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Calvary Episcopal Church, Rochester, Minnesota

Our Mission: "To cultivate the God-given gifts of all in order to share the living water of the Calvary oasis."

"O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot. My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a goodly heritage. I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me, night after night. I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand I shall not fall. My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope. For you will not abandon me to the grave nor let your holy one see the Pit. You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore." (Psalm 16:5-11)

Order Easter Lilies by March 23

During Easter we decorate the church with lilies and parishioners are invited to give one (or more) in honor of, in loving memory of or in thanksgiving for someone special in their lives. The announcements will be published in the Easter bulletins. The cost this year is \$11.95 ea. They can be ordered by phoning the church office at 282-9429 or email: office@calvary-rochester.org.



Sunday April 1: Passion Sunday
8, 9 & 11 a.m. services

Mon. April 2: Monday in Holy Week
5:15 p.m. Healing Service

Wed. April 4: Wed. in Holy Week
12:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist
7:00 p.m. Service of Tenebrae

Thurs. April 5: Maundy Thursday
7:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Friday April 6: Good Friday
7:00 a.m. Good Friday Liturgy
7:00 p.m. Stations-of-the-Cross

Saturday April 7: Holy Easter
8:15 p.m. Great Vigil of Easter
Agape Meal to follow

Sunday April 8: Easter Sunday
8, 9:30 & 11 a.m. Festival Eucharist

Embracing an Adult Faith

A Marcus Borg DVD & Discussion series
March 12 through April 9, 2012



Are you interested in exploring, through conversations, faith issues that concern 21st century Christians? Topics discussed in this series include: God; Jesus; Salvation; Practice; and Community. This DVD & discussion series was first shown at Calvary in the spring of 2011 and was enjoyed by an enthusiastic group.

This year's series will begin Monday, March 12 and will run for five weeks. Join us in Brackenridge Hall for a simple soup supper at 6pm, followed by the DVD & discussion from 6:30—8pm. A study guide is available for \$10, but the guide is not required. Advance registration is not required, but would be helpful in knowing how much soup to prepare. **Last year's participants are welcome—and encouraged—to attend again!**

Marcus Borg is Canon Theologian at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Portland, Oregon. He is known internationally in both academic and church circles as a biblical and Jesus scholar and was Hundere Chair of Religion and Culture in the Philosophy Department at Oregon State University until his retirement in 2007. He is the author of nineteen books, including Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time (1994); The God We Never Knew (1997); Reading the Bible Again for the First Time (2001); and The Heart of Christianity (2003).

For more information please contact Ginny Padzieski at 282-9429 or ginnypadz@gmail.com.

Agape Meal Coordinators Needed

The Agape Meal, a flavorful feast that gives us an opportunity to break bread together in celebration of the Resurrection, is in need of coordinator(s) to oversee this affair. Please phone the church office, 282-9429, if you are interested.

In the Life of our Parish...

Baptism

Jack Robert Church

Son of John & Andrea Church
Baptized on January 29, 2012

New Members

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January 2012 Financials Pending

Choir Festival

Members of the St. Cecilia and Canterbury Choirs will travel to St. Mark's Cathedral in Minneapolis on Sat., March 3rd to take part in the annual Diocesan Youth Music Festival. They will join approximately 70 other singers for a day of fun and music-making. All are welcome to attend the closing festival service at 4 pm.

Lenten Evensong

The Motet Choir will lead a service of Evensong on Wednesday, March 21st at 7 pm. This service will commemorate Thomas Cranmer, who was Archbishop of Canterbury during the English Reformation and was responsible for the first two editions of the Book of Common Prayer.

Dear Parish Family,

Centuries before Jesus was born (587b.c.), the world around Jerusalem was conquered by King Nebuchadnezzar and the Babylonians. The Jews were taken into exile and marched from Jerusalem to Babylon, where they had to scratch-out an existence for 50 years! Ezekiel was among those exiled, and had been trained to serve in the temple priesthood before the deportation. While in captivity, he is 'called to prophecy' by a vision that he experiences, and among other utterances, offers God's courage and re-assurance to the Jews who long to 'return' to their homeland. The prophet-in-exile relates this directive from God:



I will take you from the nations, and gather you from all the countries, and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my spirit with in you, and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances. Then you shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors; and you shall be my people, and I will be your God. (Ezekiel 36:24-28)

A thought for us this Lenten season, living in a conflicted, often cruel world, where it seems that peace is exiled, limits are frequently exceeded, and one-sided judgments made. "A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh." Let's all avail ourselves to God's love and grace so that our hearts of stone may be softened enough to hope again. Love can do that...

Blessings,

Father Nicklas A. Mezacapa, rector

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
				4:30pm St Nicholas Choir 5pm St Cecilia Choir 6pm EFM		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
8am Holy Eucharist I 9am Ministry Fair & Thanks-a-Brunch 9am Holy Eucharist II 9am Stitches/Prayers 10am Sunday school 10am Sr. High Youth 11am Holy Eucharist II 2 Lent	5:15pm Healing Service & Holy Eucharist	12pm Centering Prayer 7pm Frontiers of Faith	12pm Holy Eucharist 4:30 pm Canterbury Choir 6pm Handbells 7:15pm Motet Choir	4:30pm St Nicholas Choir 5pm St Cecilia Choir 6pm EFM		
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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SAVE THE DATES

Vacation Bible School: June 25 – 28; Caring for God's Creation: All God's Animals.

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Adult Forum



March 18: Lych Gates and Cannon Balls: An English Village Church: The parish church of Chalfont St. Giles in Buckinghamshire was built in the Norman period and updated many times over the past 800 years. The church provides a window into the history of England, with cameo appearances by various knights of the realm, Oliver Cromwell, John Milton and William Penn. Join us for a virtual tour, led by St. Giles native Ian Jarman. **Crawford Hall**

Centering Prayer

Everyone is welcome to join the Centering Prayer group every Tuesday at Noon for the six weeks of Lent. They will be using the same book they used last lent; Forty Days to a Closer Walk with God, by J. David Muyskens. Questions? Contact Julie Roenigk 281-0490 or jwroenigk@gmail.com

Come to the Fair!

Learn more about activities at Calvary. The Faith Formation, Worship, Service, and Administration Cores are holding a Ministry Fair on March 4 from 9 to 11 a.m. in Brackenridge Hall. We will have information about the activities each Core sponsors. You can sign up to volunteer for any and all activities that are of interest to you.

Prayer Shawls

Calvary's Stitches 'n Prayers group has been hard at work making prayer shawls. Parishioners are welcome to request one for a family member, friend, co-worker or anyone else in need of comfort. They will try to fill all requests. Please contact Dawn Anderson: dawnvaughn31@aol.com or call 507-280-4353.
