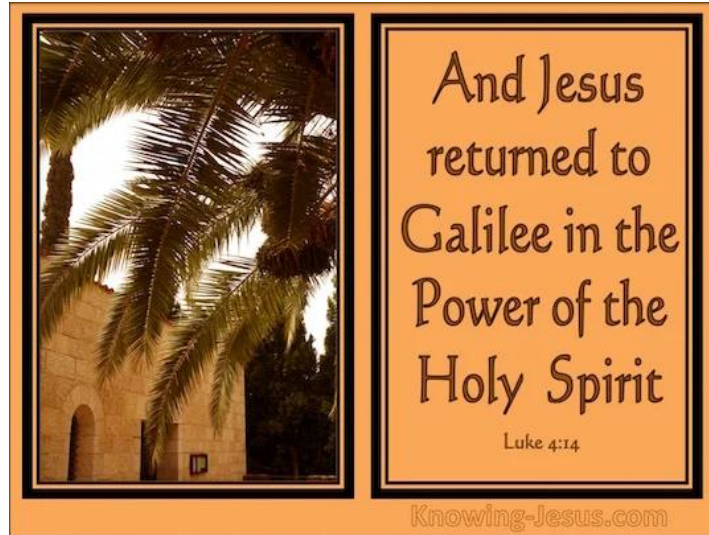


THE PARISH OF LONG POINT BAY



PORT ROWAN ♦ PORT RYERSE ♦ TURKEY POINT ♦ VITTORIA ♦ ST. JOHN'S WOODHOUSE

Sunday January 23rd 2022
3rd Sunday after Epiphany



Opening

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

Sentence

The Lord has anointed me to preach good news to the poor and release to the captives.
Luke 4.18

Collect

Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service.
Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Readings

NEHEMIAH 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10;

PSALM 19;

1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-31A;

LUKE 4:14-21

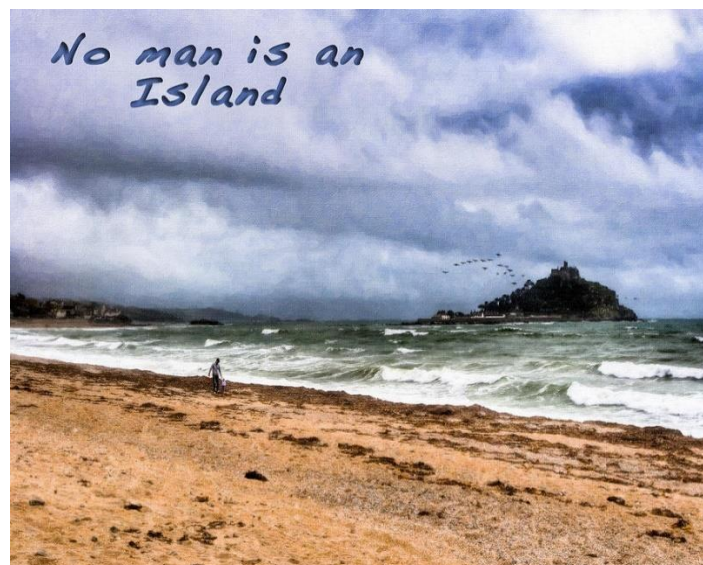
'No Man is an Island'

No man is an island entire of itself; every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main; if a clod be washed away by the sea, Europe is the less, as well as if a promontory were, as well as any manner of thy friends or of thine own were; any man's death diminishes me, because I am involved in mankind. And therefore, never send to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee.

John Dunne's famous Meditation XVII is perhaps as good a segue into today's reflection (despite the exclusive male imagery) as I could think of. In today's second reading from Paul's 1st letter to the Corinthians, Paul is conscious of the great diversity within the young Christian community (Jews, Greeks, Romans (non-Jews), those who are full members, those who have just begun the process of entering the community, those just looking into this curious new community. Paul's sees the community as 'one body' with many diverse individuals/parts. Despite all the diversity, Paul sees the community as 'one body.' As one body, the decisions and actions of individuals impact the one body. Paul is saying, in effect, 'what you think, what you say, how you feel, impacts this community, matters to this community and shapes this community! And so, it matters to me!'

In this age of tremendous individualism and isolation, seeing the Christian community as one body, moved/inspired by one Spirit is incredibly important, I believe, despite the present experiences that push us to see ourselves as isolated individuals. During this awful pandemic, where we are often so isolated, it would be so easy to think 'I'm in this all alone.' With so many of the ways cut off where we are used to gathering together, celebrating who we are together, it's so easy to forget that we really are – still are! – One Body. One of the difficult gifts I offer to my community is my isolation. As hard as it is for me to isolate, I do it so that I don't risk harming another member if I become infected and then pass that infection on.

So, in the midst of our isolation, let's pause (frequently) and think about our isolation and the isolation of the rest of our community and give thanks to God for the gifts we offer one another, gifts that perhaps no one but us and God sees – but are huge and costly gifts nonetheless!



Now you are the body of Christ and individual members of it. Empowered by the Spirit, let us pray together saying, "We bless you, Lord our God. *Amen, amen.*"

Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, our strength and our redeemer.

Silence

We bless you, Lord our God.

Amen, amen.

By the Spirit of the Lord, may we, carry on the work of Jesus. Open our hearts to the poor and the captives, to the blind and the oppressed.

Silence

We bless you, Lord our God.

Amen, amen.

The heavens declare your glory, Great Creator, and the firmament shows your handiwork. We praise you and thank you for the beauty and majesty of your creation.

Please be free to offer your own thanksgiving --then:

Silence

We bless you, Lord our God.

Amen, amen.

We Thank you, O God, for the many members who make up our body; for the gifts, the work, and the prayers we share. We ask you to bless our leaders, lay and ordained. Give us wisdom and guide by your Spirit.

We now pray for Todd our Bishop, Anne our Metropolitan, Linda our Primate, Mark National Indigenous Archbishop, Marinez Bishop of Amazonia. AD Rick Jones, Rev. Enrique Martinez, Rev. Jack Cox

For the week beginning Sunday 23 January 2022, we will be praying for the **Rev. Enrique Martinez** and the people of the **Parish of Long Point Bay**

Silence

We bless you, Lord our God.

Amen, amen.

We pray for all those who are sick or sorrowful. When they suffer, we suffer with them. Revive and heal them, we pray. May your joy be their strength.

We pray for the ones who have asked for your healing touch upon their lives: Betty F., Don G., Franz and Elaine Z., Steven K., Rebecca M., Trista P., Bill MC., Dwayne M. and Andrea B., Susan A., Olivia H., Karen M., Delores B., Dale F, Rose G, Julie, Carol M., George F., Carol H., Bud W. Juanita K. Mary B. and anyone known to you, silently or aloud

Remember as well our shut-ins June, Shirley & John, Iris, Julie, Sheila, Sylvia, Anna and Jack B

Silence

We bless you, Lord our God.

Amen, amen.

O God, you have formed an eternal bond with us in baptism.

Whether living or dead, bless and keep your children forever.

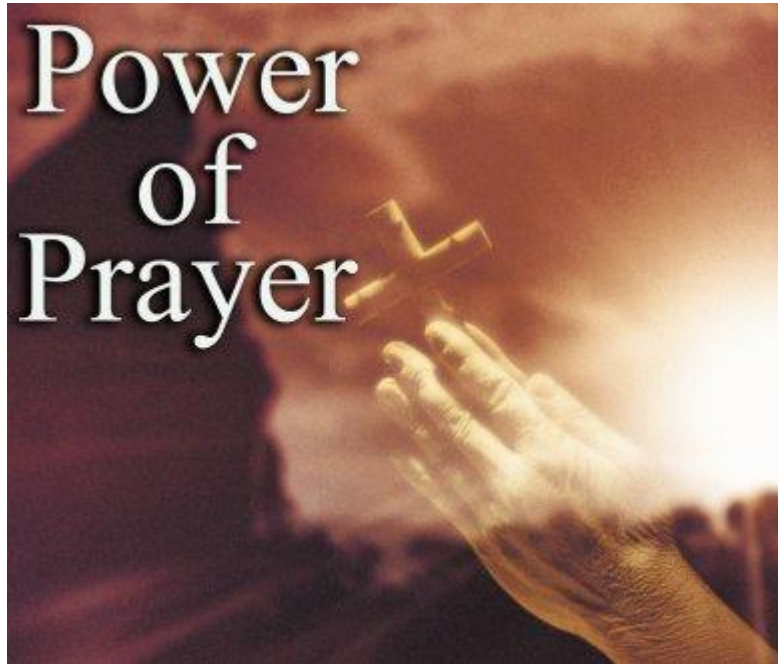
Silence

We bless you, Lord our God.

Amen, amen.

It is important that we keep the prayer list and shut-in list up to date. If you know of any changes to these lists, can you please email Anne at lpbparishsecretary@gmail.com or Enrique at enrique6921@gmail.com

If you know of anyone that has asked you to pray for them let us know and we will add to the list



Prayer of Confession

Search us O God and know our hearts today
Try us and know our anxious thoughts,
see if there are any hurtful ways in us
and lead us in your loving and life-giving Way

Words of Assurance

God knows our secret fears, ignorance & selfish ways.
God forgives, forgive yourself, forgive others
Amen

Closing Prayer

God our strength and salvation, receive all we offer you today, and grant that we who have confessed your name, and received new life in baptism, may live in the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ the Lord, Amen

Doxology

Glory to God, whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever.
Amen.

Please click on the link to watch this week's Parish Video

[https://youtu.be/ vGLU3H3168](https://youtu.be/vGLU3H3168)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This year's vestry meetings will be online this year and are as follows:

St. John's Port Rowan - Today at 10:00 am

Memorial - Sunday January 30th at 10:30 am

St John's Woodhouse – Sunday January 30th at 1:00 pm

There will be no in person church services during the month of January due to the rising cases of COVID-19. We will update as soon as there are any changes.

We will only be publishing the newspaper every two weeks instead of weekly from now on.

If you have anything you would like to contribute or comment on. Any good movies you've seen or books you have read. Do you have memories you want to share? Please send them to Rev. Enrique and he can include in the newspaper.

Any birthdays/anniversaries/special occasions in January/February – Let me know for the newspaper. We can celebrate you and add some facts that happened on that day in history. I don't need your year of birth, just the month and date. Of course, if you have a special age birthday and want to celebrate it just let me know. If you are interested in this special occasion section, please send me details.



Sing along to this mornings Hymns

Hymn Texts – Sunday, January 23, 2022

430 – Will You Come and Follow Me

1. Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?
2. Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?
3. Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean and do such as this unseen,
And admit to what I mean in you and you in me?
4. Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world around,
Through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?
5. Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
This I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

631 – The Kingdom of God is Justice and Joy

1. The kingdom of God is justice and joy,
For Jesus restores what sin would destroy.
God's power and glory in Jesus we know,
And here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.
2. The kingdom of God is mercy and grace;
The captives are freed, the sinners find place.
The outcasts are welcomed god's banquet to share,
And hope is awakened in place of despair.
3. The kingdom of God is challenge and choice:
Believe the good news, repent and rejoice!
His love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross,
Our crisis of judgement for gain and for loss.
4. God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal,
In Jesus begun, in heaven made whole.
The heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call,
And all things cry "Glory!" to God All-in-All.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

At this extraordinary time if you wish a telephone visit, please call Enrique. If you have any other announcements or news contact Anne Halls at the contacts below.

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