

Sermon Notes



Invitation to Lenten Lunches

(Bring your lunch and bring a friend - 12 noon)

Lent is a time of reflection. For some, that means giving up something or doing something you should have done anyway. All of this is fine as long as it has a purpose. I think the purpose to set aside time for reflection... reflection on what it means to be a Christian today.

Lent is a time to look inside ourselves and see how we measure up against the standard set by Jesus himself. You are invited to do that together and look at the standard set in the “*Sermon on the Mount*,” the most famous sermon preached by Jesus himself. For seven weeks during lent, let us reflect on the following topics:

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| February 14 | “ <i>Christian Character</i> ” | Matthew 5: 1- 12
The beatitudes. Being blessed. |
| February 21 | “ <i>Christian Influence</i> ” | Matthew 5: 13 - 16
Being the salt and light of the world. |
| February 28 | “ <i>Christian Appearances</i> ” | Matthew 6: 8 - 16
Do not be like them. |
| March 7 | “ <i>Christian Ambitions</i> ” | Matthew 6: 19 - 24
You cannot serve two masters. |
| March 14 | “ <i>Christian Attitude</i> ” | Matthew 6: 25 - 34
Seek first the kingdom of God. |
| March 21 | “ <i>Christian Relationships</i> ” | Matthew 7: 1-14
Do to others what you want them to do to you. |
| March 28 | “ <i>Christian Commitment</i> ” | Matthew 7: 24 - 28
Building on solid ground. |

News for the Knox Family

ASH WEDNESDAY at KNOX OAKVILLE

Since the beginning of the church, Christians have observed the days of our Lord's passion and resurrection with great devotion. It became one of the greatest traditions of the church to prepare for these events through serious examination of our spiritual lives.

The season of Lent is a time of penitence, discipline, and renewal. Ash Wednesday is the doorway to Lent. Services on this day remind us of our mortality. At Ash Wednesday services we confess our sins, and we experience forgiveness through Christ's death and resurrection. The "imposition of ashes" is a central part of the service. At some point during worship, you are invited to come forward to receive the ashes on your forehead. In Scripture, ashes serve both as a symbol of mortality and as a sign of mourning and repentance.

But neither sin nor death are the final word. We leave the service in confidence and gratitude: Christ has conquered death, and nothing can separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus, our Lord. (Source: Calvin Institute of Christian Worship)

There will be two Ash Wednesday worship opportunities here at Knox: The Lenten Lunch at noon, and Dinner Church at 6:30 p.m. You are *invited to join us as you are able*.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS SCHEDULE: The Chancel Guild are responsible for the arrangements of memorial flowers each Sunday. If you are interested in placing flowers in memory of loved ones, please contact either Clarice Ward at 905-827-9883 or Claudia Somerville at 905-337-3147. They are the new Flower Convenors for the Chancel Guild who place the orders with our florist.

MESSY CHURCH - TRUE FAMILY: On Friday, February 23rd, we'll be looking at Matthew 12:46-50 and asking, "*So...what does it mean to be in the family of the church?*" Messy Church incorporates food, fun, and family, and it's an exciting way to worship God. All are welcome and it's open to all ages.

HOSPITAL VISITATION: If you or anyone you know is admitted to hospital, **please**, be sure to call the Knox Church Office at 905-844-3472 to let us know. The hospital will not give us general lists of who has been admitted. You must state, when being admitted, that your religion is Presbyterian or Protestant, which is the only list our pastoral visitors are permitted to view. Please call if you hear of anyone in our church family being admitted to hospital, thank you.

Closing Praise: *His Eye is on the Sparrow*

Why should I feel discouraged, why should the shadows come,
Why should my heart be lonely, and long for heaven and home,
When Jesus is my portion? My constant friend is He:
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me (x2).

Chorus:

*I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free,
For His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.*

"Let not your heart be troubled," His tender word I hear,
And resting on His goodness, I lose my doubts and fears;
Though by the path He leadeth, but one step I may see;
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me (x2).

Chorus

Whenever I am tempted, whenever clouds arise,
When songs give place to sighing, when hope within me dies,
I draw the closer to Him, from care He sets me free;
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me (x2).

Chorus

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