



The Sanctus

All Saints Anglican Church
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S. FRANCIS' DAY¹

SANS CIRE

'Let us draw near with a true heart.' - HEB. X. 22

S. Francis has captured the love and the imagination of people as no other man has ever done, and in some very simple words said just before he died we really get the whole secret of the amazing influence of this Italian saint over the world. He looked round upon his brothers and said, 'My Brothers, let us begin to love the Lord Jesus Christ.'

The whole secret of the power of S. Francis rests upon one thing, and that is his sincerity. The word 'sincere' is derived from the French, *sans cire*, or the Latin, *sine cera*, without varnish, without veneer – not wood that has a veneer or polish to make it look better than it is, but the absolutely genuine thing. It is the most terribly difficult thing to be quite sincere, and any one who *is* quite sincere in his quest of God will certainly be a saint.

S. Francis was completely, absolutely, and entirely sincere. There was absolutely nothing that he would not do for God; there was absolutely nothing that he would not give up for God. But sacrifice is never an end in itself, and out of this sacrifice of Francis came the most marvellous freedom. He was able to come back from his intercourse with God to the most marvellous communion with people, and not with people but with all creation. Out of the sincerity of his sacrifice came the reality of his communion. Communion and sacrifice always depend on one another. There is a language which is understood all over earth and all over heaven, and that is the language of sincerity.

S. Francis is saying to us, as much as to those who gathered round his bed when he was dying, 'My brothers and sisters, let us begin to love our Lord Jesus Christ.'



St Francis - an illustration by Eugene Burnand for the book 'The Little Flowers of St. Francis' published by J. M. Dent & Sons, London 1919

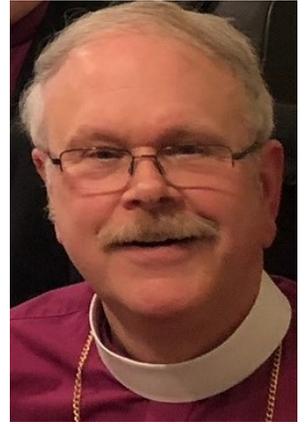
¹ October 4th

"Meditations for Every Day", p. 306
Rev. Fr Andrew, S.D.C.
(London, A.R. Mowbray & Co.)

The Rector's Ramblings

Dear Parish Family,

It's been a busy couple of months since the last *Sanctus*. On August 11, 2019, I had the pleasure of confirming Mae Caroline Ruff and Tayo Musaana Akinyemi. On September 29, 2019, we had our first Visitors' Sunday. While no visitors attended, I think the event brought the Parish together in a special way. Many different people took time to help with the event. As one parishioner told me, "I know no one showed up, but I had a good time." The event also allowed us to remodel the narthex to give us more room for coffee hour, and the Nursery was refreshed with new paint. We look forward to our next Visitors' Sunday on October 13, 2019.



We welcome back the choir from their summer hiatus. This year the choir will be singing only on specific Sundays. This will allow the choir to have more than one Sunday to practice before singing. This seems to be working because the choir sounded great on the first two Sundays they sang. As is our tradition, the choir members will take Communion first before the rest of the congregation.

As part of a plan to beautify the Church, six stained glass wall hangings have been purchased to hang in the nave. One set of three hangings shows the Nativity with the Shepherds and the Wise Men. The other set shows Christ's Resurrection on one banner, the two other banners have the word "Rejoice" on them. We hope to have these hung soon. In the Sanctuary, an oriental type rug has been placed in front of the Altar. The rug has a two fold purpose: one to beautify the Sanctuary and second it is padded to be more comfortable while standing in front of the Altar. The banners and rug were donated to the Church.

I noticed a few Sundays ago the congregation has become casual with their posture during the Mass. First, few stand for the *Gloria* until the music starts. The congregation stands when the celebrant (me) stands to chant the opening "Glory be to God on high." Second, no one stands for the Gospel until the Deacon and the sanctuary party turn around. The congregation stands when the Deacon stands for his blessing. Third, and this is for the Sanctuary party, during the *Gloria* and the Creed the Lay Reader and Acolyte stand facing the wall. While our wall actually faces South, it is regarded as liturgical being the East wall. You face East when reciting the *Gloria* and Creed. The last thing I've noticed, and this varies from week to week, is that sometimes the congregation is weak on saying "Amen" after the prayers. If you look in the Prayer Book, you will see that some prayers are written as *Amen* and others as Amen. The *Amen* prayers are said by the congregation and the celebrant. The *Amen* prayers are said only by the congregation. This *Amen* signals your assent to the prayer. This is part of your duty as a worshiper.

Until the next issue of the *Sanctus*.
May God bless you now and always.

+ The Rt. Rev. Blair W Schultz
Rector, All Saints Anglican Church
Bishop Suffragan Diocese of the Atlantic States

Greetings from your senior warden.

From the feedback I have received the annual picnic was a resounding success! My thanks to all those who provided foodstuffs and supported set up and clean up. The smiles displayed on everyone's faces makes this event worth any effort that is needed. Please let me know if you have thoughts on making it better next year.

We are going to transition our lighting to LED in the parking lot and within the Church where ever there are fluorescent bulbs. This project will cost about \$450.00 after the extensive rebates from ComEd, (approximately \$3,300.00) and it is estimated to save us over a thousand dollars in electrical bills annually. The last lights to be transitioned to LED will be the wall sconces in the Church. Please let Becca or me know if you have ideas for new sconces.

We will have gone through one Visitor Day when this comes out with one more scheduled. Thanks to Bob and Becca for leading the push to invite new families to Bolingbrook to a Sunday service in addition to leading the extensive work to upgrade our social media and improve the appearance of the Church. This is essential to our long term existence as a viable, thriving congregation.

I have heard from two people regarding having someone concealed carry in Church, one positive view and one negative view. The vestry has decided to put this effort on hold for now.

We are still working to form small groups for fellowship and bible study, if you are interested please sign up on one of the sheets in the Narthex.

Please consider inviting your friends and neighbors to visit a Sunday service, we'd love to see the pews filled and the Sunday school classes overflowing.

Dan Brush
Bishop's warden



Outreach



We delivered thirty-six backpacks to the Valley View Community Unit School District just before the first day of school. They were so excited and appreciative of all of your donations and hard work. Be sure to read the thank you note that is posted on the Outreach bulletin board.

Our outerwear collection has begun. We are collecting coats and jackets for children in grades K through 12. Please place your donations of new and gently used coats and jackets in the Outerwear collection bin.



This is an **ongoing collection with no deadline**. We will deliver the coats as they accumulate. Watch the Outreach bulletin board for updates on our donations.

Thank you for all your support of our Outreach projects. We are making a real difference in our community.

We look forward to our Mitten Tree Project during Advent. Watch for the tree to go up in the Narthex on November 24th (the Sunday Next Before Advent).

Your Outreach Committee

The tragedy of life and of the world is not that men do not know God; the tragedy is that, knowing Him, they still insist on going their own way.

William Barclay

Parish Library



Fr Andrew S.D.C.

The display for October and November will feature books on Anglicanism. The display is located on the top two shelves in the bookcase nearest the door to the library. Just take them from the display and check them out if you would like to read any of them.

Two of the authors highlighted in the collection are Father Andrew, a favorite of Bishop Schultz and C. S. Lewis.



C. S. Lewis

I would like to draw your attention to two of the newer books, *Not Angels but Anglicans: a history of Christianity in the British Isles* edited by Henry Chadwick, and *The Day-Spring from on High* by Bishop Paul Hewett who served our church as a priest in the very early days, traveling from Pennsylvania to conduct services. He chronicles the movement of which we are a part.

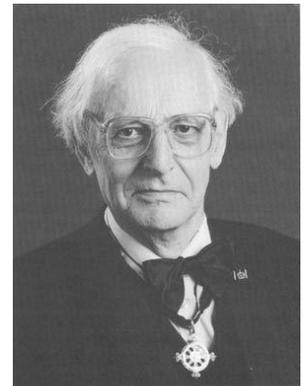


William Barclay

The *St. Augustine Prayer Book* is an indispensable source containing prayers and litanies for morning and evening prayer as well as prayers for many situations. I also highly recommend *The Oxford American Prayer Book Commentary*. When you have time, check out the commentary for any week's collect and readings. It provides some great background information.

I could go on about all of the items highlighted. Please, take some time to peruse them. You will not be disappointed.

Just a reminder that William Barclay's commentary for the readings listed in the Book of Common Prayer are on the display shelf next to a note about them. 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.



Henry Chadwick

I love questions, comments and suggestions. Please contact me.

Happy reading!
Sue Peterson, Parish Librarian

If a man fights his way through his doubts to the conviction that Jesus Christ is Lord, he has attained to a certainty that the man who unthinkingly accepts things can never reach.

William Barclay

Visitor's Sunday

September 29th 2019

Thank you all who attended our first Visitor's Sunday and made it possible!

All of the upgrades are areas that are sustainable for our church. Thanks to Dan for the visitor signs, Chris Hall for organizing the snacks, thanks everyone who brought great snacks: Sue, Chuck, Adele, Chris, Judith, Jennifer et al. To Carol O for the bench and flowers out front and checking all the hymnals, Ibu for the weeding and planting, the band and the Vestry for their contributions.

Special thanks to Rebecca Ruff for all her efforts. She took on many tasks that have resulted in permanent improvements to our church, especially the cry room and foyer.

The next **Visitor day will be October 13th**. I hope all of you can attend. Let Chris Hall know if you can bring a snack on the 13th.

Bob Oschman
Junior Warden



Being a fool for God was not merely alright but liberating.

Joy Davidman

Dates and Events to Remember

SERVICES

(except where indicated)

Sunday mornings at 9:30 am - Holy Eucharist

Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm - Mass

Fridays are days of Abstinence

October

Sunday, October 6 - **Trinity 16**

Sunday, October 13 - **Trinity 17**

Visitor Sunday

ACM & ACW meetings

Thursday, October 17

ACW Luncheon (see Narthex for details)

Friday, October 18 - **Feast of St Luke**

Sunday, October 20 - **Trinity 18**

Vestry meeting

Sunday, October 27 - **Christ the King (Trinity 19)**

Monday, October 28 - **St Simon and St Jude**

November

Friday, November 1 - **All Saints Day**

Saturday, November 2 - **All Souls Day**

Sunday, November 3 - **All Saints Sunday**

Wednesday, November 6 - **All Souls Day Mass**

Sunday, November 10 - **Feast of the Dedication**

ACM & ACW meetings

Sunday, November 17 - **Trinity 22**

Vestry meeting

Thursday, November 21

ACW Luncheon (see Narthex for details)

Sunday, November 24 - **Sunday Next Before Advent**

Mitten Tree Collection begins

Wednesday, November 27 - **NO MASS**

Thursday, November 28 - **Thanksgiving Day**

9:30 am Mass

Saturday, November 30 - **St Andrew**

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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)

