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Father Win Speaks

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Special points of interest:

- *Sunday: Holy Communion: 10:30 AM*
- *Wednesday: Morning Bible Study: 9:30 AM*
- *Wednesday: Morning Prayer: 10:30 AM*
- *Sunday: Choir Practice 9:30 AM*
- *Vestry—1st Sunday of each month*

On November 10, 2001, the installation service was celebrated by Bishop Jon Lindenuer to install me as Rector at St. Augustine. There were eleven people present, a larger than usual attendance. I had been in charge of the parish since the death of the first rector, Father Ed Waggoner, on July 31, but Micki and I had started attending St.

Augustine some three years prior and I had been ordained deacon the previous November. I had retired from my position as CEO of the San Diego and Arizona Pacific Southwest Railroad and Museum and we relocated to Mimbres. There were not many viable options for churches as we looked for one that reflected a commitment to the Gospel and the grace and love of God. So when we found the little group at St. Augustine, it was a happy occasion, even if it meant a 55 mile trip, one way. Father Ed was, however, in poor health and before very long asked me to assist him, when he found out I had a theological education.

So for the past decade plus, it has been my great privilege to preside at the table of the Lord to celebrate His mysteries, an honor for which no man is worthy, yet some, in the mercy of God, are granted to do, so that the orderly praise and thanks to God may happen

and the astounding news and sacramental vehicles of God's love may be made known. That has been my joy. It has been my burden to be painfully aware that, on every occasion when we celebrated thus, many thousands of people in Luna County were not present at this or any other altar, mostly because they did not



realize the overwhelming love of God was there for them. Instead, they had either been burned by some previous church through its rigid legalism, hypocrisy or guilt trips or they were simply unaware of God's love for them or failed to see that it was important for their lives.

It has meant that for the past decade, St. Augustine, and for the past several years, Holy Trinity as well, has been the center of my life, absorbing most of my time, prayers, and energy. But despite the growth of St. Augustine, the goal has remained elusive. Few seem to share my concern for those

thousands of our neighbors. Some descend into petty disputes centered on pride, ownership of a place that is already owned entirely by God or simply self-centered focus on individual needs. In contrast, some see the vision of the Holy Spirit for St.

Augustine as a church, virtually alone among Deming churches, free of the constraints and limits of denominational restrictions or a history of local handicaps, and able therefore to be the beacon of God's light to the world, if only human sin and narrowness don't get in the way.

That vision will not go away. God was concerned enough about us to go the way of the cross in sacrificial love. Thus, the need for St. Augustine in Luna County will not go away. The only question is whether you will be willing to reach beyond your routines and factions and usual organizational problems of insults and turf and narrow pettiness to understand the wideness of both His mercy and your importance in being the vehicle to others of that mercy.

As most readers know, I now have been given other responsibilities which cannot be done along with a commitment to St. Augustine and Holy Trinity, simply because there isn't

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enough time. But beyond that, after ten years I have shared everything with you that I know, tried everything I can think of to motivate you to the vision and done everything I can to bring to fruition, a parish with a full pastoral life, from healing services to music to educa-

tion and serious Bible Study to worship with the saints and angels equally in the great festivals and routine everyday of your life. What hasn't been said, done or tried by now probably isn't going to happen and it is time for a fresh priestly presence.

Fortunately for you,

that is Father Henry Hoffman. The vision and challenge is the same, but together with him, you can give it new life.

As for me, those who know me well understand that the life and potential of St. Augustine will always be full in my heart. It will be heavy if a small group

controls for purposes of petty dominance and the comfort of having a little church for personal gratification. It will leap with joy if a group of people see the Holy Spirit's vision for St. Augustine in Luna County and the size and seriousness of what He proposes to do, and then tries to do it.

Meet Our Members



Yvonne Todd

I was born near Alexandria, MN, not in a hospital, but at the home of my aunt and uncle, which was quite common "in the day."

I attended grade school and some high school in MN, but following the divorce of my parents, my mother, sister and I moved to FL where I completed my high school education. And that's where I met Pet (from OH) in April of 1950. We were married in June (and they said it wouldn't last!) Our daughter, Bonnie, was born in 1952, and our son, Mel, in 1953. Due to Pete's career in the medical field, and later chemi-

cal and civil engineering, we moved frequently in the early years, where ever his jobs would take him—form FL to OH, NE, ND, and back to FL.

When our children were both in school full days, I returned to work as office manager for an orthopedic surgeon. In 1967 we moved to CA where Pete continued to work in the engineering field. In 1973 I began work at a hospital in Lake Elsinore, CA, where I became Business Office Manager, all the while continuing courses in hospital management. After working at the hospital for ten years, I began my own medical consulting business as an accounts receivable specialist, working for various hospital corporations and traveling extensively throughout the US.

I continued in this field until we moved to Deming in April, 1986. Later in 1986, tiring of so much travel, I began working at Mimbres Memorial Hospital here in Deming. Due to

ill health, Pete retired in 1991, and I retired in 1996, after 10 years at the hospital, in both the accounts receivable and patient advocate area. I then worked part-time at our local medical equipment company for an additional 5 years.

As a lifelong Lutheran, I was very saddened to leave our local Lutheran Church. However, along with some fellow Lutherans, we were led to this wonderful St. Augustine's Parish, where we have been blessed, not only with our amazing Rector and his wife, but with our caring and loving church family.

Our children have gifted us with 4 grandchildren (granddaughter Chris and husband Curtis are members of St. Augustine's), who in turn presented us with 8 great-grandchildren (three of whom, Amanda, Hannah, and Luran are also St. Augustine members), two great-great granddaughters and 3 great grandsons with an-

other on the way.

The passing of my loving and beloved Pete in January 2006, after 55 1/2 years of marriage, has indeed been my greatest sorrow. Words can never express how much the love and kindness of Fr. Win and our Church Family meant to me and our family.

In June of 2011 I moved from my "Ranch House" in the country (where I had lived for 25 years) into my new little nest on Slate St. It was here that I celebrated my 80th birthday with a wonderful gathering of family and friends and a very special service by Fr. Win to bless my new home.

My health remains good, my family and friends loving and kind, and, although things get pretty hectic at times, my faith and the prayers which continue to envelop me and my family, see me through. I am truly blessed...

Your emails are requested to assist Fr. Henry in getting to know you better, and be able to contact you.

December

Memory Verse: Isaiah 40:3 The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Isaiah 40:3

4 Second Sunday in Advent; Vestry

Please bring nonperishable foods for Helping Hands, for Animal Shelter.

11 Stations of the Cross after service

14, 16, 18 Ember Day

18 Healing Service after service

21 St. Thomas the Apostle

25 Hymn Sing 10 minutes *before* service

BIRTHDAYS

1 Donna Plaster

2 Esther Matthews

6 Colleen Wiebe

10 John Denning, Jr.

20 John Denning

21 Augustine Paoli

24 Juanita Werner

ANNIVERSARIES

13 Blaine and Myrna Parker

14 John Ralston and Monika Walter

27 Fr. Win and Micki Mott

31 Ted and Mary Lillie

January

Memory Verse: Luke 2:10-11 And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. **Luke 2:10-11**

1 Vestry

Please bring nonperishable foods for Helping Hands, for Animal Shelter.

5 Eve of Epiphany

6 Epiphany (Twelfth Night)

8 Stations of the Cross after Service

18 Church Belles after Bible Study/Morning Prayer (11:30) —location El Camino Real

15 Healing Service after service

22 Hymn Sing 10 minutes *before* service

29 Surprise!!!

Birthdays

18 Diana Bell

29 Harry Hunter, Elsie Torres

31 Bruce D'Salas

ANNIVERSARIES

26 Chris Wujcik

NOTE:

We all like to wish people Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary, but we cannot do it for those whose dates we do not know. If I, Janet Wolfe, have not put your name and birthday/anniversary throughout this entire year—unless you first came after either/both dates—please let me know so that I can add you in 2012. It is easy to find me; I'm sitting at the organ.

Vestry News

Our Vestry members are Harry Hunter, Jay Spivey, Toy Ogden, Chris Wujcik, Yvonne Todd, Elsie Torres, Patti Corcoran, and Steve Wolfe. If there is something that you would like to see happen in the Church, or if you have a problem, either: 1) come to a Vestry Meeting, or 2) tell a Vestry member. All are invited to come to the Vestry meetings; only Vestry members can vote.

Jay will be working on getting pavers to finish the section of the garden on the north side of the church. Assistance was given to help Dr. Nsereko with his car in Uganda. The Search Committee has been working on finding a new Rector for us. Meanwhile, Fr. Henry Hoffman from Albuquerque will be taking that position. At the right time, seasonally, Steve Wolfe will be planting a tree at the alley end of the Columbarium area. The Blessing of the Animals had a good turn-out this year with 9 animals coming to Church. Some simple labor is needing to be done around the church building, both inside and out, in addition to the weekly maintenance done by our Sexton.

NOTICE

We have had several new people coming to church since the Directory came out. I have the photos and information on some, but not on all. If you have not had your picture taken (by me), please see me and I will take care of that immediately. It is time to add a new page to the Directory.
Janet Wolfe

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

DEC	DAY	PSALMS	FIRST LESSON	SECOND LESSON
	SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT	25 119:1-16	Isa. 52:1-10 *Isa. 55	Luke 1:26-56 2 Tim. 3
4	<i>Monday</i>	33	Isa. 8:5-8, 11-20	Mark 2:23-3:6
5	<i>Tuesday</i>	48	Isa. 9:18-10:4	Mark 3:7-19
6	<i>Wednesday</i>	50	Isa. 11:1-10	Mark 3:20
7	<i>Thursday</i>	62, 63	Isa. 13:1-5, 17-22	Mark 4:1-20
8	<i>Friday</i>	73	Isa. 24:16b	Mark 4:21-29
9	<i>Saturday</i>	80	Isa. 28:1-13	Mark 4:30
10				
11	THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT	22:23 & 99 85, 107:1-16	Jer. 1:4-10, 17-19 *Isa. 35	Luke 1:57 1 Thess. 5:12-23
12	<i>Monday</i>	84	Isa. 29:1-4, 9-14	Mark 5:1-20
13	<i>Tuesday</i>	90	Isa. 30:8-17	Mark 5:21
14	<i>Ember Wednesday</i>	1, 15	Jer. 23:9-15	Luke 12:35-48
15	<i>Thursday</i>	96	Isa. 32:1-4, 15-20	Mark 6:1-6
16	<i>Ember Friday</i>	40:1-16	Jer. 23:23-32	2 Cor. 5:5
17	<i>Ember Saturday</i>	42, 43	Mal. 2:1-9	Matt. 9:35- 10:15
18				
18	FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT	80 77, 100	*Isa. 40:1-11 Jer. 33:7-16	Luke 3:1-17 1 Thess. 1
19	<i>Monday</i>	116	Isa. 33:13	Luke 1:5-25
20	<i>Tuesday</i>	130, 131	Isa. 25:1-9	Luke 1:26-38
21	<i>Wednesday</i>	132	Zech. 8:1-8, 20-23	Luke 1:39-45
22	<i>Thursday</i>	144	2 Sam. 7:18	Luke 1:46-56
23	<i>Friday</i>	147	1 Sam. 2:1b-10	Luke 1:57-66
24	<i>Christmas Eve</i>	50	<i>Baruch</i> 4:36-5:9	Luke 1:67
25	CHRISTMAS DAY	89:1-30	Isa. 9:2-7	Luke 2:1-20
26	ST. STEPHEN	118	2 Chron. 24:17-22	Acts 6
27	ST. JOHN EVAN- GELIST	23, 24	Exod. 33:12	John 13:20-26, 31-35
28	HOLY INNOCENTS	8, 26	Jer. 31:1-6, 15-16	Matt. 18:1-14
29	<i>December 29</i>	27	Isa. 56:1-8	1 John 1
30	<i>December 30</i>	33	Isa. 59:1-3, 15b-21	1 John 2:1-17
31	<i>December 31</i>	147	Isa. 62	1 John 2:18
	CIRCUMCISION	103	Deut. 30:1-10	Eph. 2:11
JAN 1				
2	SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS	65, 121 89:1-30	*Micah 4:1-5 & 5:2-4 Isa. 44:1-8, 21-23	Luke 2:21-32 Col. 2:6-17
3	<i>January 2</i>	37:26	Isa. 63:7-14	1 John 3:1-11
4	<i>January 3</i>	66	Isa. 64:4	1 John 3:13
5	<i>January 4</i>	92	Isa. 65:17	1 John 4
6	<i>January 5</i>	144	Isa. 66:18-23	1 John 5
7	EPIPHANY	46, 100	Isa. 60:1-9	2 Cor. 4:1-6
8	<i>January 7</i>	85	Isa. 42:1-9	Matt. 3:13

Daily Bible Readings cont.

JAN	DAY	PSALMS	FIRST LESSON	SECOND LESSON
8	FIRST SUNDAY	72, 97	Isa. 60:1-9	Matt. 2:1-12
	AFTER EPIPHANY	92, 93	*Prov. 8:22-35	Col. 1:9
9	<i>Monday</i>	1, 3	Prov. 1:7-19	Eph. 1
10	<i>Tuesday</i>	5	Prov. 2:1-9	Eph. 2:1-10
	<i>Wednesday</i>	7	Prov. 3:1-7, 11-12	Eph. 2:11
11	<i>Thursday</i>	9	Prov. 3:13-20	Eph. 3:1-13
12	<i>Friday</i>	10	Prov. 3:27	Eph. 3:14
13	<i>Saturday</i>	16	Prov. 4:7-18	Eph. 4:1-16
14	SECOND SUNDAY	118	*Zech. 8:1-8, 20-23	1 Cor. 12:12-
15	AFTER			3:1a
	EPIPHANY	29, 99	Exod. 34:29	Mark 9:2-13
16	<i>Monday</i>	17	Prov. 4:20	Eph. 4:17
17	<i>Tuesday</i>	23, 24	Prov. 6:12-19	Eph. 5:1-14
	<i>Wednesday</i>	28	Prov. 8:1-11	Eph. 5:15
18	<i>Thursday</i>	30	Prov. 8:12-20	Eph. 6
19	<i>Friday</i>	32	Prov. 8:22-35	Phil. 1:1-11
20	<i>Saturday</i>	36	Prov. 9:1-6, 13-18	Phil. 1:12-26
21	THIRD SUNDAY	42, 43	*Isa. 41:8-10, 17-20	John 4:1-14
22	AFTER EPIPHANY	11, 12	Deut. 16:18-20 & 17:8-11	James 2:1-13
23	<i>Monday</i>	39	Prov. 10:12-14, 18-21	Phil. 1:27-2:11
24	<i>Tuesday</i>	41	Prov. 10:22-29	Phil. 2:12-18
	<i>Wednesday</i>	44	Prov. 11:9-14, 24-30	Phil. 2:19
25	<i>Thursday</i>	45	Prov. 14:26	Phil. 3:1-16
26	<i>Friday</i>	51	Prov. 15:16-23, 27-29	Phil. 3:17-4:3
27	<i>Saturday</i>	55	Prov. 16:25	Phil. 4:4
28				
29	FOURTH SUNDAY	66	Isa. 61	Luke 4:16-32
30	AFTER EPIPHANY	18:1-20	*Deut. 4:5-13, 32-40	Eph. 2
	<i>Monday</i>	56, 60:1-5	Prov. 20:9-12, 17-22	Col. 1:1-17
31	<i>Tuesday</i>	61, 62	Prov. 21:21	Col. 1:18-2:5

What is Advent?

A request was made asking "What is Advent?" so I have a similar question to ask you. What does Advent mean to you?

The word "advent" comes from the Latin "adventus" meaning "arrival" or "coming," particularly of something having great importance.

Advent is a spiritual season of preparation before Christmas celebrated by many Christians. In Western Christianity, the season

of Advent begins on the fourth Sunday prior to Christmas Day, or the Sunday which falls closest to November 30, and lasts through Christmas Eve, or December 24.

Advent is a period of spiritual preparation in which many Christians make themselves ready for the coming, or birth of the Lord, Jesus Christ. During this time, Christians observe a season of prayer, fasting and repentance, followed by anticipation, hope and joy.

Have you prepared your heart and mind for Advent this year?

After Advent comes Christmas. We all are busy preparing for Christmas, but isn't Advent worth preparing for when it is leading up to Christmas?

And then after Christmas comes another special event called "Twelfth Night" or "Epiphany." The Jewish calendar day goes from sundown to sundown, so Epiphany begins at sundown on January 5th and ends at sundown

on January 6th. This is the day that the Wise Men arrived to worship the baby Jesus or the introduction of Christ to the Gentiles.

Our church calendar begins on the first day of Advent. The beginning of a new year is always special, and this one is very special because we are leading up to Christmas, or the celebration of the birth of Christ. He came to the Jews, but He was introduced to the Gentiles on Epiphany. That makes the New (Church) Year very special.