

BIBLE STUDIES

Holy uncertainty



‘Can you fathom the mysteries of God?... They are higher than the heavens above – what can you do?’

Luke 11:1

‘All you need to do is believe.’ That’s what we are told. ‘Hold tight to your convictions.’ There is little room in a life of faith – allegedly – for uncertainty.

But the Bible is full of uncertainty. It is full of questions that have no answers. It is full of people who (quite literally on one occasion) wrestle with God. And that’s because it’s full of human beings. And uncertainty is a perfectly natural feeling for a human being to have.

There are certain views that we think are right, that may turn out to be wrong, and vice versa. As we mature in faith, our understanding of who God is may be (and should be) different and deeper ten years from now from today.

We all have questions for God. We all have things of which we are uncertain. And that’s fine. It’s normal. Or do we think that God is so petty that we would be chastised for not being sure of everything?

God’s path is generous. There is plenty of room for questioning. So go ahead.

Dear God, thank you that you always listen to me. I come to you with my questions and my doubts. Amen.

1. What is the first book in the Bible?
2. Where did God give Moses the Ten Commandments?
3. Which New Testament book has Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount?

Find the answers in this newspaper and read the bible



I AM so proud to be Anglican.



Rev. Enrique

Trinity Sunday



“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.”

Isaiah 6:3



“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”

Jeremiah 1:5



TO ALL: Clergy, Churches, Wardens, Treasurer, Members of Committees, Lay Delegates to Synod, Anglican Fellowship of Prayer Members, Diocesan Staff and Postulants for Ordination

Bishop Todd Townshend announces that the following will be called to the Priesthood on Thursday, June 24th, the Birth of St. John the Baptist.

The Reverend Jordan Murray, Assistant Curate, St. George’s, Owen Sound
The Reverend Enrique Martinez, upon priesting the Rector of the Parish of Long Point Bay (Port Ryerse Memorial Church, Port Ryerse; St. John’s, Woodhouse; St. John’s, Port Rowan; St. Andrew’s-by-the-Lake, Turkey Point and Christ Church Chapel of Ease, Vittoria)

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the services of Ordination will be by invitation only. Please keep the ordinands in your prayers.

CHURCH SERVICES THIS WEEK



In Person service

Due to the ever-present threat of COVID-19 in our area. It has been decided to suspend all church services immediately, until further notice.



ONLINE

Sunday May 30 Anytime Service of the Word.

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THE BISHOP CORNER

Newness, possibility, hope – despite all of the evidence.

On Good Friday, a public intellectual and scientist in the UK tweeted a short comment making fun of those who believe that someone could be raised from the dead. I wasn't offended but it made me shake my head a little. I like science. I like theology, too. They are different methods – and we need them both.



“The scientific method” has been the norm in this age of reason. You make a hypothesis, you test it out, you gather evidence, and you draw a conclusion. Then you say to others, “Ok, now you try it, you verify it, or prove it wrong.” If enough of us can verify it, we will call it fact. Truth. Until a better hypothesis comes along. I still love science, because it is a form of revelation for us. Obviously, the scientists have given us incredible insight into how to live through this pandemic, not to mention the scientific miracle of several excellent vaccines! But, for a while in my life, I came very close to a serious problem. “Science” seemed to tell me that I should want to verify everything and that, if it cannot be verified, it cannot be true. I started to think that Christian faith had to be proven, certified, and that I could use science to become smarter than the Gospel. Thank God that I don't try to do that anymore. Evidence does not often lead to certainty, and it rarely leads to God. Faith is of a different “order”. Christian faith is less about evidence and more about leaning into the promises made in a good relationship—the promises of God—despite all of the evidence, sometimes. The Easter season is about newness, possibility, hope. I have hope for newness in our church life. The deepest, truest, form of “new” possible. It is the kind of “new” that we hear described in the book of Genesis, when God said... “let... there... be light...” And there was light. Before that, light didn't even exist. Before that, no one had even thought of light. It was new. This kind of “new” was also seen, in a new way, on the third day. Jesus was dead.

Sealed up in a cave. Three days dead, when all hope is gone. And God said, “let there be life. . . in the face of this death.” Get up Jesus! You are the Risen One and there is a new creation. It was the same Jesus—he still had the wounds—but newness was now possible. That is what our church is built upon. Faith in the possibility of a new creation growing out of the history of our lives and our traditions. We need to know what to bring forward with us and what to leave behind. When Jesus was raised up, they wanted to embrace him, to cling to him. But he says to them, go to my brothers and sisters and tell them there is a new creation stretching out before you. That's the kind of “new” we are going to see. God will do this. Last September at our “virtual” Synod I began to ask the following question—it's a method, of sorts. In every decision, every loss, every opportunity, we ask, “could this newness be the work of God? It looks like a death, but maybe it's something new. Is this a possible place where God's new creation may take root?” I invite you to ask that question with me, praying that God will guide our eyes and ears to places of divine newness.

+ Bishop Todd Townshend



Christ Church, Anglican Vittoria

Thankyou for the delightful newsletter. I will pass it on to our Christ Church Trustees.

Christine Ritchie

A big note of thanks to the **Trustees of Christ Church Vittoria!** As a Chapel at Ease, we have not held a Service in over a year, however our Trustees have worked diligently to maintain the grounds, make interior repairs and raise funds for our badly needed exterior paint restoration project. Trustees managed to relocate thousands of books to the church for our very successful book and garage sale! We do very much hope to hold our Service of Thanksgiving this Fall! Thanks again to our hard working, volunteer Trustees.

Christine Ritchie, Chair

Are you thankful for somebody?

Please let us know.

Contact **Rev. Enrique** at
Enrique6921@hotmail.com

Or call us at **519 586 3401**

All our family of Long Point Bay Parish give Special thanks to all our **WARDENS and TRESURERS:**

- + **St John' Port Rowan.**
Marie Granger & Veronica Harries. Erin Friesen
- + **St. John's Woodhouse.**
David Wood & JoAnne Pos. Sharon Judd
- + **Memoria Port Ryerse.**
Leona Milne & Pam Taylor. Maureen Hinton
- + **St Andrew's Turkey Point.**
Nancy Baldock & Barb Putnoki. David Baldock
- + **Christ Church Vittoria**
Christine Ritchie & James Christisor

God bless you for all your hard work and your generosity on this wonderful ministry.

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Movie Recommended

Fatima



The inspiring and unknown true story behind MercyMe's beloved, chart topping song that brings ultimate hope to so many is a gripping reminder of the power of true forgiveness.

Ten-year-old Bart Millard lives with his mother and abusive father Arthur in Texas. One day, Bart's mother drops him off at a Christian camp, where Bart meets Shannon. Upon his return from camp, Bart finds that his mother has left and movers are removing her belongings. Bart angrily confronts Arthur, who denies that his abusiveness was the reason she left.

Years later, in high school, Bart and Shannon are dating. Bart plays football to please Arthur, but is injured, breaking both ankles and ending his career. The only elective with openings is music class, so he reluctantly signs up. Initially, Bart is assigned to be a sound technician, but after overhearing him singing, the director casts him in the lead role in the school production of Oklahoma! Bart overcomes his reluctance and gives an impressive performance, but does not tell Arthur, who finds out the night of the show when he happens to see a flyer for the show in a diner. Arthur suddenly collapses in pain, and finds out he has cancer, which he hides from Bart. The following morning, Bart antagonizes Arthur, who smashes a plate over his head. At church, Shannon sees the blood and presses Bart to open up, but he responds by breaking up with her, and leaves town to seek his fortune in the city.

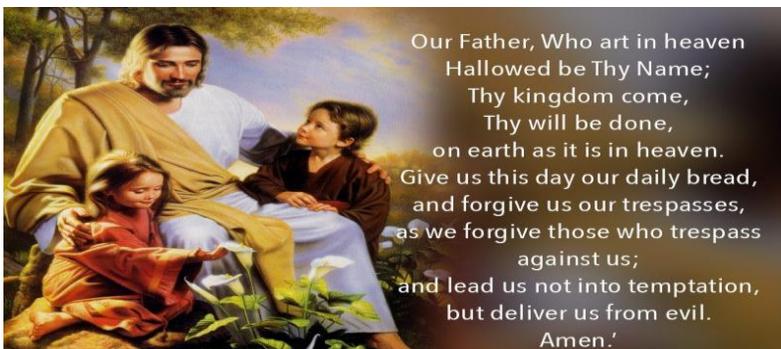
All movies are in Netflix...

“Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.” James 5: 14-16

For the week beginning Sunday May 30th, 2021, we will be praying for our Long Point Bay Parish, specially for our family of the church of St. John’s Port Rowan.

Mick Kraushaar, Mary Luo Krestel, Juanita Kynoch, Howey and Susan MacLaren, William and Norene McCartney, Bub and Georgia McDonald, Ron and Mary Meade, Robert Moore, Sonja Neuman, Peggy Overbought, Don and Sandra Parkinson, Joyce Pearson, Jim and Pat Pepper, Wendy Pickers Gill, Junior Queensberry, Diane Salter, Jim Squires, Nina Starling, Cheryl Taylor, Anna Vrbos, Jeff Wiggans and Family.

For our Bishop Todd and Rev. Rick and family, Rev. Jack Cox and family, Rev. Paul Sherwood, Rev. Enrique and Family.



BRAIN GAMES

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Please pickup your phone and give someone a call, who is in need of the hope we have in Christ.



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History Corner

175th Anniversary in 2019.



Constructed in 1844, the church sits in the middle of Vittoria's historic square and is flanked by the United Church (1845), Town Hall (1870) and Baptist Church (1853). This area provides a rare and valuable legacy of early architectural styles of Ontario – the most important being Christ Church. According to University of Toronto professor, Marion MacRae, OC, "of the timber churches which were designed in the continuing Georgian tradition, one of the handsomest yet standing is Christ Church, Vittoria."



Where it is this place?



Last week Answer ___ St Andrew's Memoria
Turkey Point, ON

Rev. Enrique

Punchline

By Jim Pepper

!!!!Charley!!!!



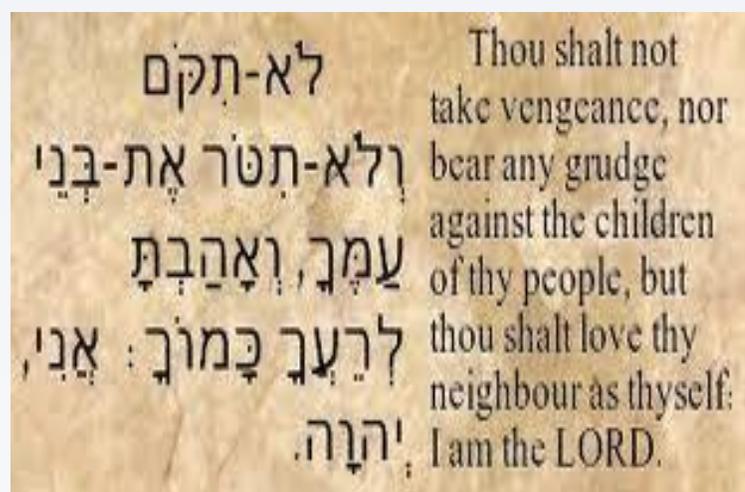
Charley was a great kid. He was always eager to answer any questions in class. A funny little guy, he loved to talk. He happened to be a Roman Catholic.

Back in the "good old days" the kids had religious education once a week. It was provided by a group of devoted people who worked very hard to bring the Gospel to many children who would otherwise not know much about it. Mrs. Gray, our school's religious education teacher, was just such a fine lady.

Her topic one week was types of faith, and she spoke about how Christians are members of many faiths such as Methodists, Presbyterians, Anglicans, Baptist's and Roman Catholics. She told the class that the former group were called Protestants and the others were commonly called Catholics.

Charley headed home that night armed with dinner table topics from school, one of which was his religious education class learning. He proudly explained about all the different kinds of religious faiths and added his own take. He told his mom and dad that there were two kinds of faith. He said there were Catholics such as their family was, and then there were others. He felt obliged to add, "But not Mrs. Gray though, she's not a Catholic, she's the other kind - she's a prostitute!"

True story - Mrs. Gray killed herself laughing when Mom related the story at a "Meet the Teacher Night" ... Charley? ... He's still a happy guy now in his early forties and he still loves to talk.



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Answers

1. Genesis
2. Mt. Sinai (Exodus 19:3 ss)
3. Matthew (Matthew 5:1-12)

OUR OUTREACH ON RWANDA #2

By JoAnne Easton

Lines and Tales - from Rwanda –



Since this was my first visit to Rwanda, I was really green in traveling to a country in Africa, especially one of so much poverty and not that familiar with white people. What my concern centered around was getting enough water, not getting sick and where do I go to the bathroom.

The first thing I asked when we traveled to a church as all the Forgiveness and Reconciliation sessions were in a church..." Please show me the washroom". It was difficult for them to understand since they only spoke Kinyarwanda or some French and me only English. I am sure if you are a woman reading about this focus on the washroom, you would understand. The washrooms were mainly down a little path to a little enclosure with a ripped piece of cloth for privacy and a hole in the ground. It was their normal and I did get used to it and the facilities gradually evolved over the years into more what was the normal for me.

The last mission presentation was in the village in Vunga and at the end of the session Bishop Jered took us through the village to an empty field to observe the property that the Rwanda government had given to the Diocese of Shyogwe, to seek supporter to build a vocational school. While they didn't have electricity there was a huge hydro tower in the middle of the village.



We had just travelled to many poor churches and had seen the poverty and recognized the needs. The genocide had taken parents and teachers and many who would pass on the vocational skills that was needed to survive. We were fired up to help with this project and returned to Canada to fund-raise to build the school. We started with an information session to parishioners, neighbours and friends and received a sizable donation to start us off. From then on, we raised enough money to build a 5-room school thanks to many of you. Fred went to Rwanda to oversee the construction and the dedication was scheduled for 2007.

I will continue next week with the visit that ten of us attended for the dedication.

!!!! Urgent!!!!

I have heard on the news that a lot of 80- and 70-year-old have not booked your vaccination yet. Maybe you don't know that you can or you are not capable of going online. No Problem!!!!



Rev. Enrique

! If you need Help!

Please contact [Marie Granger](#) @ 519 410 5633



Happy Birthday

Don Gagan - May 28th
Events in history on this day

1431 [Joan of Arc](#) is accused of relapsing into heresy by donning male clothing again, providing justification for her execution

1588 Spanish Armada under the Duke of Medina-Sidonia departs Lisbon to invade England

1936 [Alan Turing](#) submits "[On Computable Numbers](#)" for publication, in which he set out the theoretical basis for modern computer

1972 White House "plumbers" first break in at the Democratic National Headquarters at Watergate Complex in Washington, D.C.

You share your birthday with
Ian Fleming, Gladys Knight, John Tory,
Kylie Minogue

Siobhan Gagan – Harriott – June 3rd
Events in history on this day

1620 Construction of the oldest stone church in French North America, Notre-Dame-des-Anges, begins at Quebec City, Quebec, Canada

1889 The Canadian Pacific Railway is completed from coast to coast

1946 1st bikini bathing suit displayed (Paris)

1968 Canada announces it will replace silver with nickel in coins

You share your birthday with

Rafa Nadal, Tony Curtis, Anderson Cooper, King George V

Thank you Anne Halls

Taste & See

Ricotta Cheesecake



Ingredients

3 cups ricotta cheese
 1 cup sugar, divided
 ¼ cup all-purpose flour
 4 eggs, room temperature and separated
 1 lemon rind, grated

Topping Option 1

2 ½ cups mixed berries
 ¼ cup red currant jelly
 1 tsp water

Topping Option 2

mixed berries
 sugar
 lemon rind, grated

Amount Per Servings	Calories
Fat	12 g
Sodium	88 mg
Carbohydrates	25 g
Protein	11 g
Excellent source of vitamin B12 and selenium.	
Good source of folate and calcium.	

Instructions

Preheat oven to 325°F (160°C). Grease 9-inch (23 cm) springform pan well.

Cheesecake: In food processor, purée ricotta until smooth; place in large mixing bowl. Add ¾ cup (175 mL) of the sugar, flour, egg yolks and lemon rind. With an electric mixer, on medium speed, beat until blended.

In another bowl, with clean beaters, beat egg whites on high speed, until foamy. Gradually beat in remaining ¼ cup (50 mL) sugar and beat until soft peaks form, about 2 minutes.

With spatula, gently fold one-third of the egg white mixture into the ricotta mixture until just combined; fold in remaining egg whites until just combined (do not overmix). Pour into prepared pan. Bake about 50 minutes or until puffed, golden and almost set in centre.

Place pan on rack and run knife around edge of cake. Cool completely. Cover tightly with plastic wrap and chill 4 hours or overnight. Serve with fresh berries.

Topping option 1: Arrange about 2½ cups (625 mL) mixed berries on top of the cheesecake. In large glass measure, combine ¼ cup (50 mL) red currant jelly and 1 tsp (5 mL) water. Microwave on High for 30 seconds. Brush berries with jelly mixture. Chill for at least 30 minutes or until set.

Topping option 2: Simply toss berries with a little sugar (or citrus liqueur) and grated lemon rind; serve with sliced cheesecake.

Tip: Cheesecake will fall slightly on cooling and it is not uncommon to crack.

tip: This cake freezes well, without berry topping. Defrost slowly in refrigerator.

A crustless, light and airy cheesecake with a delicate lemon flavour. Serve with seasonal berries.

<https://www.getcracking.ca/recipes/ricotta-cheesecake>