

# The Anchor



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## Mark 6:1-13

Jesus came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

This passage from the Gospel of St. Mark offers revelatory insight into a life of discipleship. As Jesus and his disciples continue their ministry in Jesus' own hometown of Nazareth, they are met with the breadth of human response to that which is unexpected: astonishment, incredulity, and even antagonism. One might expect a homecoming to be joyful and rich in blessing, but how often have we returned home, changed after a time away, to find ourselves somewhat distant from those who knew us best? Even for Jesus, a life in God's service (into which he is knit intimately as the second Person of the Trinity) is rife with complexity. Notably, Mark stands alone among the gospels in mentioning that despite rejection, Jesus "laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them." His work continues even amidst unbelief, and the following description of the commissioning of the disciples is thus imbued with particular power. Though the world may refuse them honor, hospitality, or even dignity, they are to go forth, to travel light in companionship with one another, to seek sustenance among this fledgling community of believers, and to persist in the holy work of their beloved Lord.

There is a delicate irony in Jesus' instruction to the disciples to "shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against" those who do not receive them. Rabbinic literature features the image of shaking the dust from one's feet as a ritual act of the faithful Jew upon return to Israel after a journey through unclean lands.

# Bible Readings

for the month

Revised Common Lectionary Year B

July 1, 2018

**Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

2 Samuel 1:1,17-27

Wisdom of Solomon 1:13-15,  
2:23-24

2 Corinthians 8:7-15

Mark 5:21-43

July 8, 2018

**Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

2 Samuel 5: 1-5

Psalm 123

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Mark 6:1-13

July 15, 2018

**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

2 Samuel 6: 1-5,12b-19

Psalm 24

Ephesians 1:3-14

Mark 6:14-29

July 22, 2018

**Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

2 Samuel 7: 1-14a

Psalm 23

Ephesians 2: 11-22

Mark 6: 30-34,53-56

July 29, 2018

**Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**

2 Samuel 11:1-15

Psalm 14

Ephesians 3: 14-21

John 6:1-21

Jesus has just been rejected in Nazareth. What might this statement mean regarding his own community? Ultimately it is revealed to be true that hardship, uncertainty, and rejection are just as much a part of discipleship as joy, fruitfulness, and peace. In fair weather and foul, the work of the Word continues to heal and to redeem.

- How do we change how we live out our faith based on the circumstances that surround us? Do we remain authentic to who God has called us to be?
- Where do we find hope amidst the hardships of discipleship?

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## Notes From The Vestry

This month's issue is a little late. I got a little tied up with Vacation Bible School. This is the first chance I've had to get something out.

Let's start with the June Vestry meeting. On the financial end of the Vestry the Treasurer, Kent, reported that we are running about \$1000.00 per month short of needs. If you recall that is the amount that has been banded about over the past several months and is consistent with planning. Kent, however, seemed a little bit more positive about this matter. He thought things were looking a little better than he originally thought they would. It might just be a hunch on his part, but it was nice to note. We do have some \$88,000.00 in various deposits with financial institutions (the diocese and in savings). Things are about the same as they were last month.

Under guild reports the Altar Guild noted that we are using some of the Frontals and Casables from St. Francis. Vacation Bible School is scheduled for June 25-28. The choir has a retreat scheduled for September 13-15. The Movie Nite is set for June 29 and the proceeds will be used to finance the laundry Outreach.

The Junior warden reports that the refurbished computer (which is new to us) is here and Guido is formatting it. The Vestry was shown the affirmation banner and it was decided to display it on the Canopy. She reports that the irrigation system has been repaired. There was a leak. The Vestry voted to spend \$250.00 to replace the irrigation controller with a more appropriate one which the gardener can use more effectively. the motion was amended to also spend an additional \$200.00 to try to water some of the bare/brown spots.

The Senior Warden reports that the welcome bags are doing quite well.

Fr. Kenn's report. he is attending the St. Francis men's breakfast on Saturday morning at 7:30. He says he is well received but would really like

some of the guys in the church to join him. He notes that the Yoes have moved to Trinity, Folsom, which is a great loss for this parish. We now need someone to step up to do the website and Facebook; something Lynette was very good at. (Just a hint, guys!). The Seminar by Peter Rogers is on for the fall. the charge is planned at \$50.00 and is tentatively scheduled for Thursdays at 6:00-7:30. There'll be more on this. Beer and Brew is on for June 16. Fr. Kenn (and Sharon) have worked out four possible furniture rearrangements for the church which we will try out over the next few weeks. We can then stick with what we've got or make one of the new ways permanent.

That's not everything that happened in the meeting, but it's enough to let you know what your Vestry is up to.

Moving to the July meeting. This report will be short as the meeting was short.

As is the usual custom we'll start with the Treasurer's Report. We are still running a deficit, but Kent thought it just wasn't as bad as we had planned. The new deficit shows a shortfall of \$3277.00 for the year, which is a bit improved over the past reports. Things are looking up. That doesn't mean that this is no longer an issue, but things are not quite as desperate. Good!

Under Guild Reports we note that Barbara Patterson is leaving. She does the flowers (quite well, I might add) so this is a loss. Fr. Kenn thought silk flowers might be used as a substitute. This matter is still pretty much up in the air. There was some "discomfort" with this idea so there will be more on this as time passes. Debbi would like the Daughters of the King to work with hospice. We also must remove the food from the narthex. It looks unsightly. Under the heading of "Children's Ministry" those who worked on vacation bible school, Fr. Kenn, Muriel, Guido and Harry were thanked. The school was quite successful. over \$1000.00 was raised for the Heifer Project; enough to buy a cow and then some! 40 lbs. of rice were also donated to River City Food Bank. Under the heading of "Land Use" a sizeable donation was made available for the church to improve things. The holes for the posts for the sign were dug by Emilito Smith and his crew. The ramp to the portable is painted and the mesh barrier installed to keep the kids from falling through.

Fr. Kenn reported that the word on the last configuration of the church was "not bad-but not loved." We'll see what happens with the next layout.

To sum things up we are a small, but VERY BUSY, parish.

Thanks for reading.

## **Movie Night**

This summer St. Clements will be hosting "A Night at the Movies" on the last Friday of the month June through August. We will have popcorn. Our first movie will be July 27th at 7pm. Bring your family and friends.

# St. Clement's Contemplative Prayer Group

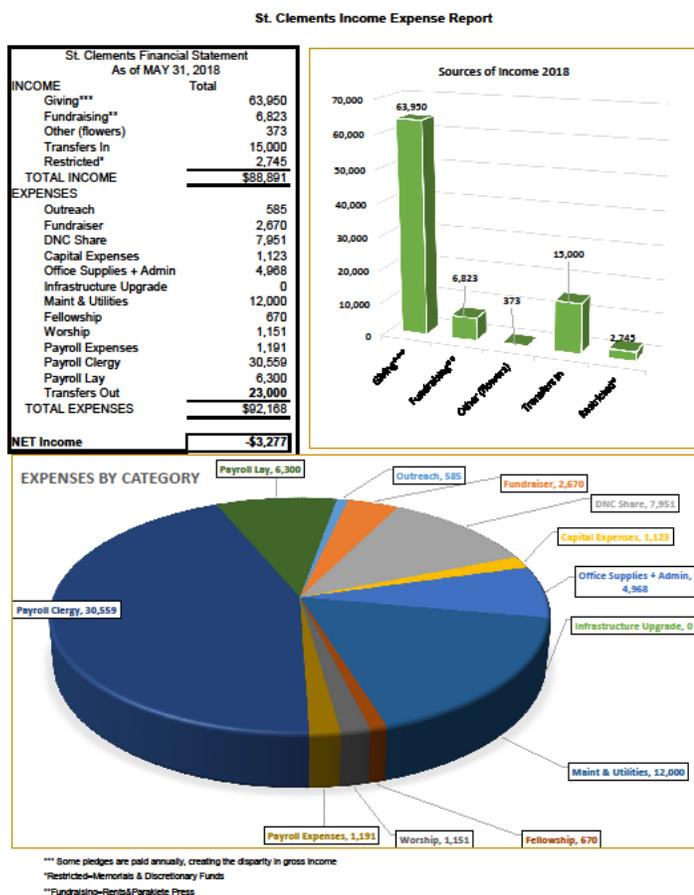
"Silence is God's first language." - John of the Cross

The St. Clements Contemplative Prayer Group will meet in the St. Clements Sanctuary at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, July 25.

This group is an informal gathering to explore together the vibrant traditions of silent Christian prayer. There are many methods of being in the mindful presence of God—some ancient and some more modern. The group will be a chance to delve into these different methods and traditions while giving us the forum to discuss our experiences as we try them out.

There are no experts here! Whether this is the first you're hearing about contemplative prayer, you've been curious for years, or you already practice some form of meditation, the group is open, welcoming, and affirming to everyone and anyone with any interest in contemplative/centering prayer. This is an opportunity to come together in community with patience and kindness to discover how Christian meditation can give us another avenue to explore our relationship with God. Please email Emily Hyberg if you have any questions.

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