



**“Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.” Matthew 4:19**

**Upcoming Events**

- 5/8 - Mother’s Day
- 5/21 - Men’s Club Meeting
- 5/23 - Vestry Meeting
- 6/3 - Iker Golf Challenge
- 6/3 - Pentecost Fish Fry
- 6/19 – Father’s Day
- 6/19-25 - St. Michael’s Conference
- 6/27 – Vestry Meeting
- 7/3 - Adult Formation/Confirmation Course
- 7/6 - Begin Summer Book Study

**Office Hours:** Monday-Thursday, 9 AM - 4 PM

**Mass Times:** Tuesdays at 10 AM, Wednesdays at 6:30 PM, Thursdays at 12:10 PM, and Sundays at 8 AM and 10:30 PM

**Announcements**

- **THE NURSERY IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS!**
  - Holy Comforter is deeply committed to providing care and spiritual nourishment to all ages. It is therefore our great pleasure to announce that we have hired a nursery worker to provide childcare for parents on Sunday morning.
  - Our new nursery worker, Jaykhia Leaphart, is a sophomore at Cleburne High School. Be sure to introduce yourself next time you see her!

- **HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!**

- Happy Mother's Day to all moms! We will honor all moms at Church this Sunday by offering them a special blessing during both services.
- We will also be handing out potted succulents to all moms after the services as a thank you for all that they do!

- **MEN'S CLUB TO MEET ON MAY 21**

- On Saturday morning, May 21, the Men's Club will meet at the Church to plan and prepare for our Annual Fish Fry.
- Also on the docket will be a short presentation by Deeanne Dooley on her special hospice care ministry, Elara Caring.
- The meeting will begin at 10 AM. Lunch will follow at the Burger Bar!

- **IKER GOLF CHALLENGE**

- The date for the 22nd Annual Bishop Iker Challenge Golf Tournament has been set for Friday, June 3rd and will be played once again at Squaw Valley Golf Course in Glen Rose. The round begins at 8:30 AM with a shotgun start and will finish by 1:30 PM.
- Mark your calendars and begin putting together your team now! If anyone needs help finding a team please contact John Strange or Rod Barber.
- This year's proceeds will be used to provide 50 scholarships for summer camp at Camp Crucis for those who need financial aid, as well as to enhance the existing facility to keep it competitive with other camps. In this way we can continue to further God's work through our children.

- **ANNUAL COMMUNITY FISH FRY - CELEBRATING 151 YEARS IN CLEBURNE!!!**

- Our Annual Fish Fry is on June 3rd this year from 5 PM to 8 PM! Join us in celebrating our 151st birthday as a parish!
- Arrive early if you'd like to help set up and cook, and please spread the word!
- Suggested Donations per plate:
  - Adults - \$12
  - Children - \$6

- **EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES**

- **ADULT FORMATION/CONFIRMATION** - New to Anglicanism or just interested in learning more about your faith? Perhaps you'd like to be confirmed? Contact Fr. Morelock about our Christian Formation course beginning this Summer!
  - This class will be an informal, small-group discussion based class on the essentials of the Christian faith and Anglican identity, worship and practice.
  - Classes will begin on Sunday, July 3, between the services in the Parlor. The nursery will be open for Childcare.
- **SUMMER BOOK STUDY**
  - Starting Wednesday evening, July 6, we will meet for a summer book study led by our own Fr. Mark Bigley.
  - Our study will be on "The Screwtape Letters" by C.S. Lewis.
  - Contact Fr. Morelock or Fr. Bigley if you are interested in joining us.

## Rector's Reflection

Dear Church Family,

The story of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35) is probably my second favorite post-Resurrection narrative. It's the story of two disciples walking along the road feeling dejected, depressed, full of grief at the crucifixion and death of Jesus. A stranger suddenly appears walking beside them, asking them what's wrong. At the words of this stranger their hearts are opened, and outpours a flood of painful emotions as they explain that Jesus, on whom they had placed all their hopes, was dead. Jesus, still appearing as a stranger to them, comforts them and explains, "Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?"

The three men continued together until they arrived at Emmaus, where they sat down for the evening meal. Jesus then took the bread that was on the table "and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight."

Notice that Jesus freely appears to his disciples in their grief. They weren't seeking him out or even asking for him to be present. They thought he was dead! Yet Jesus knew their hearts, and he came and walked alongside them, giving them comfort and reassurance even as a stranger.

The span of 2,000 years has not changed the nature of our savior. When we are in pain and grief he is nearer to us than we could ever imagine. He truly is walking beside us even though we don't recognize him. That is the nature of his love, the nature of his death and resurrection. They occurred so that Jesus could walk with us always, as he said in Matthew 28:20, "Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Know that Jesus walks beside you in this life in pain and in grief, as well as in joy and in celebration. You may not recognize him, but he's there.

Grace and peace be with you all,

Fr. Morelock