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This Sunday we welcome back to St. John's Fr Rick Buechner, Rector of All Saints' Church in Thomasville, Georgia.

*Continuation of Fr. Ralston's sermon for
the Feast of Pentecost in 1999*

THE COMFORTER IS COME

(II) Jesus states this as the absolute condition of life in him—that is, of being a Christian: “If a man love me...” This does not mean having sentimental affections about Jesus. It means adhering in all truth of mind, in all integrity of will, and in all passion of heart to the kind of thing Christ *is*. It means both the inward and the outward imitation of him.

Without love for Christ we cannot keep his commandment to love one another. We are very ignorant and imperfect lovers. His love for us creates our love for him. The order of priority is categorically strict. Christianity is not having the words of Jesus on our lips, saying “Lord, Lord” from morning ‘till night. Christianity is only one thing. It is sharing in the substance of the Saviour, and that living substance is his life of love.

Why do we speak of our communion with the Lord as an act of eating and drinking his very body and blood? Why do we pray to be filled with his grace and heavenly benediction? Why do we ask for him to dwell in us and for us to dwell in him?

All these are metaphors and modes of *union*, not *feeling*. If you love Jesus you will keep his commandments and heed his words. No true lover has ever wanted anything but to please the beloved. St. Augustine knows all about it: “Love God, and do what you please.” If you love God your pleasure will be to do what pleases *Him*. Your own sweet will will be the will of heaven, and what God wills for you will be your joy and delight and freedom and blessedness.

(III) And there is more. Love is the very *means* of our union with God. We must always remember: Christianity is finally not about Christ. Jesus did not come to reveal *himself*. He came to reveal God. He spoke of himself as the way to God, the truth of God, and life in God. Above everything else Christianity is the truth about God. The greatest evidence of the presence of the Holy Spirit is the realization of God the Holy Trinity. This is the truth which perhaps could not be borne at the first, and it took hundreds of years to realize it fully. The story of the body of Christ coming to this

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STANDING NOTICES

The occasional Sacraments of Baptism, Matrimony, Penance, Communion and Unction of the Sick, and the Office of Burial of the Dead are always available by appointment, at announced times, or as necessary.

HOSPITAL VISITATIONS

Please call the Church Office to inform the clergy if you or a loved one is in the hospital.

ST. JOHN'S WEB SITE

Parish Paper essays may be read on our web site:
www.stjohnsav.org

VESTRY OFFERING CHAIRMEN

8:00 Mr. Arthur D. Weed
10:30 Mrs. R. Bartley Turner

USHER CHAIRMAN

Mr. John Riley

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God with thanksgiving for the blessings of our children and grandchildren, friends and loved ones with love, Mr. and Mrs. I. David Futrell, Jr.

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8:00 John DeBacker
10:30 Austin Nichols
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COFFEE HOUR

Mrs. David A. Young

ALL-AGES CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

... CONTINUES ALL SUMMER!

9:30 AM-NOON Nursery

9:30 A.M.-- Child Care for ages 3—5.

9:30 A.M. ADULT CLASSES

➤ BIBLE BASICS (Commandments, Creed, the Lord's Prayer and More) - taught by Mike Chastain (South Classroom, 3rd Floor, Cranmer Hall) - all welcome

10:30 A.M. CHILDREN'S SUMMER

PROGRAM

➤ For *Preschool--Kindergarten* ages 3 to 5.
(Teen Helpers and Adult volunteers needed)

TUESDAY AND THURSDAY MORNING

Men's Bible Study & Discussion Groups

Tuesday 6:45 a.m. Breakfast & Study (Mike Chastain, Parish House).

NO Thursday Bible Study 7:00 a.m.—*Class will resume August 4th*

BAZAAR CANNING

The canners need fresh veggies and fruits (figs, peppers, pears, peaches, apples, mangos, etc) sugar, mint, pecans and half-pint jars. Jane Pressly 233-6551.

CHURCH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

9—4:30 Monday through Thursday
Office closes at Noon on Fridays.

DAILY KALENDAR

Monday through Friday
8:15 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

**NO 10:00 a.m. Wednesday service on
August 27th**

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

measure of fullness of the knowledge of God which is her and our eternal life is a chronicle of wonder and mystery. It is the unique gift of the Holy Spirit.

Christianity, then, is first of all the truth about God. Loving Jesus, the Word of God Incarnate – abiding in Christ – is the one true and sure way for us to come to know and be in union with God Himself: “My Father is greater than I.” Jesus states: “The prince of this world cometh and has nothing in me.” He means no communion, no sharing. The logic of his kingdom is the power of love. Force is the antithesis of love, its polar opposite. Jesus is unmistakable about it: “My Kingdom is not of this world.”

“As the Father giveth me commandment, so I do.” This is the plainest statement, not only *that* God is in Christ, but *how* He was. It is through the Holy Ghost, the giver of love. Jesus is the Christ because of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the energy which binds together the Father and the Son, and binds up our loves in them.

To be continued....

NEW HYMN OF THE MONTH

“All my hope on God is founded” is one of the most popular hymns in the Church of England. Based on a hymn by Joachim Neander (1650-80), it was written by the poet Robert Bridges (1844-1930) and provided with a tune written by Herbert Howells in 1930.

PICTORIAL PARISH DIRECTORY APPOINTMENTS

New photographs are indeed needed for this Directory.

You may sign up for photographs taken in two ways:

1. Sundays in Cranmer Hall or the Green Meldrim House—sign-up tables will be set up in their foyers.
2. Sign up on-line and choose a sitting time. The web link is:

<https://signup.olanmills.com/familyinfo.aspx?chcontract=60979>

The shooting dates that are scheduled are:

✚ Tuesday, July 26th through Saturday, July 30th;

✚ Monday, August 1st through Wednesday, August 3rd;

✚ Wednesday, September 14th through Saturday, September 17th;

✚ Thursday, September 22nd through September 24th.

Please do not call the church office to sign up.

PASTORAL EMERGENCIES:

In the absence of the clergy, please call Fr Richard Nelson, of St. Thomas, Isle of Hope, at (912) 655-8017.

Please inform the Parish Secretary or Mr. Mike Chastain of any other pastoral requests. They will refer them as needed.

BAZAAR NOTICE

As you are cleaning your closets this summer, please remember the Holly Days Bazaar - White Elephant, Treasure Room, Books, etc... Storage is available. You may contact Amy Wilson (Bazaar Chair) at 308-6471 or email her at amyw3@comcast.net. Written instructions for use of the storage facility are available in the church office

8:00—HOLY COMMUNION

COLLECTS, EPISTLE, and GOSPEL 246 (199)

A continental breakfast is available Cranmer Hall following this service.

9:00—12 Noon NURSERY (*Parish House*)

9:30—10:15—Adults and Youth Classes (*Chapel and Cranmer Hall*)

10:30—2 yr olds through Kindergarten (*Cranmer Hall*)

10:30 —HOLY EUCHARIST and SERMON

HYMN #132 *The Eternal Gifts of Christ*Gonfalon Royal (*insert*)

ANTE-COMMUNION

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Summary of the Law 68

KYRIE ELEISON: #710 Healey Willan

Collect and Epistle 246 (199)

HYMN #549 *The Son of God Goes Forth to War* All Saints New

The Holy Gospel 247

The Nicene Creed 71

HYMN #136 *Let Us Now Our Voices Raise* Tempus Adest Floridum
1st through 4th grade children participating in Jr. Choir will exit following the Cross.

SERMONFr. Buechner

OFFERTORY

Sentences

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HYMN # 213 *Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless* St. Agnes

MOTET: *Thou Knowest, Lord, the Secrets of Our Hearts*..... Henry Purcell

Thanksgiving (*said with the congregation*)..... 83

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS #739 Old Scottish Chant

The Blessing (*Kneeling*)..... 84

HYMN #557 *Onward Christian Soldiers*..... St. Gertrude

ORGAN: *Carillon*..... Henry Mulet

Everyone is invited to attend the Parish House immediately after the 10:30 service.

If you are a guest and visiting our Parish, please make yourself known.

12 Noon HOLY COMMUNION in the Chapel. (Collect, Epistle, Gospel as 8 a.m.)