

Lent 2009

Dear Members and Friends,

All the talk these days is about the economic crisis and many lessons about selfishness, greed, and short-sightedness are scattered about us for Lenten meditation. They do not need to be rehearsed by me for you.

One of the results of the current financial mess is that, even with our own good advisor's best efforts, much of what we depended upon to fund our small part-time staff and our parochial life has evaporated. Regrettably, and painfully, we are being forced to cut back our expenditures even further. This means that some things which we have paid to have done will need to be done by parishioners, and that some badly needed repairs and capital projects will go undone for the foreseeable future.

In the coming weeks and months there will be at several Parish Work Days scheduled to clean the buildings, to work in the public gardens and the cemetery, and to prepare for Holy Week and Easter. These will not be an optional part of our life together, but important and necessary events which will enable us to continue as responsible stewards of our buildings and property, and, ultimately, as a viable congregation. When they are announced, please plan to participate. Beside all that serious stuff, they can be fun!

On a happier note, we continue to grow in numbers and our attendance remains ahead of last year. Our new website is being well used and visited by people from as far away as Canada, England, France, South Africa, and Russia. Recently, we had a visitor in church from Pristina, Kosovo (former Yugoslavia). Remember: greet our visitors **FIRST**, *before* friends!!!

Finally, please remember these upcoming events:

Annunciation, "Lady Day"- 25 March, 6.30 PM, Choral Eucharist

Quiet Day- 4 April, 8.00 AM – 4.00 PM, Fr Timothy Kroh, *Retreat Master*

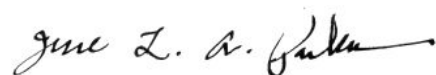
Holy Week- 5 – 11 April, see *The Kalendar*

Blue Mass- 21 April, 6.30 PM

Saint George's Day Celebration- 8 May, 7.00 PM at the *Engineer's Club*

With every prayer for a blessed Lent and Holy Week, I remain,

Yours faithfully,



(The Rev'd) Jesse L. A. Parker
Rector