



The Sanctus

All Saints Anglican Church
Bolingbrook, Illinois



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NATIVITY OF S. JOHN THE BAPTIST¹

INTEGRITY

'Thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare His ways.' - S. Luke i.76

S. John the Baptist stands out pre-eminent for the complete integrity of his character. He was ready to decrease in order that Christ might increase, to sacrifice himself wholly for the cause. Many people are ready to fight for a good cause, provided they themselves are in the front rank, but when for the good of the cause it would be better for them to give place to another, they go out of the battle altogether. S. John was completely ready to take a lower place, and to see his own disciples leave him and follow Jesus. Again, he was ready to say the same thing in any company. He preached the same doctrine in the royal chapel as in the market-place, and, if he taught the publicans that they must give up their sins, he also denounced the crime of Herod, who was living with his brother's wife. He gave our Lord that purest devotion, that he was ready to leave Jesus for Jesus' sake, to go from the manifest presence in the house of Nazareth to labour in the wilderness for the coming of the kingdom.

It is part of the training of our character that we should recognize that there is much we cannot do; all we can do is to make ourselves instruments in God's hands, to use or lay aside. Our part may be to sow that others may reap, and we must be ready to stand aside for the good of the cause. We must try to get that integrity of character which will make us perfect servants in the cause of the kingdom. There is often a vocation to follow S. John the Baptist in leaving conditions where we have spiritual luxury, to labour in self-effacing ways that in some wilderness the Faith may be born.



¹June 24th

"Meditations for Every Day", p. 204
Rev. Fr Andrew, S.D.C.
(London, A.R. Mowbray & Co.)

John answered in the words of the prophet Isaiah, "I am only someone shouting in the desert, 'Get the road ready for the Lord!'" John 1:23 (Contemporary English Version)



The Rector's Ramblings

I'm writing this two weeks after the 2018 Diocesan Synod. This was probably the best one yet. It was held at The Waterfront Inn in The Villages, Florida. The attendance was around 40 people. The Synod was hosted by St. Albans Anglican Church in the nearby town of Lady Lake, Florida. The priest in charge is Fr. Gregory Koon. Some of you may have remembered him from the 2013 Synod held here at All Saints. Our people who attended, besides myself, were Deacon and Marcia Wilson, Jane and Fred Moeller, Carol O'Sullivan, and Samuel Talabi.

The Synod began each day with Morning Prayer followed by Mass. I had the privilege of celebrating Mass on the Thursday of the Synod. At the end of each day we had Evening Prayer. The Synod banquet was held on Thursday evening. And the Synod Mass was held on Friday morning. There are pictures of both events in this issue.

One of the most important parts of a Synod is the meeting of the Standing Committee. All Saints has three members on the six member Committee: myself, Carol O'Sullivan and Marcia Wilson. The Committee's main function is to interview men for Holy Orders. The Committee, along with the Board of Examining Chaplains, interviewed six men for Holy Orders and two priests who have an interest in serving in our Diocese. Deacon Shannon Clark from Holy Comforter in Montevallo, Alabama was approved as a postulant for the Priesthood. Paul Drayton was granted another year to complete his studies for the diaconate. Samuel Talabi was admitted as a postulate for the diaconate. Three other men were also approved as postulants for the diaconate. Please keep Paul and Samuel in your prayers as they prepare for their service to God and All Saints.

At the Synod business meeting several people from All Saints were elected or appointed to serve on Diocesan committees, boards and courts. These people are:

Wayne Holman - Board of Directors
Will Spencer - Board of Directors, Resolutions Committee
Jane Moeller - Diocesan ACW President
Carol O'Sullivan - Standing Committee, Diocesan ACW Treasurer
Marcia Wilson - Standing Committee
Dan Brush - Ecclesiastical Court
Charles Bolton - Provincial Court
Ron Waitek - Delegate to the Provincial Synod
Paul Drayton - Delegate to the Provincial Synod
Bishop Schultz - Resolutions Committee, Board of Directors, Standing Committee President,
Ecclesiastical Court, Nominations Committee, Board of Examining Chaplains,
Marriage Tribunal

The next Synod will be held in Raleigh, North Carolina from May 14 to May 17, 2019. And in 2020, it will again be our turn to host Synod. I've already had some preliminary discussions with regard to a location. There are more hotels to choose from than there were in 2013.

Until the next Sanctus, may God bless you

+Right Reverend Blair William Schultz
Rector, Bishop Suffragan

Christian Proficiency

In my last article, I told you what a Rule of Life is. A Rule of Life is “a single, systematic pattern of prayer and worship.”¹ A Rule of Life needs to be based upon the three-fold Rule of the Church which is Mass, Daily Office, and private prayer. Now, in this case Rule doesn’t mean the same as following a list of ‘rules.’ A Rule is a means to an end and never an end in itself. In other words, it is not a check list. “I went to Church on Sunday.” Check. “I said the Daily Office today.” Check. “I prayed not once, but two times today.” Double check. So before we get down to the matter of constructing and using a Rule, let’s clear up some common misconceptions about the Rule.

First, a “*Rule is ‘embraced’ not ‘promised.’*” It would be Pharisaical, legalistic and quite unchristian solemnly to promise to ‘keep’ a Rule; and it would involve the sin of pride and the heresy of Pelagianism² at least. [A Christian Proficient] is one who chooses to undertake his common obligations and duties, and to develop his personal spirituality, by acknowledging, accepting or ‘embracing’ some total scheme, system, pattern of ‘Rule’ of prayer.” A Proficient “is one who intends, and attempts, to order his life of prayer in a particular way, according to some clear-cut model. He may do it well or badly, he may fail seldom or often . . . but he can only ‘break’ his Rule . . . by giving up the whole principle of the thing.”

Second, a “*Rule is wholly opposed to legalism.*” Here’s an example: say you Fast from (give up) chocolate for Lent. Your motive, “the end for which Rule is the means, is to deepen [your] spiritual life, to grow somewhat in the Love of God, decrease [your] sins, make a definite renunciation of the pleasure of [chocolate] and to offer it to God, and give its value to a [worthy charity.]” Now say on Ash Wednesday, you ate a chocolate bar. Have you broken the rule? A Pharisee would say yes. And that having ‘failed’ the person might as well give up the whole thing. But “by the principle of the Rule . . . this [person] has made a minor ‘fault’. He would simple carry on with his Rule; it would be . . . wrong to speak of his ‘starting again’ for that would imply that something had been irrevocably ‘lost.’” So, again you ‘break’ the Rule only by giving up.

Third, a “*Rule is neither artificial nor a burden, but the principle of civilized life.*” Perhaps the best way to explain this is to say that we order our ‘regular’ life with simple, practical rules. So, there are good reasons to order our spiritual life also. I get up at 6:20 am, I brush my teeth after breakfast, I leave the house by 7:45 to be able to get to work by 8:30. I go to Communion on Sunday. I say Morning Prayer at 10:00 am during my morning break. I say Evening Prayer at 10:00 pm before going to bed.

Fourth, “*Breach of Rule is not sin. . . . A breach of Rule . . . is strictly amoral; thus the cause of a fault might be sinful, negative, or virtuous.*” If you miss Church because you are lazy, you have sinned and committed a ‘fault’, but the sin is sloth, not the missing of Church. If you miss Church because you have a flat tire, you have committed a ‘fault,’ but there is no sin. If you miss Church because you stopped to help someone who was in a traffic accident, you have committed a ‘fault,’ but you have gained the “virtue . . . of a positive act of charity.”

Fifth, “*Rule is, and must always remain, variable.*” Some people have the idea that once a Rule has been embraced, “you must ‘stick it out’ at all costs for ever!” This is not true, a Rule maybe ‘relaxed’ or ‘modified.’ An example, might be when you are sick, or on vacation, or engage in charitable duties that temporarily overwhelm you. Another example is this, say you abstain from meat on Fridays, you are invited to dinner on Friday night. Your

¹Thornton, p. 193. The remaining quotes are also from Thornton, pp. 45–51.

²The denial of the need for Grace, thence that man can save his own soul by his own works and efforts . . . the idea that Christian Faith consists of ‘doing good’ without the need for sacraments, grace, prayer, or divine inspiration.” Thornton, p. 190.

host serves a beef roast. You could make a big deal of not eating meat on Fridays, thereby embarrassing your host. Or, you could simply eat what you have been served. You have committed a 'fault,' but you have gained the virtue of being a good guest. Finally the Rule is . . . variable . . . according to our progress through life, and will probably need revision every two or three years, as we advance or as our circumstances change. . . . We must never lose sight of the absolute dogma that Rule is a utilitarian device."

In my next article, I'll discuss the principles that go into constructing a good personal Rule.

Senior Warden's Report

Greetings from your Senior Warden.

If you haven't seen our new website you should take a look at it. Bob Oschman put a lot of work into the development of a whole new structure for the website and populated it with information. If you have questions or recommendations, please speak to Bob.



We've completed spring clean up around the exterior of the Church with tree and bush trimmings and new mulch. We also have our unwanted tenants back. The skunks have re-dug a hole under the back door stoop, attempts to trap them have been unsuccessful but have caused them to move to the front door stoop. Our trapper now needs to wait until the pups are born before setting traps out front. Please do not try and pet the baby skunks if you see one.

We continue to review and improve security measures, making every effort to prevent unwanted access and to insure safety. Our alarms bring police support in three minutes, but those could be the longest three minutes of our lives if that situation were to occur.

Our annual picnic is coming up on August 5th, please plan to attend and enjoy the fellowship, food and games. This is always a highlight and gets better each year as attendance and our children grow.

Finances are in good shape, your Vestry diligently reviews all expenditures and makes sound decisions focused on improving the Church today while insuring solvency in the future.

I look forward to seeing you all at Church.

Dan Brush
Bishop's Warden

"Life is wasted if we do not grasp the glory of the cross, cherish it for the treasure that it is, and cleave to it as the highest price of every pleasure and the deepest comfort in every pain. What was once foolishness to us—a crucified God—must become our wisdom and our power and our only boast in this world."

John Piper

Treasurer's Report

	April 2018	2018 Total
Income	\$12,549.00	\$48,301.00
Expense	\$11,022.00	\$45,908.00
Difference	\$1,527.00	\$2,393.00

We received \$1,949 in Easter donations in April, and our pledge income to date is slightly above the plan.

All Saints will be sending a check for \$100 to the Provincial ACW from the mite box donations. In April we paid \$875 for five Diocesan Synod registrations, \$183 to renew the church music license, and paid \$348 for the annual security system monitoring fee.

Thank you for all your pledges, and flower and coffee hour donations so far in 2018.

Paul Drayton
Treasurer



Anglican Church Women

The Anglican Church Women meet on the second Sunday of each month following Mass. All the women of the parish are encouraged to attend the meetings. The ACW also sponsors monthly luncheons or brunches usually held on the third Thursday of each month. All women and men of the parish are welcome to attend these gatherings. Please see the signup sheet in the Narthex for date, time and venue for these monthly times of fellowship.

On Wednesday evening, June 6, Bishop Schultz will hold a Healing Mass. There is a sheet in the Narthex to list names of those in need of healing prayer.

Please plan to attend the June 10 meeting!

In His Service,
Marcia Wilson
ACW President

Outreach

Our April food drive was a huge success. Thank you! 106 pounds of food were delivered to the West Suburban Community Pantry in Woodridge. They were very appreciative. We've posted their letter on the Outreach bulletin board.

Watch for details of our next project. Soon we'll be asking for your help with supplies for the Ronald McDonald House in Winfield, near Central DuPage Hospital.

Thank you so much for your participation in our All Saints Outreach projects!

Your Outreach Committee,

Deacon Wilson

Libby Bolton

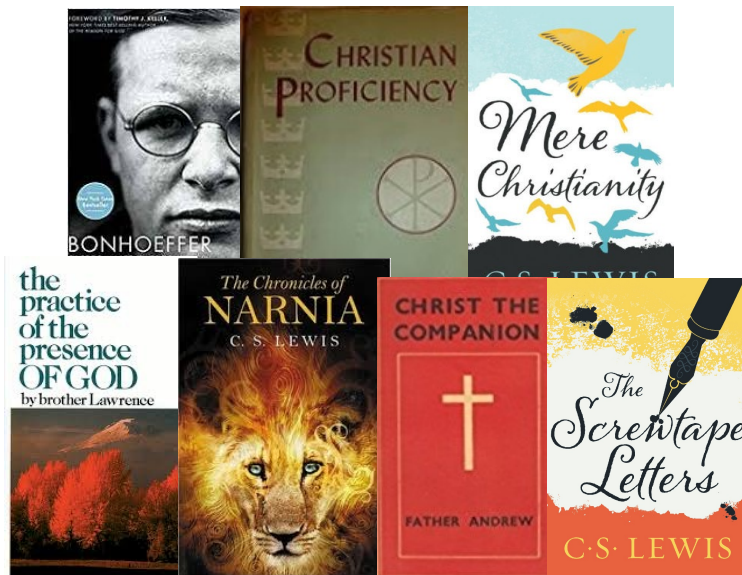
Carol O'Sullivan

Sue Ross

Will Spencer



Church Library



The new display in the library features books which many parishioners mentioned they have been meaning to read but never did, or would like to read again.

The display includes *The Screwtape Letters* and *Mere Christianity* by C.S. Lewis; *Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Martyr, Prophet, Spy*; *Christian Proficiency* (mentioned in a previous newsletter by Bishop Schultz); and *Christ the Companion* by Father Andrew. How about *The Practice of the Presence of God* by Brother Lawrence, or *The Chronicles of Narnia* by C. S. Lewis? The books are easy to check out. Instructions are listed on top of the return bin.

The display also includes William Barclay's commentaries for the upcoming New Testament readings for Evening Prayer listed in the *Book of Common Prayer*. If I can help you locate other commentary for Morning Prayer, please let me know. The commentaries can be extremely helpful in understanding the selected passages for each day or a particular passage you would like amplified.

I love questions and comments. Please contact me!

Sue Peterson
Parish Librarian

Church School

Time really does seem to fly when you are having fun! The year has moved very quickly from chilly days to fun in the sun! Our children have been blessed to have many Sunday school lessons along the way. Many of our youngest church members and many visitors, continue to enjoy the nursery. At this time we would really like to express our thanks and appreciation for all our church school teachers (Judith Nimakoh, Yvette and Paul Drayton) and helpers (Amelia Semaan, Isabelle Ruff).

As you teach, as you care for these young ones,

“Do not get tired of doing what is good.

At just the right time you will reap a harvest of blessings. “

Gal. 6:9

We thank God for His many blessings this year and for all your support. We look forward to continuing to help our children grow in God’s love.

Jennifer Akinyemi

Church School Superintendent

Seventh Annual Diocesan Synod of the Diocese of the Atlantic States St. Alban’s Church, Lady Lake, Florida

Photo’s of the Synod, Mass and Banquet courtesy of Samuel Talabi



Dates and Events to Remember

SERVICES

(except where indicated)

Sunday mornings at 9:30 am - Holy Eucharist
Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm - Low Mass

Fridays are days of Abstinence except on Feast Days

JUNE

Sunday, June 3rd - Trinity I
ACM BBQ Luncheon follows Mass
Wednesday, June 6th - Healing Mass
Sunday, June 10th - Trinity II
ACM & ACW meetings
Monday, June 11th - St Barnabas the Apostle
Sunday, June 17th - Trinity III (Father's Day)
Sunday, June 24th - St John the Baptist (Trinity IV)
Vestry meeting
Friday, June 29th - St Peter the Apostle

JULY

Sunday, July 1st - Trinity V
Wednesday, July 4th - Independence Day
Sunday, July 8th - Trinity VI
ACM & ACW meetings
Sunday, July 15th - Trinity VII
Vestry Meeting
Sunday, July 23th - Trinity VIII
Wednesday, July 25th - St James, Apostle
Sunday, July 29th - Trinity IX
9:30 am Morning Prayer followed by Holy Eucharist



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The Rev. Mr. Robert L. Wilson, Deacon

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For more information visit:

www.anglicanpck.org or
www.allsaintsanglicanparish.org

If you are seeking a church home we welcome you into our spiritual family as together we seek to uphold our Christian duties to *“follow Christ, worship God every Sunday in his Church; and to work and pray and give for the spread of His kingdom”* (B.C.P. p 291)