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**Increase our faith!**  
LUKE 17:5

# The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost Proper 22

## October 6, 2013



### The Liturgy of The Holy Eucharist II

#### Gathering Music

*Let Forgiveness Flow*

#### Let Forgiveness Flow

Father here am I again in need of mercy,  
 Hurt from sin, so by the blood and Jesus' love  
 Let forgiveness flow.

In my heart and in my mind, in word and deed  
 I've been so blind. So by the blood and Jesus'  
 love,  
 Let forgiveness flow.

To me, from me, so my heart will know,  
 Fully and sweetly, let forgiveness flow.

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#### Procession to the Altar

*All are welcome*

*(Printed on page 10 of the Worship Guide)*

**Celebrant:** Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**People:** **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you,

and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**(Gloria said at 8am; May We Praise You sung at 10am - Printed on page 11 of the Worship Guide)**

Glory to God in the highest,  
 and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,  
 almighty God and Father,  
 we worship you, we give you thanks,  
 we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
 Lord God, Lamb of God,  
 you take away the sin of the world:  
 have mercy on us;  
 you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
 receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,  
 you alone are the Lord,  
 you alone are the Most High,  
 Jesus Christ,  
 with the Holy Spirit,  
 in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

#### The Collect of the Day

**Celebrant** The Lord be with you.

**People** **And also with you**

**Celebrant** Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## A Reading from Habakkuk (1:1-4, 2:1-4)

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.  
O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen?

Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save?  
Why do you make me see wrong-doing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails.

The wicked surround the righteous-- therefore judgment comes forth perverted. I will stand at my watchpost, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint. Then the LORD answered me and said:

Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 37:1-10

(Read in unison after the first asterisk)

- 1 Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; \* **do not be jealous of those who do wrong.**
- 2 **For they shall soon wither like the grass, \* and like the green grass fade away.**
- 3 **Put your trust in the LORD and do good; \* dwell in the land and feed on its riches.**
- 4 **Take delight in the LORD, \* and he shall give you your heart's desire.**
- 5 **Commit your way to the LORD and put your trust in him, \* and he will bring it to pass.**
- 6 **He will make your righteousness as clear as the light \* and your just dealing as the noonday.**
- 7 **Be still before the LORD \* and wait patiently for him.**

8 **Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, \* the one who succeeds in evil schemes.**

9 **Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; \* do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.**

10 **For evildoers shall be cut off, \* but those who wait upon the LORD shall possess the land.**

## A Reading from 2 Timothy (1:1-14)

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I am grateful to God-- whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did-- when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good

treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

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

### Gradual Hymn

**Hymn #691 vss. 1, 2** *My faith looks up to thee*

### The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke (17:5-10)

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!"  
The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

"Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

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

### Gradual Hymn

**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 for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. We pray for the Anglican Communion for the Diocese of Sunyani Ghana-West Africa, our diocese, especially for University Chaplaincies, Seattle and Bellingham; Annie Wright School & Charles Wright Academy, Tacoma and our parish; especially for our parishioners Daniel, Danielle Hull & Linda Pomeroy-Hull; John & Derris Humphrey; Dave, Sue, Preston, Christopher, Jacob & Tammy Inglis.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, especially Barack our President, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. We pray for our armed forces, their families, and those who are deployed, especially Andrew, Justin, Maxwell, Josh, Michael and for those we now name.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. We thank you for all the blessings of this life, especially for those we now name.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray for those on our prayer list and those in our hearts, especially Lynn, Lyn, Ginny, Mary, Areewa, Bruce, Eloise, Ryan, Alex, Dar, Tim and his family, Justo, Rita, Stephen, Dave, Gail, Terri, Jerry and Peggy, Chris, Mary, Saray, Tomas, Lisa, Trish, Michael, Linda and for those we now name.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled. We pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Leader 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.**

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**

## **The Peace**

*Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

## **Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries**

### **Offertory Hymn #405**

*All things bright and beautiful*

## **The Great Thanksgiving C**

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or 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.**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

**Glory to you for ever and ever.**

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

**By your will they were created and have their being.**

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

**Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

**By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

*Celebrant and People*

**Sanctus** 8:00 am (spoken) 10:00 am Sanctus (sung)

**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.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,  
**We celebrate his death and resurrection,  
as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ:

Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

**Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

**AMEN**

**Lord's Prayer** said at 8 am & sung at 10 am

*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 this day 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 forever. Amen.**

**The Breaking of the Bread and Holy Communion**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

*Then may be sung or said*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
**People:** **Therefore let us keep the feast.  
Alleluia**

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*and may add*

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 (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. [Amen.]

*or 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 baptized persons are invited to receive Holy Communion. Those who have yet to be baptized are invited to come forward for a blessing and are encouraged to speak with one of the clergy after the service about becoming baptized into Christ's Body. Gluten free hosts are available upon request at the rail.*

## Communion Music

### Be Still and Know

1. Be still and know that I am God.  
Be still and know that I am God.  
Be still and know that I am God.
2. I am the Lord that healeth thee.  
I am the Lord that healeth thee.  
I am the Lord that healeth thee.
3. In Thee, O Lord, I put my trust.  
In Thee, O Lord, I put my trust.  
In Thee, O Lord, I put my trust.

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### Thy Word

Chorus: Thy word is a lamp unto my feet  
And a light unto my path.  
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet  
And a light unto my path.

1. When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way,  
still you're there right beside me.  
And nothing will I fear as long as you are  
near.  
Please be near me to the end.
2. I will not forget your love for me, and yet,

My heart forever is wandering.  
Jesus, be my guide and hold me to Your side,  
And I will love You to the end.

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### Be glorified

In my life Lord, be glorified, be glorified!  
In my life Lord, be glorified, be glorified today.  
  
In Your church Lord, be glorified, be glorified!  
In Your church Lord, be glorified, be glorified  
today.  
  
In my home Lord, be glorified, be glorified!  
In my home Lord, be glorified, be glorified today.  
  
In my words Lord, be glorified, be glorified!  
In my words Lord, be glorified, be glorified today.

#### **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:

*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 Blessing

The Peace of God, which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

## Procession to the Neighborhood

### Hymn #707

*Take my life*

## 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:* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

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## Special Ministers Today

Priest	The Rev. Kendall Haynes
Worship Leader	Dick Elofson
Eucharistic Minister	Daniel Dawes
Lector	Art Ladley
Acolytes	Moses Chege Zawadi Chege
Ushers	Bob Witter Jonathan Dawes
Greeters	John & Leanne Kennedy
Eucharistic Visitor	Anne Hartwig
Church School	TBA
Bread Maker	Sueann Goretti
Altar Guild	Beth Latsis Diane Kugler Cat Kuniyoshi
Counters	John Hibben Leanne Kennedy
Nursery	Sarah Dawes
Coffee Hour	Jim & Ginny Sloan Bob & Janet Witter
Bell Ringer	Mason Lepkowski
Altar Guild Directress	Janet Witter

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## Announcements

**First Sunday Food Drive—Today** is the first Sunday of the month and time to refill the Deacons Chest with food for the FISH food bank. We are hoping to beat the record 73 lbs. that we contributed to the food bank in July. Your continued support of the less fortunate in our community is really appreciated.

**Outreach** –The October Outreach meeting will be Tuesday, Oct 8 at 10 AM in the parish library. All are welcome.

**Bridging the Gap**—Next week, October 13th we will be watching and discussing lecture 19, “The Enlightenment and Its Discontents”. **Bridging the Gap** is an informal, drop-in series of discussions that bridges the gap between the 8:00 am and 10:00 am services. The number of attendees/participants continues to grow. So come join us for coffee, conversation, fellowship and a stimulating discussion.

**Update on the Memorial Garden**—Two new benches have been installed in the Memorial Garden, near the entry. They will provide a place for quiet reflection for those visiting the Garden. More spring bulbs will be planted this fall to add beautiful color to the grounds.

## **Announcements (continued):**

**Hunger Walk:** On October 6th the 33rd Associated Ministries Hunger Walk will be held at Fort Steilacoom Park in Lakewood. As part of our continuing commitment to helping those who can use a little help with food, Outreach would like to form a Hunger Walk Team. Individual registration is \$20.00 but if we have a team of 5 or more, the cost is \$10.00. Youth are \$5.00 each and children under 5 free. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex as well as counter cards.

### **Mark your calendar—**

- Men's Breakfast, every Saturday 8-9AM in the Parish Hall
- Monday, October 7, 7PM Stewardship meeting in the parish library
- Tuesday, October 8, 10AM Outreach meeting in the parish library.
- Thursday, October 17, 9:30AM – 3:30PM PNEHS retreat
- Friday, October 25, 7PM JLS (Just Love Singing), in the Parish Hall

### **Work Party at Julia's Gulch, October 12, 10 AM – 1 PM – A Message from Heather Halabisky—**

October 12 is Green Tacoma Day throughout our city. Julia's Gulch has been chosen as one of the locations to celebrate this Day. As it is also our monthly work party and we are encouraging volunteers to join in on the planned restoration activities. This Saturday we will start at 10 AM and goes until 1PM. You also have the option of working on your own removing blackberries and weeding the pots.

As many of you know our brand new Job Box full of tools was stolen from the site. I wrote to the editor of the TNT telling of our sadness on discovering this theft. Two things resulted from that letter - a check of \$100 from the Points Northeast Historical Society to purchase tools and a call from John Gibson, a local contractor, offering to donate his Job Box and some tools! Northeast Tacoma and Federal Way residents are the BEST!

**Adult Cate-WHAT??—**Introducing the Adult Catechumenate! Beginning October 17, 2013, our Adult Catechumenate will explore with great depth and lively engagement topics such as Holy

Scripture, Salvation History, Church History, the Book of Common Prayer, and much, much more. Whether you are new to the Church or old, seeking Baptism, Confirmation, Reception into the Church or just interested in growing more in your faith, come and enjoy. Two class options are available: Thursday evenings at 7:00 PM **or** Friday mornings at 9:00 AM. Please contact Fr. Haynes ([fatherkendall@gmail.com](mailto:fatherkendall@gmail.com)) for more information. Sign up sheets are in the Narthex.

**St. Joseph-St. John—** will hold its annual gala auction fund raiser on Saturday, October 19. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with dinner served at 6:30 p.m. It will include soup, salad, main course, and rolls accompanied by wine, coffee and dessert. There will be great prizes to win, auction items to bid on and gifts to buy. This year's theme is "Walk on the Wild Side." Please join us for an evening of fun, food and fellowship at this festive celebration. Tickets are \$20 each. Please call the church by October 13 to make your reservations.

The church is located at 11111 Military Rd. SW (at the intersection of Military Rd. SW, Farwest Dr. SW, and 112<sup>th</sup> St. SW., Lakewood. Call (253) 584-6143 or email [stjoseph-stjohn@hotmail.com](mailto:stjoseph-stjohn@hotmail.com) for more information, to make reservations.

**Halloween:** We are joining with BPIC to support their annual **Trunk or Treat** celebration at the Community Clubhouse on Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. Participants decorate their cars for Halloween and then give out trick or treat goodies from the trunk of their car to neighborhood kids from ages 0 to 10. You can bring your own treats or BPIC will provide them. If you wish to join in with your car there is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

**Convention 2013—** Our diocesan convention is Friday-Saturday, November 8-9, at the Hotel Murano & Bicentennial Pavilion in Tacoma. Convention information is being communicated directly to clergy, delegates and alternates and is also posted on the [Convention Page](#) of the diocesan website.

Information about the agenda, how to reserve a hotel room, final draft of the 2014 diocesan operating budget, etc. is posted as it becomes available. Look for the Registration form to be available in the next week or so, as well as information on social functions such as the Friday evening dinner. These will be posted and sent to you directly as well. In late September or early October information about



## **Announcements (continued):**

resolutions and elections will be posted. A copy of the preliminary convention agenda is also attached.

**Fall Pre-Convention Gatherings:** the Diocesan Council and your regional leadership host these bi-regional gatherings in October. Please make sure your clergy, delegates and alternates are aware of these gatherings.

- Peninsula & **Rainier:** Saturday, October 12, time TBA, St. John, Gig Harbor

**St Matthew Winter Book Sale:** We are planning on having a sale of used books, DVDs and CDs sometime in January 2014. This will be a fundraiser and community event. We will tell you more as we develop our plans. Right now we are asking you to start collecting all those books, DVDs and CDs that you have been thinking about donating and start saving them for our sale. If you have questions, want to volunteer to work on the sale or have a great idea for the sale, contact Jackie Whorton at 927-3415, [jgwhorton@msn.com](mailto:jgwhorton@msn.com) or John Kennedy at 927-9254, [johnakennedy@harbornet.com](mailto:johnakennedy@harbornet.com). There will be a box in the Narthex for dropping off your donations of books, CDs and DVDs.

**From your Outreach Commission**—It has been suggested that we sponsor a CPR class for our Parish Community and others who may want to attend such a class. We wish to learn how many people would be interested in this type of training. Therefore, there will be a signup sheet on a clipboard in the narthex this coming Sunday. This sign up sheet will also allow you to give us your preference for when to schedule this class. The class will be taught by our local Fire fighters or EMTs. Thank you. Any questions please contact Jim Oberg at 253-927-9120