

THE KEYS



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The Vicar's Volleyed Verbiage

What is the mission of the Church? About 20 years ago, there was a bit of a drive to come up with a “mission statement” in many churches. One became so popular that tons adopted it as their own - “To know Christ and to make Him known.” Not bad! Not so long ago, I noticed that a fellow priest took something older for the “Mission of the Church.” Here they are.

The Corporal (Bodily) Works of Mercy are:

1. To feed the hungry
2. To give drink to the thirsty
3. To clothe the naked
4. To harbor the harbourless
5. To visit the sick
6. To ransom the captive
7. To bury the dead

The Spiritual Works of Mercy are:

1. To instruct the ignorant
2. To counsel the doubtful
3. To admonish sinners
4. To bear wrongs patiently
5. To forgive offences willingly
6. To comfort the afflicted
7. To pray for the living and the dead

These give us some further sense of direction as to how we can “make Him known.” Sacramental, they concern the outward and visible (the Corporal) and the inward and spiritual (the Spiritual). They appear to be all about social concerns, but closer inspection reveals them to be about evangelism.

1. To feed the hungry and to instruct the ignorant go together. We feed the mind with knowledge as well as the body with food. We teach others how to earn an income through education, as well as feed them in the short term. 5. When we visit the sick, the priest admonishes them to “forgive offences willingly” (BCP page 313). 6. To ransom the captive and to comfort the afflicted point to releasing others from abusive relationships and lifestyles, and to help break the bonds of addiction, and comfort them in counseling, as well as fighting physical slavery and sex slavery. 7. To bury the dead and to pray for the living (who shall eventually die) and departed points us to the ministry of death and dying as well as intercessory prayer.

1-3 deal with the immediate needs of the body and the soul. The body needs to eat, drink, and have some shelter from the cold, or you will die. The soul needs to know that 1. God exists, 2. to have Faith, and 3. Repent of Sin, lest the soul die eternally. 4-6 deal with deeper bodily needs - to be free from the bondage of being homeless, from being sick, from being captive. The Spiritual 4-6 release the soul from the bondage of sin through patience, forgiveness, and forbearance. Finally, the 7th of both is loosing the bondage of the body by burial/cremation (thus it decomposes with dignity) and the soul through prayer: “O Sovereign Lord, who desirest not the death of a sinner; We beseech thee to loose the spirit of this thy servant from every bond, and set him free from all evil; that he may rest with all thy saints in eternal habitations . . .” (Ibid 319).

Vestry is scheduled for Wednesday, November 18th, 7:30 pm. There will be a Mass prior to this at 7 pm.

Pledge cards will be distributed at church on Sunday November 15th.

Annual meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, December 13th.

NOVEMBER, 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
[1] 8:00 a.m. MP & HC 10:00 a.m. HE, SS TRINITY XXI	[2]	[3]	[4]	[5] 12 noon H.C.	[6]	[7]
[8] 8:00 a.m. MP & HC 10:00 a.m. HE, SS TRINITY XXII	[9]	[10]	[11]	[12] 12 noon H.C.	[13]	[14]
[15] 8:00 a.m. MP & HC 10:00 a.m. HE, SS TRINITY XXIII	[16]	[17]	[18] 7:00 p.m. HC 7:30 p.m. Vestry	[19] 12 noon H.C.	[20]	[21]
[22] 8:00 a.m. MP & HC 10:00 a.m. HE, SS SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT	[23]	[24]	[25]	[26] 12 noon H.C. THANKSGIVING DAY	[27]	[28]
[29] 8:00 a.m. MP & HC 10:00 a.m. HE, SS ADVENT I	[30]	LEGEND: HC - Holy Communion; FHE – Festal Holy Eucharist; HE - Holy Eucharist; SS – Sunday School; PG - Prayer Group; EP – Evening Prayer; MP – Morning Prayer; P&HU – Prayers and Holy Unction				

IN THE LORD'S SERVICE

Please — If you cannot fulfill your assigned duty because of an urgent reason, IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO SECURE YOUR OWN REPLACEMENT!

Week beginning Sunday →	November 1	November 8	November 15	November 22	November 29
Altar Guild	M. Slayton	B. Higginbotham	B. Higginbotham	M. Slayton	B. Higginbotham
	C. deRosset	J. Butterfield	V. Williams	C. deRosset	J. Butterfield
Coffee Hour	--	--	--	--	--
Ushers	--	--	--	--	--
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Epistoler	T. Paisley	P. Williams	G. Terrell	C. von Claparede	A. Butterfield
Server	P. Williams	P. Williams	T. Paisley	P. Williams	C. von Claparede
Crucifer	W. Paisley	W. Paisley	C. von Claparede	W. Paisley	W. Paisley

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2020 Vestry: Allen Butterfield, Ted Paisley, Phil Pappas, Marnie Slayton, George Terrell, Clemens von Claparede