Cathedral thanks the entire GHTC community for the outpouring of support and prayer in these past months. The volunteers in the office have adapted and adjusted in great style to the changes in their placement and responsibilities. The members of the congregation who volunteered during the Episcopal Church Women Provincial Meeting and the Provincial Synod provided gracious and welcoming hospitality to the many clergy and lay people in attendance. Those who assisted with the September 11 interfaith service offered extraordinary talent and faithfulness. The wardens and the vestry have put in many additional hours to give stability and strength to this church community. The smiles, the hugs, the pats on the back—all are appreciated by all of us.

Women's retreats

The fifth annual GHTC women's retreat will be two retreats! Because of the number of women interested in participating, two dates have been set: February 21-23 and May 16-18. Both retreats will take place at the Franciscan Prayer Center in Independence.

The theme for the 2003 retreats is "Healing, Humor and Hope." Planning committee members include Lenette Johnson, Leona Schaefer, Marnell Sparks, Whitney Kretsinger, Kristy Moore, Dianne Logan and Bunny Reefer.

If you are interested in participating in either of the retreats, please talk to Linda Yeager, 816-474-8260, to reserve a spot.

Music Notes

The Isabel Curdy Organ Scholarship

Recently, Isabel Curdy gave a generous gift to the Cathedral, establishing an Organ Scholarship. Canon Schaefer has interviewed a number of people who have expressed interest in being the Curdy Organ Scholar; he has selected **Jieun Kim**, a student of John Ditto, as the first Curdy Organ Scholar. Miss Kim will assist Canon Schaefer by accompanying rehearsals, playing preludes and postludes for services as well as some of the services themselves. She will also be involved with the administration of the music program.

The Cathedral is grateful to Miss Curdy for her generosity in establishing the program. She and her late sister Helen have beautified the Cathedral in so many ways. God bless them.

Great music: Exceptional musicians

Martin Green, organist

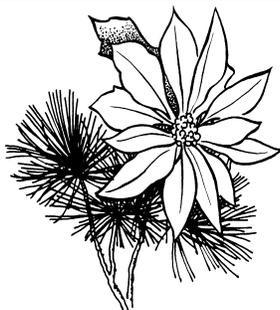
Martin Green, Organist-Director of Music at St. Paul's Cathedral in San Diego, will perform an organ recital at the Cathedral on Sunday November 10th, beginning at 2:00 PM. He will play solo works on the first half, and accompany the Trinity Mixed Choir in a performance of the *Requiem* by Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986) on the second half.

That event will be a paid-admission, ticketed concert to benefit the Choir Tour Fund, now active again as the Choir looks forward to a tour of Ireland, Wales and England in 2006.

Tickets will be available from Choir members at Coffee Hour and at the door on the day itself. The cost of admission for everyone except the very smallest children (5 and younger) is \$7.00.

The Sixteen

On Friday November 1st, All Saints' Day, the *Sixteen*, an astoundingly good choral ensemble from England, will present a concert in the nave beginning at 8:00 PM. The ensemble will concentrate on music from the Renaissance and Tudor periods of music. Group rate tickets will be available - \$10 - through the choirmaster.



Christmas flower offerings

Yes, it is only the beginning of November, but the enclosed flower-offering envelope reminds you that it is time to send in your contribution in memory or thanksgiving of loved ones. Please be sure to print or type names so that names will appear in the Christmas bulletin correctly spelled. The deadline for inclusion in the bulletin is Friday, December 20, 2002.

Calendar

Friday, November 1

9:30 AM, Moms' Bible Study, HH
 12:05 PM, All Saints' Day Eucharist, N
 5:00 PM, Contemp. Prayer, Nave/FH
 8:00 PM, Friends /Cham. Mus. Concert, N

Saturday, November 2

9:15 AM, Youth Choir, HH
 10:00 AM Contemplative Prayer, Nave/FH

Sunday, November 3

9:10 AM, Adult Forum, FH
 Episcopal 101, MP
 9:15 AM, Choraliers, CM
 11:45 AM, Music Committee, CR

Tuesday, November 5

1:30 PM, Women's Bible Study, CR
 6:30 PM, Needle Arts Guild, Conf. Rm

Wednesday, November 6

12:00 N, KCKK Graduation, FH
 5:00 PM, Bldg & Grnds, Conf. Rm
 7:00 PM, Youth Group, HH
 7:00 PM, Episcopal 101, CR

Thursday, November 7

7:00 AM, Men's Bible Study, CR
 6:00 PM, Bells, HH
 6:30 PM, EFM, CR
 7:30 PM, Mixed Choir, HH

Friday, November 8

9:30 AM, Moms' Bible Study, HH

Saturday, November 9

9:15 AM, Youth Choir, HH
 12:00 N, Interparochial Guild, CR

Sunday, November 10

Blood Pressure Sunday
 9:10 AM, Adult Forum, FH
 9:10 AM, Episcopal 101, MP

9:15 AM, Choraliers, CM
 2:00 PM, Martin Green organ recital, N

Monday, November 11

7:00 PM, Quilting small grp, Conf. Rm

Tuesday, November 12

1:30 PM, Women's Bible Study, CR

Wednesday, November 13

7:00 PM, Youth Group, HH
 7:00 PM, Episcopal 101, Founders' Hall

Thursday, November 14

7:00 AM, Men's Bible Study, CR
 6:00 PM, Bells, HH
 6:30 PM, EFM, CR
 7:00 PM, Couples' Bible Study, MP
 7:30 PM, Mixed Choir, HH

Friday, November 15

9:00 AM, Staff Retreat
 9:30 AM, Moms' Bible Study, HH

Saturday, November 16

9:15 AM, Youth Choir, HH
Sunday, November 17
 9:10 AM, Episcopal 101, MP
 9:15 AM, Choraliers, CM
 10:15 AM, Kirkin' & Holy Eucharist, N

Monday, November 18

5:15 PM, Stewardship, CR
Tuesday, November 19
 1:30 PM, Women's Bible Study, CR
 6:30 PM, Guild/Christ Child, YR
 7:00 PM, Blakesley Reading Society,
 the Killmers' 8900 N. Anita Ave, KCMO

Wednesday, November 20

7:30 AM, Finance, MP
 7:00 PM, Youth Group, HH
 7:00 PM, Episcopal 101, Founders' Hall

Thursday, November 21

7:00 AM, Men's Bible Study, CR

5:00 PM, Vestry, CR
 6:00 PM, Bells, HH
 6:30 PM, EFM, CR
 7:30 PM, Mixed Choir, HH

Friday, November 22

9:30 AM, Moms' Bible Study, HH
 6:30 PM, Parenting, HH

Saturday, November 23

9:15 AM, Youth Choir, HH
Sunday, November 24

9:10 AM, Adult Forum, FH
 9:15 AM, Choraliers, CM

Tuesday, November 26

1:30 PM, Women's Bible Study, CR

Wednesday, November 27

7:30 PM, Trinity Choir, HH

Thursday, November 28

10:15 AM, Thanksgiving Day Service, N

Friday, November 29

Office Closed

Saturday, November 30

9:15 AM, Youth Choir, HH



Weekly Services

Sunday

8:00 AM – Holy Eucharist
 10:15 AM – Holy Eucharist
 & Church School

5:00 PM – An Order for Evening, Nave

Wednesday

12:05 PM – Holy Eucharist, Chapel