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BLESSED to be a BLESSING

GENESIS 12:2

The Second Sunday in Lent March 16, 2014



The Holy Eucharist II

Gathering Music

Blessed assurance

Blessed Assurance

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
 O what a foretaste of glory divine!
 Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
 Born of His spirit, washed in His blood.

Refrain: This is my story, this is my song,
 praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight.
 Visions of rapture burst on my sight.
 Angels descending, bring from above,
 Echoes of mercy, whispers of love. Refrain

Perfect submission, all is at rest,
 I in my savior am happy and blest,
 Watching and waiting, looking above,
 Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

Refrain

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Processional Hymn#401 vss. 1-3

The God of Abraham praise

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: **His mercy endures for ever.**

Hear the commandments of God to his people:
 I am the Lord your God who brought you out of
 bondage. You shall have no other gods but me.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not make for yourself any idol.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the
 Lord your God.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

Honor your father and your mother.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit murder.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit adultery.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not steal.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not be a false witness.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your
 neighbor.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O
 Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the
 Lord your God with all your heart, with all your
 soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.
 The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself.
 There is no other commandment greater than
 these." *Mark 12:29-31*

The Celebrant then says

Let us confess our sins against God and our
 neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

Most merciful God, **/we confess that we have sinned against you/in thought, word, and deed, /by what we have done,/and by what we have left undone./ We have not loved you with our whole heart;/ we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. / We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. / For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,/ have mercy on us and forgive us;/ that we may delight in your will,/and walk in your ways,/ to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

*(8:00 Said three times.
10:00 Hymnal S 102)*

Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Reading from Genesis (12:1-4a)

The Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence

Psalm 121

(in unison after the first asterisk)

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; *** from where is my help to come?**
- 2 **My help comes from the LORD, * the maker of heaven and earth.**
- 3 **He will not let your foot be moved * and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.**
- 4 **Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel * shall neither slumber nor sleep;**
- 5 **The LORD himself watches over you; * the LORD is your shade at your right hand,**
- 6 **So that the sun shall not strike you by day, * nor the moon by night.**
- 7 **The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; * it is he who shall keep you safe.**
- 8 **The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in, * from this time forth for evermore.**

A Reading from Romans (4:1-5, 13-17)

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be

the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") -- in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn #691 vss. 1-2

My faith looks up to thee

The Holy Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
According to John (3:1-17)

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Hymn #691 vs. 3

My faith looks up to thee

The Sermon

Fr. Haynes

Silence for reflection

The Nicene Creed (Standing, as able.)

We believe in one God / **the Father the Almighty / maker of heaven and earth / of all that is seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ / the only Son of God / eternally begotten of the Father / God from God Light from Light / true God from true God / begotten, not made / of one Being with the Father / Through him all things were made / For us and for our salvation / he came down from heaven / By the power of the Holy Spirit / he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man / For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate / he suffered death and was buried. / On the third day he rose again / in accordance with the Scriptures / he ascended into heaven / and is seated at the right hand of the Father / He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead / and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life / who proceeds from the Father and the

Son / With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified / He has spoken through the Prophets / We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church / We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins / We look for the resurrection of the dead / and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, all are created in your image; help us to honor you by loving one another. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You challenge the powers and principalities of the world. We pray for our president, our congress, our courts and all who are in authority. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You sent the prophets of old; inspire your church to prophetically seek justice, peace, and truth. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus, you gave to the Apostles the continuation of your ministry; bless all who minister in your church. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You bind us together into One Body. We pray for your Holy Catholic Church, the Anglican Communion, especially for the Diocese of Hong Kong, our Diocese, especially St. James & St. Columba, Kent and our parish. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You called each of us to take up the cross; deepen our faith and strengthen our resolve to follow in your steps as we pray this week for our fellow parishioners Liz Latsis; Mark, Renee, Haley, Aspen, Mason, Grace & Alexandria Lepkowski; Eric, Lisa, Bailey & Ellie Lindstrom. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You forgave the thief on the cross; bring us all to penitence and reconciliation. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You were rich yet for our sake you became poor; move us to share generously. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You lived as an exile in Egypt; protect and comfort all who are alone, isolated, fearful, or victimized. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You come in our midst as the Prince of Peace. We pray for peace and an end of violence, hatred, and terrorism in every heart and every land. We pray for our armed forces and those who are deployed especially Andrew, Josh, Michael, Sarah, and for those we now name.... Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You healed by your touch and word; bless all through whom your healing gifts are given and bless all of those on our Prayer List, and those in our hearts, praying especially for Lyn, Lynn, Areewa, Eloise, Chris, Justo, Carmen, Stephen, Dave, Lisa, Barbara, Sue, Sarah, Mary, Harriet, Pete, Katrina, Rose and for those we now name.... Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We thank you for all the blessings of this life especially those we now name... Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy Spirit, you touched the lives of innumerable saints; embrace the faithful departed, especially remembering Aileen Hedlund and Myrna Garner. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Hasten, O Father, the coming of your kingdom in our Lenten fast. Mercifully grant that we your servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his rising from the tomb; all this we ask through Jesus Christ our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries

Persons celebrating anniversaries of birth, marriage and other joyous occasions are invited to come forward for prayer.

Offertory Hymn #508 *Breathe on me, Breath of God*

The Great Thanksgiving – D

The Celebrant faces the people and says

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant proceeds

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise.

Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

Celebrant and People

Sanctus S 130
(Said at 8:00; sung at 10:00)

Deutsche Messe

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

The people stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in

seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People

**We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

The Celebrant continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, matriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

Lord's Prayer (said at 8:00 and sung at 10:00)
(printed on page 10 of the Worship Guide)

Celebrant: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the
glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread and Holy Communion

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [Amen.]
The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [Amen.]

This is our Lord's Table, and He is our host. All persons are invited to receive Holy Communion. Those who have yet to be baptized are encouraged to speak with the clergy after the service about becoming baptized into Christ's Body. Gluten free hosts are available upon request at the rail.

Communion Music

Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy one,
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son. (repeat)

And now let the weak say, 'I am strong,'
Let the poor say, 'I am rich,'
because of what the Lord has done for us!
Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy one,
Give thanks because He's given,
Jesus Christ, His Son. Give thanks. Give thanks.

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Spirit of the Living God

1. Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

2. Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on us.
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on us.
Melt us, mold us, fill us, use us.
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on us.

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Lord, Be Glorified

1. In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.
In my life, Lord, be glorified today.
2. In your Church.....
3. In my home.....
4. In my work...
5. In my faith.....
6. In my life.....

COMMISSIONING OF LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

*To be used when the need is present to
send out Lay Eucharistic Ministers*

Priest: In the name of this congregation we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

*Presider and People: **We who are many are one body because we all share one bread, one cup.***

The Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray

The people kneel or stand

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God,/ we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food / of the most precious Body and Blood/ of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;/ and for assuring us in these holy mysteries/ that we are living members of the Body of your Son, /and heirs of your eternal kingdom./And now, Father, send us out /to do the work you have given us to do,/ to love and serve you / as faithful witnesses of

Christ our Lord/ To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,/be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Solemn Prayer over the People

Celebrant

Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice for ever in the protection of your loving providence; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Processional Hymn#401 vss. 4-5

The God of Abraham praise

St. Matthew Mission Statement

St. Matthew Church: To be a church that passionately embraces and values all people, growing in the love of Christ through word and action.

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Today's Prayer List

Lyn Zimmerman – Myotonic Dystrophy
Lynn Tanner – kidney disease
Areewa Saray – imprisonment
Eloise Page (friend of Tom & Elaine Taylor) – hospice
Chris Quinn-Britnall – cancer
Justo Fernandez (brother of Agueda Fernandez-Webster) – Muscular Dystrophy and bitterness
Carmen Planas (aunt of Agueda Fernandez-Webster) – broken leg and dementia
Stephen Peterson (son of Tom & Judy Peterson) – back pain
Dave Hopkins – pain management and balance
Lisa Arnold (niece of Kerry & Deborah Abbington) – breast Cancer
Barbara Cashman – general health (sodium levels)
Sue Ayers (friend of several parishioners) – pancreatic cancer
Sarah (sister of Lydia Nabawanga) – recovery after heart surgery and grief following the death of her husband
Mary Saray – health and discernment
Harriet Anderson – congestive heart failure and heart disease
Fr. Pete Stanton – recovering from fall
Katrina Goodjoint (sister of Lorina Goodjoint) – kidney issues
Rose Barg – discernment of different treatment options for a medical issue she is facing

To add someone or take someone off the prayer list, email saintmatthewpastoralcare@gmail.com . Thanks!

Announcements

Special Ministers Today

Celebrant	The Rev. Kendall Haynes
Worship Leader	Tom Peterson
Eucharistic Minister	Dan Dawes
Lector	Pamela Reed
Acolytes	Moses Chege Zawadi Chege
Ushers	Bob Wright Dick Collins
Greeters	Pamela Reed Claire Scharmach
Eucharistic Visitor	Anne Hartwig
Bread Maker	Marian Oberg
Altar Guild	Sandy Goretti Janet Witter Danielle Hull Linda Pomeroy-Hull
Counters	Art Ladley Jim Oberg
Coffee Hour	Tom & Judy Peterson Kitty Walker
Bell Ringers	Haley Lepkowski
Altar Guild Directress	Janet Witter

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Tuesday Night Lenten Series—with the Rev. Dr. Frank Spina @ **6:30 PM (all gatherings)**

March 18 at St. Matthew Episcopal Church, Brown's Point

March 25 at St. Matthew Episcopal Church, Brown's Point

April 1 at Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, Federal Way

April 8 at St. Matthew Episcopal Church, Brown's Point

Most of us love biblical stories, and for good reason. The epic Story constitutes our Christian identity. We preach from biblical stories, sing about them, sometimes enact or dance to them, discuss them, and teach them to the children. In countless ways, the big picture biblical Story and the many smaller biblical stories bless us deeply.

Bible stories to be discussed are "Climbing Jacob's Ladder: Great Song, but Better Story" (Genesis 28:10-22; 35:1-15); "David and Goliath: It's Not a David and Goliath Story" (1 Samuel 16-17); "Jonah and the Whale, There's No Whale!, Jonah"; and "The Feeding of the Five Thousand, When Enough is Not Enough" (Mark 6:30-52; 8:1-21).

The teaching series will be led by The Reverend Dr. Frank Spina, Professor of Old Testament and Biblical Studies at Seattle Pacific University and Priest Associate at St. Margaret's Episcopal Church, Bellevue.

The series starts at **6:30 PM** with a soup dinner and the teaching starts at 7:15 PM. All are welcome to attend. For more information contact Church of the Good Shepherd, 345 South 312th Street, Federal Way, 253-839-6100, www.goodshepherdfw.org. or St. Matthew, 6800 Eastside Drive NE, Browns Point, 253- 927-9808, www.neighborhoodparish.org.

Stations of the Cross - Fridays—in Lent at **6PM** beginning March 14 - Stations of the Cross or the Way of Sorrows is the fourteen point journey acknowledging Jesus' experience from being condemned to death to the tomb. This is a fabulous and contemplative liturgy that interactively serves as a pilgrimage for us as believers. Please join us for this ancient and profound discipline!

Announcements (continued):

Bridging the Gap— Our new Bridging the Gap lecture series will be “The History of Christian Theology”. The lecturer will be Philip Cary, Ph. D and director of the Philosophy Program at Eastern University in St. Davids, Pennsylvania. **The new series will begin Sunday, March 23rd at 9:00 am in the Parish Hall. There will not be a Bridging the Gap today.**

Kairos Prison Ministry Upcoming Event—Tom and Janine Anderson are answering God's call to serve on the upcoming Kairos Prison Ministry weekend scheduled for March 20, 21, 22, and 23, 2014 at Clallam Bay Correction Center on the north coast of Washington an hour west of Port Angeles. The biggest support our St Matthew family can provide is prayer. Please pray for the volunteer team as they prepare to go into the prison carrying God's light to the prisoners there.

Please also pray for the institution staff, the prisoners that God is calling to attend the 4 day event, the graduate helpers from previous Kairos events that will assist the volunteers and the blessing of God for the entire 4 day weekend.

The St Matthew Sunday School has decorated cookie bags for the weekend also as we give a dozen cookies to each and every prisoner in the institution. Monetary donations of any size are also welcome to offset the cost of sending the volunteers into the prison. Any questions see Tom and Janine at church or call Tom at 253-927-9456. Your love and support for this powerful ministry of Jesus visiting the prisoners is greatly appreciated.

Greetings, Seattle-area Godly Players!—I hope that you are well and that your ministries are providing you with much joy, challenge and growth in your faith!

It is the time of year that we offer a FREE introductory Godly Play workshop at the Cathedral. This workshop is designed to serve either as an introduction for those churches or teachers new to Godly Play or as a refresher for continuing teachers. We offer this workshop as an invitation to play with God and with us, and as an

expression of support for your faithful ministries with children in your communities.

The workshop is free, but space is limited, so registration is required! To register contact Cindy Spencer at cspencer@saintmarks.org or (206) 323-0300 x225

When: Saturday, March 22
Time: 9:00 a.m. - noon
Where: Godly Play rooms in the Saint Nicholas building at Saint Mark's Cathedral, 1245 Tenth Ave. E., Seattle
Trainers: Andy Rosane and Cindy Spencer

Our morning will include a full session of Godly Play followed by a debrief and time for questions and answers with experienced trainers in our beautiful, well-equipped Godly Play rooms. Please feel free to pass this invitation on to others interested in Godly Play or with a passion for faith formation with children.

Outreach: our community partner, Northeast Tacoma Elementary School is looking for adult mentors to help their students with planting, maintaining and harvesting a garden at the school. If you are interested in helping grade school students learn about gardening, nature and plant biology there will be a sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex. Thanks in advance for your help from your Outreach Co-Mission.

Mark your calendar—

- Men's Breakfast, every Saturday 8AM in the Parish Hall
- Adult Catechumenate, every Thursday at 7PM and every Friday at 9AM (except March 6th & 7th)
- Tuesday, March 18, 6:30PM Tuesday Night Lenten Series (@ St. Matthew)
- Wednesday, March 19, 10AM Hallmark Morning Prayer
- Tuesday, March 25, 6:30PM Tuesday Night Lenten Series (@ St. Matthew)
- Saturday, April 12, 9AM-Noon Julia's Gulch