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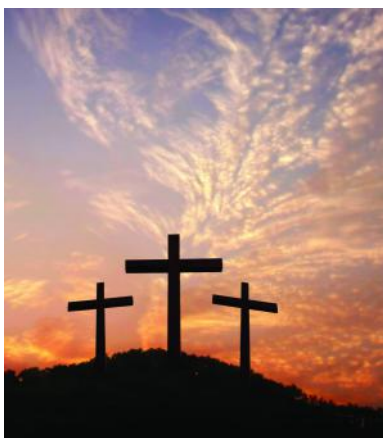
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make and equip disciples  
and to live as faithful  
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THE CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

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## From The Rector

Rev. Catherine Tatem

# F A S T I N G

Quarantine.

Global pandemic.

Shelter in place.

Presumptive positive.

In a few words, our lives have changed. These words and phrases have become part of our collective vocabulary only in the last few weeks, and they describe things that I would rather not think about, let alone endure. Without a doubt, this time will shape us. Our Christian task is to find ways to shape our common life in ways that continue to focus on God, with each of us using our unique gifts.

Our Lenten disciplines have taken on a completely new light in a time of self-quarantine and social distancing. Grocery shopping means buying what is available; cooking means looking deep into our cupboards and perhaps being creative with what is already on hand. These are not bad things for those of us accustomed to buying whatever we wish, eating out – often – and stockpiling food that we do not eat. I am reminded of our invitation to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, our invitation to a holy Lent.

How do we make this time holy?

Prayer is essential. Our corporate prayer connects us in a new way; digital worship will not replace our in-person gathering, but it is at least a bridge and a bit of sustenance when we cannot be together. We are called to bring prayer into our homes in tangible ways. One of the most powerful prayers that we have is “help.” Remember that the word “Hosanna!” means “Lord, save us!” or, from the Hebrew root words, “Save, please (we beg you)!” We are always in need of being saved by our Lord; it is not a bad practice to have “Hosanna!” spring from our lips and our hearts. The word Hosanna has changed into a shout of praise; remembering that it is an ancient, fervent plea emphasizes the level of joy that the shout contains. How are you saying “Hosanna!” today?

We are fasting from one another and that does not feel very good. It is my hope that we remember our longing for one another’s company when we meet again,

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## Vestry Meeting Minutes

The minutes for the monthly Vestry meeting can be found posted on the bulletin board outside the office.

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and that we continue practices that we might have just now started: calling one another, getting to know each other over the phone; providing nourishment, physical, spiritual and emotional, when and where it is needed; making do with our existing belongings and gifts. Whatever we have and whoever we are, we are enough in the eyes of God. We are enough. We have enough when we seek Christ in the face of others; our fast becomes a feast of holy love.

We are fasting from the Eucharist, and not by choice. This gives us the opportunity to remember that we are fed not only from the Word (Jesus) but also from the word; that is, the inspired word of God as we find it in the bible. In Eucharist-centered piety, we distance ourselves from the reality that the word of God is enough – more than enough – to sustain us. It is okay to fast from Eucharist, self-imposed or not, in order to experience or awaken our hunger for God. A true fast brings us closer to God as we literally feed on God's word, not as Ezekiel did by eating the scroll, but by turning again and again to Scripture. God is present. God is present in word and sacrament. Further consolation can be found in the grace that any drop or crumb of Christ that we have consumed can still nourish us and give us new life. Fast, friends, and yearn for God, as

we do until at last, we rest completely in God.

Our other Lenten discipline is that of almsgiving, in which we give outside of ourselves as we learn to give *of* ourselves in Christian faith. The hymn "God of Mercy" comes to mind:

*"God of mercy, God of love,  
shine upon me from above.  
Shield me by thy grace divine,  
let me know that I am thine."*

In giving tangible gifts of money and goods to others, we are engaging with God in God's mercy, shining Jesus' light into the world. The world needs the grace and mercy that we know in Jesus Christ. Live fully into this Lenten discipline, helping others and satisfying our deep need to give.

We need not be defined by the words and phrases of the world. Turn to God and to Christ in each other. The world needs our hope! Remember, from another song:

*"We are marching in the light of God ...  
We are living in the love of God ...  
We are moving in the power of God."*

Hosanna!  
Catherine+

## April Readings

Date	1st Reading	Psalms	2nd Reading	Gospel
April 5	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Psalms 31:9-16	Philippians 2:5-11	Matthew 26:14-27:66
April 12	Acts 10:34-43	Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24	Acts 10:34-43	John 20:1-18
April 19	Acts 2:14a,22-32	Psalms 16	1 Peter 1:3-9	John 20:19-31
April 26	Acts 2:14a,36-41	Psalms 116:1-3, 10-17	1 Peter 1:17-23	Luke 24:13-35

*This is the time to be slow,  
Lie low to the wall  
Until the bitter weather passes.*

*Try, as best you can, not to let  
The wire brush of doubt  
Scrape from your heart  
All sense of yourself  
And your hesitant light.*

*If you remain generous,  
Time will come good;  
And you will find your feet  
Again on fresh pastures of promise,*

*Where the air will be kind  
And blushed with beginning.*

JOHN O'DONOHUE

### **Finance Committee**

The Finance Committee meets on the  
2nd **MONDAY** of the month.

**Virtually for now!**

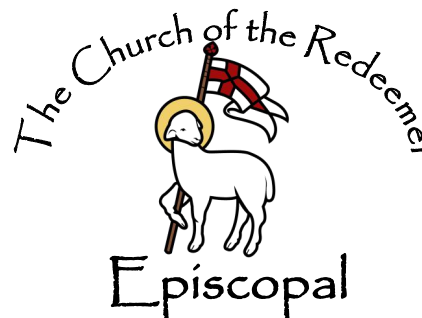
<b>Financial Corner</b>		<b>through February 28, 2020</b>
Budget Income	\$	20,536
Actual Income	\$	26,244
Difference	\$	5,709
Faith Offering Goal	\$	16,000
Intentional Giving - Faith	\$	3,835
Difference (Goal = 0)	\$	(12,165)
<i>Questions? Contact the treasurer or wardens.</i>		

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### **Vestry Members**

#### **Rev. Catherine Tatem - Rector**

Judy Planck (2020) – *Senior Warden*  
Jason Houston (2020) – *Junior Warden*  
Annette Burdette (2022) – *Worship*  
Dinah Johnson (2021) – *Pastoral Care*  
Robin Mill (2022) – *Outreach & ARCUM*  
Jason Houston (2020) – *Buildings & Grounds*  
Rebekah Webb (2021) – *Finance*  
Daniel McCullough (2022) – *Communications*  
Katie Broderick (2020) – *Christian Ed*  
Debbie Bauer (2020) – *Stewardship*  
Greg Brown (2022) – *Membership*  
Bill Heizer (2021) – *Fellowship*  
Rebekah Webb – *Treasurer*  
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Stephany Austell – *Clerk*

*The Vestry meets the third Monday of each month  
at 6:30 p.m. Minutes are posted on the bulletin board  
outside the Parish Administrator's office.*

### **Echoes**

Is a monthly newsletter of The Church of the Redeemer,  
Deadline for submissions is the 22nd of each month.

Submit written info to the church office,  
email to Sue Bannio – parishadmin@corpsc.org

## Christian Education

Hi out there to everyone!

So many things have changed for us these last few weeks. I hope everyone is doing well. I know that we are all adjusting and learning a new normal for this time that we are living in. However, one thing that has not changed is how we all are still being the church, maybe more now than in the past.

I have found peace and courage witnessing the love and generosity that is being shown from our church members and from society. Mr. Rogers said it best when he said:

*"When I was a boy and I would see scary things on the news, my mother would say to me, 'Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping.'"*

Helping can mean so many things. Helping is found in a phone call or a card that gets dropped in the mail. It is found in an email or seeing a smiling face on a new video chat that some of us are figuring out how to use for the first time.

Gratitude and Love is available in abundance as well. When my anxiety wants to take over, I have found that being grateful for each new day and all the little blessings that go along with it really helps. Most days are usually filled with hurry and a wish for more than 24 hours in a day. Now, it's one day at a time and living in the moment.

It's hearing the birds sing, taking a deep breath, going outside, being in prayer and drawing closer to Jesus.

I find great comfort in knowing that our God tells us to be strong and courageous, and to not fear. That wherever we go the Lord our God, goes with us. We are all in this together and I am grateful for each one of you.

Sending you love and virtual hugs! Lori



### Events Coming Ahead for the Youth

During this time that we cannot meet in person, plans are in the works for video chats for all age youth that can participate. Other activities are being planned as well and will be communicated through either email, phone calls, or regular mail.

If your contact info has changed please send me the updated information. Feel free to call or email me with any questions or ideas you may have!

God's Peace,  
Lori Hawkins  
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## From the Bookkeeper

Hi! I just want to assure you that we are still accomplishing the business of the church.

I have been in the office checking on the mail, making deposits, and paying the bills. If you are concerned about your pledge being received in the mail, feel free to call and let me know that it is on the way. I can return your call to let you know that it was received.

Deposits continue to be done on Mondays for all monies that come in the week prior.

If you have any questions please call (864)277-4562 or email me at the parishadmin@corpsc.org. Thank you for your continued support of The Church of the Redeemer.

- Sue Bannio

*"Stay safe, Stay home, Stay hydrated, and be sure to exercise!"*



## Friends of the Eucharistic Visitor (EV)

*(Note: During this time of social distancing our EV's are not able to go out to our homebound. Please keep them all in your prayers as you consider this ministry)*

Fellow parishioners have voiced a wanting to see some of our homebound. They cannot believe how long it has been since they have seen a particular church friend. They just cannot seem to find the time.

We are starting to generate a list of individuals who would be willing to accompany a Eucharistic Visitor (EV) on their visit. The visit would be set up at least either the Friday or Saturday, or earlier before that Sunday's visit. Such a person would:

- (1) provide a second person during the visit, which would be in the interest of Safe Church,
- (2) allow that individual to see what all is involved in being a Eucharistic Visitor (EV) without any pressure, and
- (3) after the Eucharistic Visit, allow some social time with the parishioner being visited.

We could still use one or two more trained Eucharistic Visitors (EV). Presently, we have three active EV's. If you feel God calling you to be either a Friend of the Eucharistic Visitor or to become a trained Eucharistic Visitor, please contact Rick Hankinson or myself, Greg Brown.

## In The Alumni News

*Longtime members of Redeemer were featured in the Alumni News for Auburn University:*

Earlene Goldsmith Nall '52 and husband Kenneth L. Nall '53 celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary on Sept. 2, 2019. Both are from Atmore, Ala., and while in Auburn they taught courses as graduate assistants and were each elected to Phi Kappa Phi honor society. Ken graduated ROTC as a DMG (Distinguished Military Graduate) and was the Cadet Commander of the Auburn ROTC Corp of Engineers Battalion.

After leaving Auburn, Earlene taught elementary education while Ken was employed in engineering and management at several Fortune 500 companies. He also founded several companies, including Hercules Waste Equipment Company, a successful national equipment manufacturing company.

They have had season tickets to Auburn Football for many years and remain avid fans of Auburn sports. Earlene and Ken presently live in The Woodlands at Furman Retirement Community in Greenville, S.C.

## Samaritan House

We are collecting **Canned Tuna** for Samaritan House for the month of **April**. Your generosity in providing food for others is greatly appreciated!!!

Thank you!



## PRAYING FOR YOU

Dear Church Family,  
Your Daughters of the King continue to pray for you, our church family daily. We are committed to daily prayer as part of the vows we take as daughters. Our prayer list is completely confidential within our membership. We are offering to send up prayer needs that you may have during this time of distance. These prayer requests may only contain the name of the person needing prayer, but you may provide more information about the situation.

Please send your prayer requests to Phyllis Webb, St. Therese Chapter President, at [stphwebb65@charter.net](mailto:stphwebb65@charter.net) or call her at 271-1392.

The requests will then be passed on to our entire group to begin the prayer cycle. Always Praying & in Communion with YOU!!

Your Daughters of St. Therese Chapter



On March 1, at Project Host Soup Kitchen, we were blessed to have Rick Hankinson lead us in morning prayer and bring us Eucharist.

It was a great day for serving others as the youth fed the hungry at the Soup Kitchen.



Although Easter looks a little different this year remember it is a glorious day!

Find a special way to celebrate it with the people in your household.

We will have a selection of special events online to mark Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter to help you stay connected to Redeemer. Please stay tuned to the E-blast and our website: [www.corgsc.org](http://www.corgsc.org).

## Creating a Holy Place in Your Home

Why would I want to have a holy place in my home? It sounds weird or even idolatrous. I don't "do" my faith that way. I go to church and I help people.

If the above phrases resonate with you, please know that you are not alone. It took me awhile to understand the need to have a holy, set apart place in my home. Theologically, everything that God creates is very good, and I need to be reminded on a regular basis of God and God's goodness, ongoing creation, and presence in my life. Having a holy space at home brings God into all of life. I am reminded of Moses, when he took off his shoes to approach the burning bush. *Exodus 3:5: "Remove the sandals from your feet, for where you are standing is holy ground."* Home is where I take off my shoes; it is possible to approach the holy even in my home.

My approach to setting up a holy or sacred space at home does not necessarily doing just one thing. I have a reading chair in my bedroom, and a collection of icons or holy images on the bookshelf next to the chair. I see these special items several times every day, and their presence gives me a moment of calmness and reassurance: God is near. God is here.

In some seasons of life I set up a "God garden" with objects around my home. I take a small tray (the garden part) and place it in a highly visible place so that I will encounter this God garden daily. A Lenten garden might include a cross; a small container of/for water; a pinecone or "perfect" magnolia pod – a thing of beauty in God's creation; a rosary or other symbol of prayer; sand or a piece of sandpaper for Lenten "desert" time. At times my God garden has included a photograph, part of a coloring page; a seashell, a candle. See what speaks to you and what you are drawn to in your home environment. Trust your inner self and do not be critical of what you have chosen. Know what each item represents to you in this time; think on those things or people; pray each time you see your garden. If nothing else, look at what you have created and take a deep, relaxing breath. God is present.

Your sacred space might begin with a comfortable chair, a kneeler or a floor pillow. Add a prayer book, a bible, a candle (flameless is fine), or items

of meaning that will help you spend quiet time with God. The light of the candle might mean for you the presence of Christ or the Holy Spirit; the books are items with which to pray. Perhaps a notepad or sketchbook and a pen would be helpful: you can make a prayer list, draw how God feels present or write about a time of spiritual scarcity. How might you pray? Ask your rector for help; there are meditations and guidebooks that can assist in the creation of your holy space. Remember: no judgment. This space is about you and God.



Maybe your kitchen or dining table can become your holy space. Place an item or two that will prompt your prayers. A candle is a common tabletop decoration; you can bring in the light of Christ with your candle. What other items will remind you of this season? I have a hollowed out eggshell with some stones and a cross made out of twigs, decorated only with a piece of red ribbon on the outside. This egg reminds me of the desert time of Lent; It is a stark visual for a time of fasting and repentance; of Jesus' crucifixion, and red is the color of Holy Week. When Jesus and the disciples entered Jerusalem, some Pharisees asked Jesus to make his disciples be quiet. Jesus replies *"I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."* Luke 19:40.

I have a flower-filled egg shell for the Easter season. I will probably decorate a candle and call it an Easter candle, and light it each day of the Easter season (50 days).

I encourage you to create a sacred space or place in your home, and hope that these guidelines are helpful. Please contact me if I can help further. Have a faith-filled Holy Week and daily sacred time.

Peace in Christ,

Catherine+





Fun Activity for you!

Use our at home coloring page to decorate your home.  
This butterfly is your Easter Alleluia!

When we come back together during Easter Season bring your  
completed butterfly to church so we can display them!  
Feel free to make copies and bring a whole bunch!



## A MESSAGE OF STEWARDSHIP

Blessings of Spring to each of you!! My goodness has our idea of normal changed. Our world is tilted off center which causes challenges for each of us. The only constant that I have in my life right now is my connection with God. Many times I feel that I am not very good at reaching out to him and speaking to him, but recently the solace I have found is in my conversations with the Lord.

A major disconnection is our loss of physical and visual contact with the Redeemer family. Even though we are distant from each other, our stewardship commitment continues. It is easy to forget that the Church goes on, even if we are not physically present. And the needs of our community have grown exponentially. Please remember your commitment of Stewardship. Your weekly or monthly pledge is needed now more than ever. Please mail your pledge to the church just as you would place your offering in the collection plate. You can use your pledge envelope if you choose and mail your pledge to The Church of the Redeemer.

Your continued support is vital to our ability to help those in need and to continue our mission of outreach.

-Debbie Bauer

## DEALING WITH THE CHANGES...

We can't go to the grocery. The malls are closed. We can't exercise at the gym. The kids can't even go to the playground. The rain comes and the days drag. What can we do to keep a positive frame of mind and follow the tenets of Stewardship? We can reach out. We can create a new "normal".

The Lord will continue to bless us, but he also expects us to help ourselves. One way that I am trying to help myself is through journaling, but journaling with a purpose. Each day I ask myself the following questions and make a plan to follow them.

**What am I grateful for today?** The blessings of the Lord continue to pour out to us each day. Do we see them or simply take them for granted?

**Who am I checking in on or connecting with today?** Is there someone who is alone and could use a conversation? A friend you have lost contact with? Family who is far away? Take a minute to contact someone different each day.

**What expectations of normal am I letting go today?** What part of my regular routine can I replace with an act of faith, an act of support to someone else, or with time alone with God?

**What beauty am I either creating, cultivating, or inviting in today?** My beauty lately has been my spring flowers. They are recurring gifts of God. They arrive every spring and bring lightness to my heart and joy to my soul. What beauty have you found lately?

**How am I getting outside today?** The fresh air, exercise, and even 6 feet encounters with others can lift spirits and re-connect you to nature and provide a great opportunity for conversation with God.

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## COMMUNICATIONS

Here at The Church of the Redeemer we are trying to keep in touch with all of our members via E-Blast, our website and Facebook.

If you're not currently getting our emails please call or email the church office to give us your email address.

If you don't have email or are not online call to let her know to mail the information to you and confirm your mailing address.

We have at least 10 families that are on our weekly mailing list to receive paper information. It is no problem to add your address to the list.

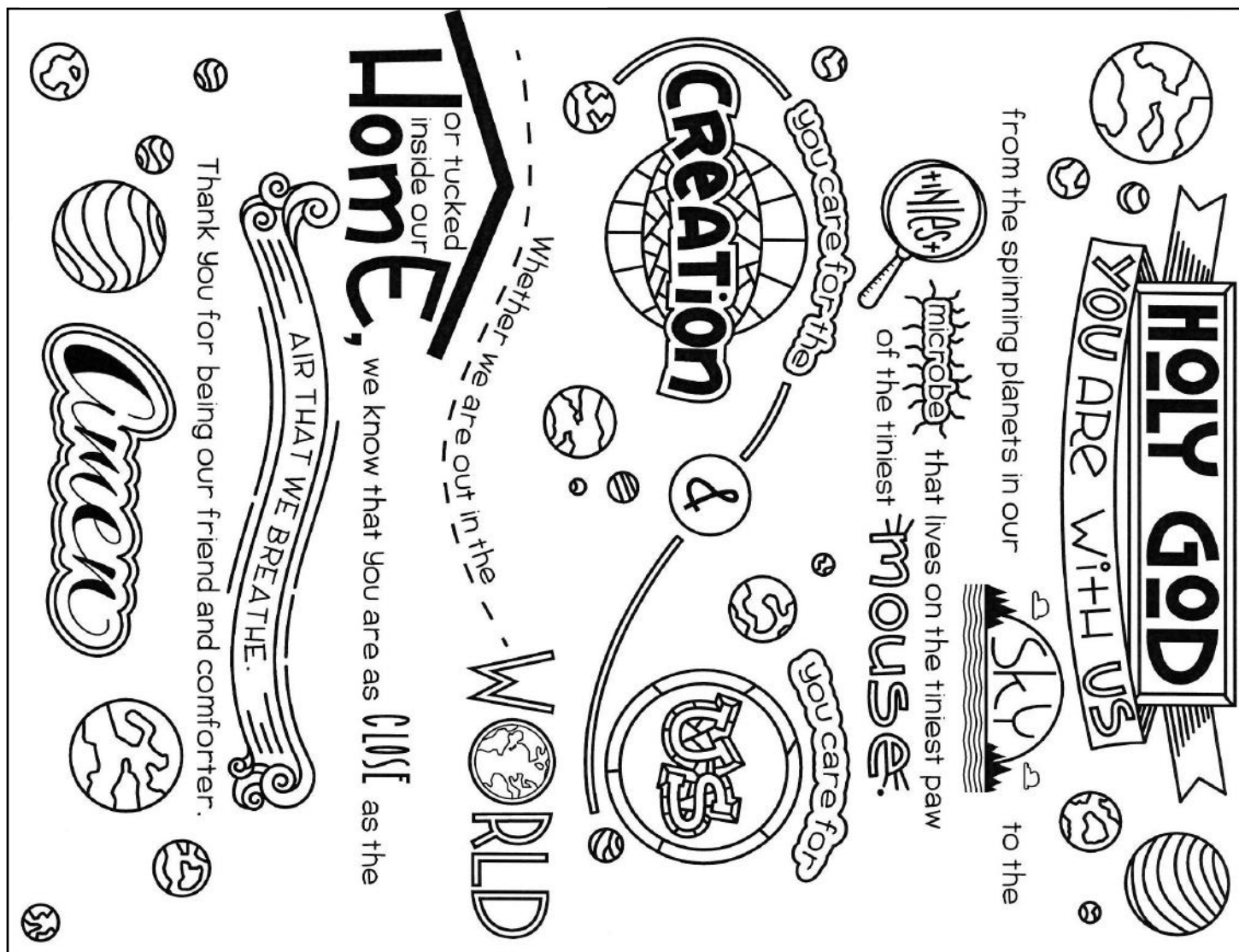
Missing your smiling faces! Here is some coloring fun while you are at home.  
- Sue



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My journal is growing. It has given my frustrations of the shelter-in-place a positive perspective and reminded me that the Lord is our true shelter in any time or challenge. I hope these questions help you if you feel that you need some guidance or help re-adjusting during these challenging times.

In faith and thanksgiving,  
Debbie Bauer

As you wash your hands while singing "Happy Birthday" two times—please remember all those who are celebrating their birthdays this month (Catherine's is April 15). Use your new 2020 directory to send them a special birthday card too!



<b>APRIL 2020</b>						
<b>Sun</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sat</b>
			1 12pm AA (Purser Hall)	2	3 OFFICE CLOSED	4 11 am AA (Purser Hall)
5 <b>PALM SUNDAY</b>  11:15am Online Service With the National Cathedral	6	7	8  12pm AA (Purser Hall)	9  <b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b>	10 OFFICE CLOSED  <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>	11 11 am AA (Purser Hall)  <b>EASTER VIGIL</b>
12 <b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> 11:15am Online Service With the National Cathedral	13 OFFICE CLOSED	14 	15 12 pm AA (Purser Hall)	16 OFFICE CLOSED	27 OFFICE CLOSED	18 11 am AA (Purser Hall)
<b>Greenville County Schools Spring Break</b>						
19 11:15am Online Service With the National Cathedral	20	21	22 12 pm AA (Purser Hall)	23	24 OFFICE CLOSED	25 11 am AA (Purser Hall)
26 11:15am Online Service With the National Cathedral	27	28	29 12 pm AA (Purser Hall)	30 		



## April Birthdays & Anniversaries



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|-----------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 Kinslee Sink        | 8 Claire Allen             | 18 Ronan Entwistle        |
| 2 Lola Russo          | 8 Stephen Howard           | 20 Hunter Massengill      |
| 3 Melody Daniel       | 9 Stacy Masengill          | 21 Kaitlyn Massengill     |
| 3 Kathy Moore         | 12 Susan & Nick McConnell  | 24 Lisa Brooks            |
| 3 Brian Johnson       | 14 Margie & Rick Hankinson | 24 Diane Campbell         |
| 3 Manning Zacher      | 15 Rev. Catherine Tatem    | 24 Gary Powell            |
| 5 Amos Irwin          | 15 Cloye Witham            | 25 Ken Nall               |
| 5 Ken Wood            | 16 Stephany Austell        | 26 Susan McConnell        |
| 6 Connie & Don Howard | 16 Annette Burdette        | 27 Celia & Clark Jernigan |
| 7 Dick Lee            | 16 Robert Moore            | 30 Wendy & Richard Caney  |
|                       | 18 Diane & Bill Campbell   |                           |

We apologize if your birthday or anniversary does not appear.  
Please notify [parishadmin@corscg.org](mailto:parishadmin@corscg.org) to update our records.



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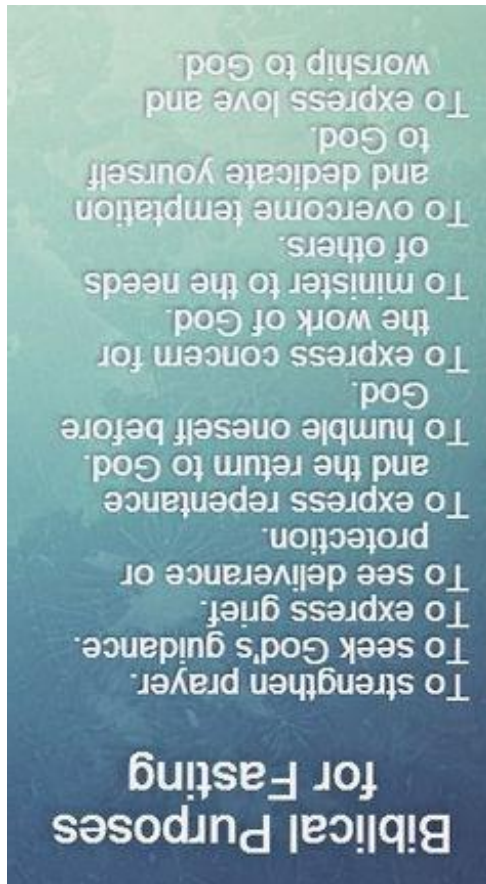
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