

the interruption. I was embarrassed to learn that the phone call was a parishioner inquiring if I could switch serving times with him. I hope I gave a suitable apology and changed my tone as Paul and the Lord would have me to do.

This verse reminds me that the trouble taken to co-ordinate my outfit with accessories, shoes, and purse, is not enough. I've forgotten the most important thing...clothing myself with love, so that I might treat those I encounter in a loving way.

Joshua 14:1-15; Psalm 55; Luke 7:18-35

Birthdays: Mary Lou Owen, Bryce Cooper, Eli Gray

Anniversaries: Valerie and Conrad Cody

Saturday's Calendar:

7:00 a.m. AA "Hour of Power"
9:00 a.m. Shepherd Group
9:30 a.m. AA Step Study for Women
5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Today's Ministry: Heritage Society

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“Growing *into* Jesus - Reaching *out* with love”

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Sunday, May 12

1 Peter 5:1-11 *And all of you must clothe yourselves with humility in your dealings with one another, for “God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.”* (v.5 NRSV)

I find it refreshing when meeting someone new in a social gathering to discover that he or she is humble. I enjoy learning about a person's interests and accomplishments by asking questions in conversation. It feels like getting to know him or her in this way is like solving part of a mystery. I am then more likely to leave the occasion looking forward to seeing the person again. When a person is a walking, talking billboard, what is there left to learn?

Joshua 4:19-24, 5:1-9; Psalms 63, 98; Matthew 7:15-29

Birthdays: Peter Ellison

Anniversaries: Jean and John Lockwood

Sunday's Calendar : REPAIR AND IMPROVEMENT SUNDAY

7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I
9:00 a.m. Contemporary Family Worship Service
9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II
10:15 a.m. Coffee Hour in the Courtyard
11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Today's Ministry: Capital Campaign

Monday, May 13

Psalm 52 *But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God. I trust in the steadfast love of God forever and ever.* (v.8)

What a beautiful image to conjure up in one's imagination. I'm now picturing the gnarled and twisted trunk of an olive tree growing inside of a grand cathedral. The meaning of the passage wasn't clear to me. I learned that the author likely was referring to the high value of the

olive tree to the Israelites in biblical times. It provided food from its fruit, oil for cooking and lamp fuel, medicine, and was used for religious anointing. The olive tree was able to grow in harsh conditions and remain ever-green. I am reminded to be like the psalmist and the olive tree, resilient and ever trusting in God’s love.

Joshua 10:16-27; Psalm 41; Colossians 1:1-14; Luke 6:1-11

Birthdays: Lewis Baxter, Kathryn Ralicki

Monday’s Calendar:

7:00 a.m. AA “Hour of Power”
 10:00 a.m. Cursillo Reunion Group
 10:00 a.m. Apples to Apples Group
 5:30 p.m. ACA Families

Today’s Ministry: Children’s Choir

Tuesday, May 14

Colossians 1:15-23 *He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.* (v.15)

If asked to describe someone, you might mention physical characteristics like sex, height, and build. You might mention vocation, hobbies, or interests. In Paul’s letter to the Colossians, he describes our Lord Jesus in terms of his position in human history and in relationship with God the Father. It’s as if Paul is seeing another dimension of the universe that is unseen by us.

Joshua 10:29-43; Psalm 45; Luke 6:12-26

Birthdays: Joseph Scheider, Peggy Lynn Millican, Jayne Burdick

Tuesday’s Calendar :

7:00 a.m. AA “Hour of Power”
 9:30 a.m. Women’s Bible Study
 12:10 p.m. Holy Eucharist/Healing
 5:00 p.m. Facility Committee Meeting
 6:00 p.m. Overeaters’ Anonymous

Today’s Ministry: Coffee Ministry

Wednesday, May 15

Colossians 1:24—2:7 *To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.* (v.27)

Paul uses the word “glory” frequently, and in this passage it seems he is referring to one of the meanings of the noun according to Merriam Webster, “the splendor and beatific happiness of heaven. ETERNITY.” Certainly, the existence of eternity is a common belief among Christians. I long to see deceased family and friends once again. I bought a children’s book “Dog Heaven” to read to my young son after the death of a family pet. Although It may not be theologically orthodox, it was comforting and reassuring to think of our dog happy in heaven. As an adult, I am reminded that my sense of loss after the death of a loved one, while natural, is also selfish in that I am missing someone’s part in my life and would be better off to focus on the “hope of glory.” My loved one is now enjoying “the splendor and beatific happiness of heaven. ETERNITY.”

Joshua 11:1-23; Psalm 119:49-72; Luke 6:27-38

Birthdays: Clodagh Hendy, Frank Smith, Ava Norris

Wednesday’s Calendar:

6:30 a.m. Men’s Bible Study
 7:00 a.m. AA “Hour of Power”
 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II
 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
 4:45 p.m. Mary’s Kitchen
 5:30 p.m. AA “Daily Reflections”
 6:00 p.m. Life Group

Today’s Ministry: Facilities Committee

Thursday, May 16

Luke 6:39-49 *“...for it is out of the abundance of the heart that the mouth speaks.”* (v.45)

Oh how I wish that my mouth spoke only with the “abundance of the heart.” It is very easy to speak without thinking first about how my words might sound and be received by another. Lord, let me ponder silently first, then speak kindly from the heart. For once uttered, speech cannot be retrieved.

Joshua 13:1-13; Psalm 50; Colossians 2:8-23

Birthdays: Freeman Smith, Clint Larkan, Lauren Sanderson

Anniversaries: Lynn and Duane Sonneborn

Thursday’s Calendar:

7:00 a.m. AA “Hour of Power”
 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II
 6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Today’s Ministry: Finance Committee

Friday, May 17

Luke 7:1-17 *When Jesus heard this he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd that followed him, he said, “I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith.”* (v.9)

Jesus expressed surprise at finding the centurion in Capernaum to be of much faith and was moved to heal his slave. I wonder how those who witnessed the act of healing felt. I know that it is the acts of goodness I witness people doing for others that really touch my heart. When I see a young person helping an elder at the grocery store or the retired couple who pick up trash on their daily walks in my neighborhood, it just warms my heart. Lord, let me not forget to honor You with actions that put my faith to work.

Joshua 13:14-32; Psalms 40, 54; Colossians 3:1-11

Birthdays: Jose Farinos, Jianna Oliveri, Raymond Baribault

Anniversaries: Tracy and Roger Baribault

Friday’s Calendar:

7:00 a.m. AA “Hour of Power”
 9:30 a.m. Life Group
 10:00 a.m. Bible Study
 2:00 p.m. Ministry Intercessory Prayer Group
 8:00 p.m. Friday Night Young Peoples’ AA

Today’s Ministry: Flower Guild

Saturday, May 18

Colossians 3:12-17 *Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.* (v.14)

Paul counsels the Colossian Christian community in the way to treat one another. I immediately thought of how one election year I had become so annoyed at the constant campaign phone calls, that I grabbed up the ringing phone and answered in a tone indicating my displeasure at