



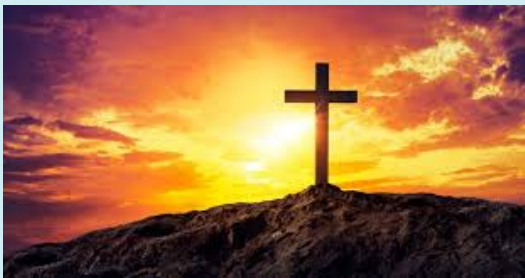
May 22, 2020

St. Mary's **MESSENGER**

Hello St. Mary's Family,

Bishop Doyle has continued the suspension of "at Church worship" for the time being. Check your email for your copy of the readings for this Sunday, and tune in on our website, www.ourstmarys.org Sundays at 10:00 AM for live worship services. (Click on "Worship" tab then "Live Media"). We will continue to keep you updated!

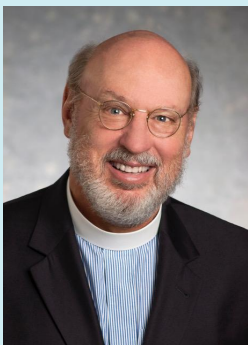
**In His Peace,
Rev. Bill**



*Readings for 7th Sunday of Easter
May 24, 2020*

Acts 1:6-14
Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36
1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11
John 17:1-11

From Your Priest:



"Before the World Existed"

John 17:1-11

Jesus may be saying, "farewell" but it is not some temporary or superficial adieu. In fact, he is reminding us of his place in eternity, a glory that he shared with God the Father before the world existed. Jesus has come into this mortal life in order to bring us into the eternal with him. Eternity is not some vague abstraction. It is life itself, and life that is lived out in the relationship that Jesus has with each of us, all of

us. Jesus describes all this variously as “glory.”

He also speaks to us about the divine relationship, shared by him and God the Father which is entirely grounded in love. We, too, are called to that sort of relationship in Christ even as we remain in this mortal life. Still, Christ calls for our protection. It is the sort of care and cover that the world cannot provide. Jesus lays claim to us, advocates for us, and seeks our protection.

- Rev. Bill

THINK ON THIS:



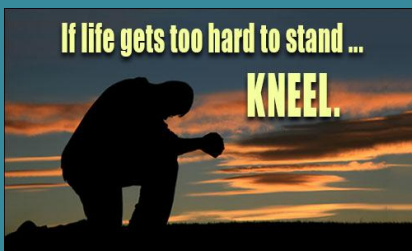
“These days it’s not just that the line between right and wrong has been made unclear, today Christians are being asked by our culture to erase the lines and move the fences,”

- Ravi Zacharias (1946-2020)

“I have loved you with an everlasting love.” Jeremiah 31:3

“If you love Me, you will keep my commandments.” John 14:15

“For this is what love for God is: to keep His commands. And His commands are not a burden,” 1 John 5:3



Bow the Knee

“Trust the heart of your Father when the answer goes beyond what you can see...in the presence of your King, bow the knee.” -Chris Machen



From Dr. Hay:

May 6, 2020

Dear fellow members of Saint Mary’s Episcopal Church,

I hope this letter finds you all well. These are very different times. Some of you know that I am the Local Health Authority for Lampasas County, and I am doing my best to serve our community. Part of that includes me acting as others should and trying to educate everyone on how to protect our friends and neighbors. We have a congregation that is high risk and vulnerable, and many people in our congregation may be beloved caregivers for



Prayer List:

Mike Hetherly, Larry & Becky Hart, Ricky Gilmore, Anne Brown, Jim & Pat Anderson, Alec Richardson, Katherine Mezger, Lynn, Dusty, Buck, Alex, Randy,

those in the vulnerable age group. I am personally asking each of you to do your best at practicing social distancing. (which I wish we could rename physical distancing, but that is another story) I do believe the time will come when in church services will be offered again, but I don't think our community is out of the woods yet. Staying further apart (6 feet) from anyone who does not live in your household and avoiding physical contact really does limit the spread of this disease. I have met many who tested positive and didn't even know it, and therefore could spread it without knowing. I am encouraging everyone to wear cloth masks in public because that also helps reduce spread. I am happy to talk to anyone individually with specific questions and would also encourage you to contact your doctor if there are more acute concerns. I am so thankful that St. Mary's is providing the online services for us to enjoy on Sunday mornings. Father Bill gets put on the big screen at our home. The boys are getting too used to church in our pajamas and allowing the cat to join us. I miss you all.

Sincerely,

Georgia C. Hay, MD

Debbie, Jack, John, Buddy, & Rebecca.

May we remember that we are to be the Hands and Feet of Jesus Christ.

But as for you brothers and sisters, do not grow weary in doing good."

2 Thessalonians 3:16

"But now God has so ordered it that we should each learn to bear the other's burdens, for no one is without fault, no one without a burden, no one self-sufficient, no one wise enough for himself, but it behoves us to bear with one another, equally to help, instruct and admonish."

-Thomas a' Kempis, *The Imitation of Christ*.

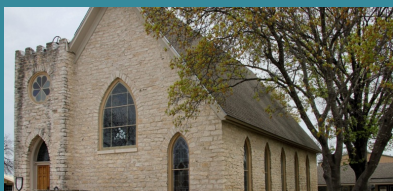
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