

CTK: March News 2019



Each week we confess to God “*that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed*” (BCP p. 360). What is sin? How we do talk about sin? At the surface this sounds like an easy question. Sin is disobedience toward God in thought, word, and deed.

Sin is one of those things easier to see on somebody else than in oneself. That’s why often the churches that talk the loudest about sin, often are speaking about sins that they consider themselves innocent of. Clearly, that won’t do. On the flip side, churches can easily avoid talking about sin altogether. To this group, talking about sin sounds harsh or judgmental, or so subjective that nobody can agree on what sin really is. Clearly, this won’t do either.

Perhaps the truth about sin is somewhere in the middle. Unlike the first example, our talk about sin must begin with an examination of our own heart first. Unlike the second example, we must acknowledge that sin is a reality.

We are about to enter the season of Lent on March 6 with worship on Ash Wednesday. One thing I love about this worship service is the sheer honesty. The service has a really long confession (BCP p. 267-268). While the language can feel harsh to our modern ears, I think the candor and honesty of this confession is much needed. By admitting our sins, and turning to God for forgiveness, we can experience the mercy and grace of God.

A newspaper once asked this question to the readers, “*What is wrong with the world today?*” The most memorable response went like this:

*Dear Sirs:
I am.
Sincerely Yours,
G.K. Chesterton*

I think this captures the spirit of Lent. When we begin by seeing our hearts as a reflection of the world; that will lead us to repent. And repentance leads to forgiveness and God’s grace. All of this talk about sin leads to the cross. On the cross Jesus died for our sins. I pray that your Lent will be a meaningful time in your walk with Christ.

Yours in Christ,

Fr David

March at a Glance

Sunday Worship

March 3, 10, 17, 31

- 8:00—Holy Eucharist (Spoken)
- 10:30—Holy Eucharist with Music and Children's Chapel

March 24, Bishop's Visit and Confirmation (ONE SERVICE)

- 10:30—Holy Eucharist with Music (Reception follows)

Special Services

March 6, Ash Wednesday

- Noon—Liturgy for Ash Wednesday with Communion and Imposition of Ashes
- 7:00 PM—Liturgy for Ash Wednesday with Communion and Imposition of Ashes

Parish Activities

March 2, Church Work Day

- 8:00-Noon—Church and grounds clean-up
- 9:00—Altar Guild work day

March 3, 24, EYC

- 6:00 - 7:30 PM

March 5, Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

- 5:00 - 7:00 PM

March 13, 20, 27 Bible Study

- 6:30 - 8:30 PM

March 17, Serving Breakfast at LOTS

- Meet in Church Parking Lot at 6:00 AM to Carpool

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Ongoing Meetings

March 4

- Noon—Ladies Lunch Bunch at the Black Bear Diner, 9510 FM 1960.

March 5

- 8:00—Breakfast Brothers
- 9:30—Red Hat Society (PH)

March 9

- 8:30— Brotherhood of St. Andrew

March 12

- 5:00 PM—Kingwood Memory Café (PH)

March 14

- 7:00 PM—Daughters of the King

March 19

- 7:00 PM—Vestry



FYI

Lent

Lent is a time of repentance, self-examination and reflection in preparation for Easter. The Lenten season lasts forty days, omitting Sundays. It begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. The last three days of Lent are the sacred Triduum of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. Sundays aren't included in the forty days because each Sunday represents Easter.

The number *40* has always had biblical significance regarding preparation. On Mount Sinai, preparing to receive the Ten Commandments, "Moses stayed there with the Lord for 40 days and 40 nights, without eating any food or drinking any water" (Ex 34:28). Elijah walked "40 days and 40 nights" to the mountain of the Lord, Mount Horeb (another name for Sinai) (1 Kgs 19:8). Most importantly, Jesus fasted and prayed for "40 days and 40 nights" in the desert before He began His public ministry (Mt 4:2).

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday was first recognized by the Church during the Council of Nicaea in 325 CE. The council also settled upon the 40-day fast period as the standard length to celebrate Lent.

In **601CE, Pope Gregory** moved the beginning of Lent from the fourth Sunday of the year to Ash Wednesday—46 days before Easter. This change allowed for 40 days of fasting with six Sundays counted as feast days, for a total of 46 days. Pope Gregory also instituted the tradition of marking parishioner's foreheads with ashes in the shape of a cross. Though the practices weren't strictly scriptural, covering oneself with ashes and fasting as a mark of repentance had long biblical roots.



Ash Wednesday services will be held at on **March 6** at **Noon** and **7:00PM**.

Adapted from bibleinfo.com

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Bible Study

March 13, 20, 27 and April 3, 10



Would you have killed Jesus? I'm guessing you will say no, of course not. Or like the disciples told Jesus about his betrayal, "Surely, not I Lord" (Matthew 26:22)? What if you had to chance listen to the other side of the story? Afterall, Jesus made a lot of enemies—Herod, Pilate, Judas, and many others from Nazareth to Jerusalem, and places in between.

What if some of the unnamed enemies of Jesus were allowed to tell their side of the story? What if they had names, backgrounds, and families? What kind of arguments might they make? Would you understand or possibly agree with them? Perhaps one way to love the enemies of Jesus (Matthew 5:44) is to listen to them.

I have written the story of Jesus told from the perspective of his enemies. It's a combination of scripture, fiction, history, and satire. During this Bible study you'll hear the stories of four characters who believe Jesus is a threat to their faith: a mother from Nazareth named Sarah, a Roman soldier named Max, a Pharisee named Aaron of Arimathea, a fisherman named Shem of Capernaum.

These characters are given a sympathetic ear. They all consider themselves to be good people who are doing the right thing. The characters interpret the words and actions of Jesus, as most of us do, in a way that fits their point of view.

My hope is that as you listen to these stories, you'll understand that Jesus wasn't always sweet, cuddly, or comfortable as many have claimed. By considering Jesus from the eyes of his enemies, I hope you will deepen your faith and your understanding of his ministry and teaching. I hope to develop this into a book that churches might use for a Lenten Bible study. I'm very excited to share this with you!

This study is 5 weeks long: **March 13, 20, 27, and April 3 & 10**. Each evening we meet from **6:30pm to 8:30pm** with dinner served. Nursery care is available. **Please don't miss it!**

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An Historic Meeting

Last month, **Fr. Abernathy** made a surprise visit to Christ the King and **31 years of parish history** were captured in a single photo. Fr. Abernathy (center) served the parish from 1988 to 2001, **Mtr. Marge Williams** served from 2005 to 2009 and our current rector, **Fr. David** has been leading the congregation since 2011.

Coming Soon!

Givelify is a quick and easy way to make your Sunday offering, pledge or to support many of our parish ministries. Givelify is App based and works with both Apple and Android.

We'll be rolling out this new service in the near future, so stand by for details!



Meet Bishop Doyle on March 24

Bishop Doyle describes his six-word autobiography as: "*Met Jesus on pilgrimage, still walking.*" Bishop Doyle received his M.Div. from Virginia Theological Seminary. Previous to his election in 2008, Bishop Doyle served as Canon to the Ordinary. He also served churches in Temple and College Station.

Bishop Doyle has written several books, the latest being *The Jesus Heist*, 2017.

Time to Celebrate!



March 1 Katrina West

March 4 Bill Reed

March 4 Henry Lee

March 4 Connie Brashier

March 5 Fiona Aston

March 11 Drew Balog

March 19 Rod Rodriguez

March 21 Shawn Sanders

March 25 Tori Yee

March 31 Theresa Reed

Happy Anniversary!

March 18 Bruce and Diane Newport

March 30 Don and Janice Hardy



Who's Doing What?

Usher Schedule

March 3

- 8:00 – Rod and Ann Rodriguez
- 10:30 – Mike and Edie McDaniel

March 10

- 8:00 – Robert Lunson, Rachel Shaye
- 10:30 – Caren Thomas, Phoebe Aston, Michael McNeil

March 17

- 8:00 – Henry Lee, Robert Keller
- 10:30 – George and Barbara Spence, Saman Khalaf, Paul Masters

March 24

- 10:30 – Hilary Sellar, Steve Goodson

March 31

- 8:00 – Robert Lunson, Rachel Shaye
- 10:30 – Bruce and Diane Newport

Vestry Member of the Day and Counter

March 3 – Barry Rought, Edie McDaniel

March 10 – Shawn Sanders, Andy Yee

March 17 – Rachael Shedeed, Dan Langler

March 24 – Bill Williams, Barbara Spence

March 31 – Connie Brashier, Debbie Lee

Lay Reader and Chalice Bearer Schedule

March 3

- 8:00 – Deb Tisch
- 10:30 – Billie Bailey(LR), Lesley Exum (CB1), Valerie Bonnie(CB2)

March 10

- 8:00 – Debbie Lee
- 10:30 – Julie Langler (LR), Dan Langler(CB1), Lynda Rought (CB2)

March 17

- 8:00 – Theresa Reed
- 10:30 – Fiona Aston (LR), Susan Lunson (CB1), Rice Aston (CB2)

March 24

- 10:30 – Rosalie Pyle (LR), Shawn Sanders (CB1), Lyn Goodman (CB2)

March 31

- 8:00 – George Ebert
- 10:30 – Barbara Spence (LR), Valerie Bonnie (CB1), Rice Aston (CB2)

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Vestry's Financial Summary as of January 31, 2018

Revenues and Expenses Year-to-Date	
Total Revenues	\$19,863
Total Expenses	\$22,859
Total Revenue Less Expenses	\$(2,996)
Cash Accounts	
Operating Account	\$51,254
Capital Campaign	\$48,465
Reserve	\$3,843
Building	\$1,090
Total Cash	\$104,651

Concealed Handgun and Open Carry Restrictions

NOTICE

Pursuant to Section 30.06, Penal Code (Trespass by License Holder with a Concealed Handgun), a person licensed under Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code (Handgun Licensing Law), may not enter this property with a concealed handgun.

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