

St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church

(Congregation established 1913)

September 2nd, 2018

Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain that which thou dost promise, make us to love that which thou dost command; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

TODAY AT ST. MARY'S

We wish a warm welcome especially to those who are praying with us for the first time; your presence is a blessing! If you would like to identify yourself, or would like know more about our ministry and mission, please speak to one of the greeters and ask for a welcome card which you may complete and place in the offering plate.

Flowers on the Altar In loving memory of Les & Ellen Harding by Beth C

Nursery for infants & toddlers is available in the Good Shepherd Nursery. Leader: Heidi D

Children's Program: For Children 3 and older. Cruising with Paul. Today's lesson – Rome: While Paul was imprisoned here; he wrote many of his letters/epistles which are now part of the Bible. Bible passage: Acts 28: 11-16, 30-31. Workshop: Pray per View: Review some of the highlights of Paul's ministry by watching a video and answering questions. Leaders: Norma, Sandra

Lemonade on the lawn following the service today. Host: Mary and Nat

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

Next Sunday.

9:40 am Morning Prayer
10:30 am Holy Communion

MORNING PRAYER AT NINE- FORTY

Prayer Book, pp.6-5, Psalm 148,149,150; Job 11.1-9, 13-20; Revelation 5.1-14

HOLY COMMUNION AT HALF-PAST TEN

Opening Hymn: #429 For the Beauty of the Earth

Tune:Dix

The Lord's Prayer

Collect for Purity

(Prayer Book p. 67)

Summary of the Law, Lord. Have Mercy

(Prayer Book p. 69, 70)

Collect for the Day

Prayer with the Children

Lesson: Song of Solomon 2:8-13 R/ **Thanks be to God**

Psalm: 45:1-10 page: 386

Epistle: James 1:17-27 R/ **Thanks be to God**

Gradual: # 439 Blest Are the Pure in Heart

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark (Chap 7, verses 1- 8, 14-15, 21-23)

R: Glory be to thee, O Lord

R: Praise be to Thee, O Christ

Sermon

Nicene Creed

(Prayer Book p. 71)

Intercessions

Let us pray to the Lord

Lord have mercy

We commit ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ our God

To you, O Lord

Offertory Hymn: #438 O Jesus, I have Promised

The people of St. Mary's have the privilege of being part of and supporting the ministry of Jesus Christ and His Church through weekly financial offerings. If you are visiting here today, you are welcome to make a contribution, but please do not feel under any obligation to do so.

Invitation, Confession and Absolution

(Prayer Book p. 76, 77)

Great Thanksgiving, Peace, Prayer of Humble Access

The Communion

+ All baptized Christians who have prepared themselves are invited to come forward with faith and love to receive Holy Communion.

+ *If you prefer to receive a blessing, please indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest.*
+ *For health reasons, dipping the bread in the wine is not permitted. If you require gluten-free wafer, please indicate this at the time of receiving.*

Hymn after Communion: #649 Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Lord's Prayer

Thanksgiving after Communion

(Prayer Book p. 85, 86)

Gloria

Announcements

Dismissal **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Hymn: # 526 God Is Our Fortress and Our Rock

** Please observe a moment for silent prayer**

PARISH LIFE NOTES

Condolences to the Stephen family on the death of Alan's Mother, Kathleen Doris Stephen. May she rest in peace and rise in glory. Please pray for Alan and his family.

Family Service and Lunch on Sept. 9! Family Worship Service as a conclusion to Cruising with Paul summer program followed by lunch. For the **lunch we ask that each family bring a salad to share.**

Pastoral Care Notes. For crisis, emergency, and hospital care, during the Rector's vacation in August, please call the Chaplaincy cell phone at 306-535-3115. Bereavements are in the care of Revd. Deacon Arleen Champion who can be reached at 306-631-1001.

Rector's vacation. Claude will be on vacation for the month of August returning on Sept. 5. Our thanks to Revd. Nathaniel Deng for officiating in his absence.

Worship Service at Wascana Rehabilitation - will take place today, at 1:30 pm. in the chapel. A team from St. Mary's leads the service and porters residents to the chapel. We invite you to share in this outreach. Please call Rem for more information.

SAVE the DATE: Yes thanks to the folks at Edencare Communities, the RSO Chamber Players and Organist Valerie Hall will be performing together again in support of Edencare's Music in the Community program. "Make A Joyful Noise..." will be presented on Fri 14 September at 7.30 in the church. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the hall. See you there.

Womens' Time Out Bible Study is starting on September 6th at 9:30 am. We will have a meet and greet at that time. Everyone welcome.

Parent and Tots group We love to welcome our parents and their little ones to our Parent and Tots Group- We provide games, activities and tea and coffee, milk and juice. You are welcome to bring a snack to share. We will meet every Wednesday morning from 10:30 am -12:30 pm. Start: **Wednesday September 12th.**

Forever in Motion: Senior Exercise is starting **Tuesday September 11th** here at St. Mary's 10:30 am. The program includes endurance, strength, balance and flexibility activities which may be performed either in sitting or standing positions. All are welcome! The program is also a good way to start with exercise.

THE WORD OF THE LORD: TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

FIRST READING: Song of Solomon 2:8-13

The voice of my beloved! Behold, he comes, leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills. My beloved is like a gazelle, or a young stag. Behold, there he stands behind our wall, gazing in at the windows, looking through the lattice. My beloved speaks and says to me: "Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away; for lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.

SECOND READING: James 1:17-27

Every good endowment and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth that we should be a kind of first fruits of his creatures. Know this, my beloved brethren. Let every man be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger, for the anger of man does not work the righteousness of God. Therefore put away all filthiness and rank growth of wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if any one is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who observes his natural face in a mirror; for he observes himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. But he who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer that forgets but a doer that acts, he shall be blessed in his doing. If any one thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this man's religion is vain. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

GOSPEL: Mark 7:1- 8, 14-15, 21-23

Response before the Gospel: **Glory be to thee, O Lord**

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.' You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things

that come out are what defile.” For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

Response following the Gospel: **Praise be to thee, O Christ**