



Saints Alive!

September –October 2018



The Church of All Saints Mission has a vision of being a vital, joyful source of the grace of God where individuals are respected, feel safe to worship, and are spiritually energized to live out God's purpose for their lives. All are Welcome!

Rector's Ramblings

The heat (and smoke) of the summer is behind us, and the kids are back at school. After our summer vacations we all go back to school. The church has been called a 'school of prayer'. A place where we learn and practice all types of prayer – Adoration, Petition, Contrition, Thanksgiving, and Intercession. We learn to pray in community, through liturgy, study groups, committees, etc.. The goal, of course, is to have prayer become a part of who we are and to be prayerful in everything we do. Prayer is the foundation of everything we do.

Prayer is acknowledging God in every person. We must learn to find God in all places. Welcome back to the school of prayer. All Saints has a busy Fall schedule ahead. I am looking forward to finding God in all sorts of unexpected places, and learning once again how wonderful the love of God is for us.

God Bless
Paul Bowie+





Regular Services

Sunday: 8:00am – Spoken Service
Sunday: 9:30am – Family Service BAS with Music
Sunday School 2nd & 4th Sundays.
Thursday Morning Eucharist: 10:00am

Childrens' Area & Mother's Room

Healing Prayer offered during Communion or after the Worship Service.

The deadline for submissions for the next edition of 'Saints Alive' is **October 25, 2018**. Thank you for your contributions to the newsletter.

Resuming in September

Pancake Breakfast (September 9th), Choir Practice, Bible Study, Sunday School, and Parish Council.

**Parish Council dates Sept. 9, Oct. 14, Nov. 18

Editor of Saints Alive

Greetings! I hope you were able to enjoy some Rest and Relaxation this summer even in the heat and smoke. The fires throughout our province have been truly devastating and I know your prayers along with mine go out to all those affected. We give thanks to all the fire fighters from around the globe who have come to assist our own first responders.

Well fall is soon approaching and we become busy again at All Saints. Please take note of all the events and mark your calendars. I encourage you to check our webpage as all things happening are listed there. **Please inform me if you see something that needs amending.**

We will be having our Ministry Fair on the 4th of November. We read and listened to your feedback from our last Ministry Fair and came to the conclusion that September was too soon after the summer. This year we will be having a Cake celebrating All Saints Day instead of a Potluck lunch. The lunch will take place the following Sunday when Archbishop Melissa graces us with her presence. There is more information on the Ministry Fair on page 7 of this newsletter. As a precursor to the Fair I am taking the opportunity once again to focus on



Stewardship. Stewardship, in its simplest terms, asks us to put God's priorities before our own. To give the first portion of our gifts of time, talent and money to God's work and only then, to satisfy our own needs. This leads directly to the cornerstone of stewardship: sacrificial giving. God does not judge us by how much we give but by how faithful we are in making that gift. So it is too with our talents and our time. What counts is the extent to which we give each away, in faith, to help others. Give all these things out of sheer gratitude to God for everything God has given you. As a final step, put your trust in God and see what a wonderful way it is to live.

We dedicate ourselves to:

- Worshipping and praying,
- Reflecting, seeking forgiveness and returning to God,
- Living by Christ's model,
- Serving others in Christ's name,
- Working toward justice and peace.

Blessings,
Donna Kennedy



Ninth Indigenous Anglican Sacred Circle

The Ninth Indigenous Anglican Sacred Circle was held August 6-11, 2018 on the campus of the University of Northern British Columbia in Prince George, B.C.

The theme for this Sacred Circle is “Making and Strengthening Disciples: Reborn in Water and Spirit,” Matthew 28:19-20.

The Indigenous Anglican Sacred Circle is the national gathering and decision-making body for Indigenous Anglicans in Canada. Since 1988, First Nations, Métis and Inuit members of local Anglican churches have gathered every three years to talk about our spiritual lives, past and present experiences, our hopes for the future and our relationships with the Anglican Church of Canada.

Delegates have been selected either by the bishops of dioceses with “significant Indigenous ministry” or the diocesan committee/council on Indigenous ministry. Numbers of delegates from each area have been determined by the [Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples](#). Archbishop Melissa selected our **Parishioner and Elder Rene Inkster** to attend. The Ninth Indigenous Anglican Sacred Circle will continue the journey toward self-determination and becoming an Indigenous church within the Anglican Church of Canada.

SPECIAL SYNOD PREPARATION SEMINARS

Everyone is invited but Synod and Alternate Delegates are especially encouraged to attend one of the regional seminars on the proposed changes to Canon 2 (Vacancy in the Office of Diocesan Bishop) & Canon 3 (Coadjutor or Suffragan Bishop).



The seminars will begin at the times listed below. No registration is required. Those attending are reminded that refreshments will not be provided. Please bring your own beverage or snack if desired.

Primary changes to the Canons include the development of an Episcopal Election Committee to oversee the election process, and a number of small changes to clarify procedures and aid an Electoral Synod in discernment. The complete texts of the proposed documents are available below in .PDF format.

Synod Office Conference Room, 1410 Nanton Avenue: September 8, 10 to 11:30am

St Christopher, West Vancouver: September 8, 1 to 2:30pm

St Matthew, Abbotsford: September 15, 10 to 11:30am (Our parishioners may carpool here)

St Cuthbert, Delta: September 15, 1 – 2:30pm

The SPECIAL SYNOD (118th) will be held on Saturday, October 13, 2018 with registration beginning at 8:30am in the Diocesan Centre. Synod will convene in St John's, Shaughnessy at 10am.

The Order of the Diocese of New Westminster



Congratulations to Polly Betterton as she will be receiving the Order of the Diocese of New Westminster.

A committee of All Saints ODNW members met to decide who should be nominated from All Saints. They looked at four names and presented Paul with two names to consider. Polly Betterton's name was submitted and on May 16 the Bishop's Advisory Committee met to review the nominations and Polly was approved. She will receive her ODNW medal on



Saturday, November 3, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. at The Massey Theatre, 735 Eighth Avenue, New Westminster.

Closer to the date we will see about carpooling from our Church for those wanting to attend.

ALL SAINTS ANGLICAN CHURCH ANNUAL WALK-RUN-BIKE-ATHON

Join us once again for a wonderful fun day

Sunday, September 23, 2018

Place: Heritage Park Place Clubhouse

33751 - Seventh Avenue

Time: 10:00 a.m. - Church Service

11:00 a.m. - Walk-Run-Bike-athon

12:30 p.m. - Picnic Lunch



This is our 5th Annual event. Once again, we will use the clubhouse at Heritage Park and we will start the morning with a church service at the clubhouse, followed by the Walk-Run-Bike-athon through the park (maps to be provided), and then back to the clubhouse for lunch. All the food will be provided by the organizers and once again our two chefs will be manning the barbecue to cook the Hamburgers and Hot Dogs. The pledge sheets are being handed out now and throughout the summer so that you have the time to collect pledges and be ready for September 23th so please make sure that you are registered and have a pledge sheet so that you can get started collecting pledges. Let's see if we can beat last years' total.

Greetings from Harold and Sue Vos/Burhap

Hi Donna,

Hope all is well with you and the family and that your new home is working out for you and Terry. Has he caught that eight foot sturgeon yet? I hope the new elevator is working out well.

Sue is back teaching Sunday School which a friend and her started thirty years ago and has been running ever since. Of course it has grown with about 10 teachers and ten assistants trying to teach about one hundred and twenty kids ages four to fourteen. Of course they don't all come to school every Sunday so there may only be eighty to ninety kids.

Thought I'd send you some pics of latest outing of the St. James Anglican Church Sunday school. We took about eighty children on two buses to Jongs Crocodile Farm, not all the kids could afford the fee for the trip. There the kids got to see lots of crocodiles as well as some birds and large fish. But I think the highlight was petting the baby crocodile and seeing them jump up out of the water to grab some meat hanging on a wire. After the farm we took the kids out to an arranged lunch at the cafe.

Hi to all and God Bless,
Harold and Sue



A photo of before I have my coffee. This is a wild free roaming Orangutan alpha male; they live in an open, unfenced, undisturbed wild life park five minutes from our home. They are free to roam, so could possibly one day drop in to our place for coffee.

Be the Hands & Feet of Christ

Get connected with Your Parish Family

All Saints Anglican Church

November 4, 2018

Ministry Fair



Learn about Ministries in need of your Time & Talent!

Rev'd Paul, Wardens Judy, Polly, and I invite you to **All Saints Ministry Fair November 4, 2018** after the worship service. All are Welcome. Invite your neighbours and friends.

Blessings,
Donna Kennedy

Where is God calling you to Serve?

Talk with the Ministry Leaders and learn more about the different ministries in our parish.

Share what you love and see where your gifts might fit our parish

God is calling you to share your Stewardship of Faith, Time, and Talents

+Lots of Fun +Cake +Try Something New +Socialize + Share Your Gifts +Make New Friends

IMPORTANT.... Ministry Coordinators!!!!

We will be setting up the tables for the Ministry Fair on Saturday November 3rd, between 3pm – 5pm. Set up is at a later time as many of us will be attending the ODNW earlier in the day to celebrate with Polly. Please bring your posters and information to set up your table. Sign-up sheets will be handed out at that time. Please speak with Donna if you have any questions.

“Songs & Scenes of WW1”



This year November 11th is the 100th Anniversary of the end of WW1. Remembrance Day is observed to remember those who lost their lives in the line of duty. This day became a tradition following its inauguration by King George V in 1919. Today on November 11th we recognize and remember all who fought in all wars; particularly those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

Remembering is something we all do. We remember family and friends and the times we have shared. We remember significant events in our lives; birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, passing our Driver's Test, first jobs, first day of school; the list is endless.

All Saints also remembers anniversaries, etc, with our own unique way of celebrating. As this November 11th is such a historic event, we will be producing a special show - “Songs & Scenes of WW1”.

Veterans Affairs Canada has approved funding of \$1,200 to All Saints Anglican Church, under the Commemorative Partnership Program, to assist with the eligible costs of staging the above production.

Planning has started ... there will two performances:

- Saturday November 10th at 2:00 pm
- Sunday November 11th at 2:00 pm

We are looking for assistance with the following:

- Actors
- Props
- Costumes
- Publicity
- Behind the scenes help with costumes & props
- Front of House Staff
- Kitchen Staff



Particularly, we need some young male actors to take on the roles of soldiers.

We appreciate all and any volunteer help

To get involved ... call Rose at 820-8622 or by email knottyash@shaw.ca



Vancity 'Shredding Event' Saturday, September 22, 2018.

It takes place at the Junction parking lot. SARA for Women Society is a non-profit organization providing first & second stage housing (and many other services) to women and children who are fleeing from domestic abuse. The main office is in Mission and they serve people in the Fraser Valley.

The Mission RCMP will also be on-site providing identity theft and fraud prevention workshops, and Save-on-Foods will be hosting a BBQ hotdog sale with all proceeds also going to SARA.

Thank you

We appreciate all the work the team did for the Elevator/Lift and Solar panels:

Joy Cox, Margaret Peake, Judy Beale, Dick Blades, Paul Bowie and Gilli McLaren



Joy Cox; Sharilyn McDonald, Vancity, Mission Community Manager; Judy Beale.

It shows the cheque, in the amount of \$3,500.00, being received by Joy & Judy on behalf of All Saints Church. These funds were given by Vancity through their Community Partnership Program towards the cost of the Solar Panel Upgrade at the Church.

Solar Panel Upgrade

All the funding for the Solar Panel Upgrade has been received. We received grants from the Diocese of New Westminster, Vancity, an 'in-kind' donation from Vancouver Renewable Energy, and All Saints Anglican Church. A plaque will be prepared to recognize all the donors to this project.

The contract with Vancouver Renewable Energy (VREC) runs from July 17, 2018 to October 1, 2018 (this may be extended if necessary). The first instalment has been paid towards this project. On Thursday, August 23rd, we heard from Rob Baxter of VREC, that all the equipment has been ordered and that the installation to upgrade the solar panels could start in a week or two.

We will be looking at holding a joint Educational Forum with Vancity next Spring regarding 'environmental stewardship and sustainability' which will include the results of our solar panel upgrade installation. If anyone is interested in helping with the planning process of the Forum, please be in touch with Joy Cox.

Elevator Project

Our funding goal for the 'Elevator Project' (Lift) has been reached. "Thank-You" to all those who have contributed in any way to this project: Employment and Social Development, Canada, through the Enabling Accessibility Fund; Fundraising Events as follows, Launch Event at Martins on First, St. Patrick's Day and St. George's Day Teas; Memorials; The Christine Morrison Fund; St. Andrews United Church; and individual donations.

A celebration to thank everyone for helping to reach our goal was held on Saturday evening, June 23rd, in the Church Hall. Everyone enjoyed the Variety Show that Rose Bennett organized, and all the good food and cake that was provided.

The permit required from the District of Mission, came through on July 30, 2018. A special 'thank-you' to Councillors Jenny Stevens and Pam Alexis for their support.

Jeffrey Corrin, of Pro-Contractors, is putting together a schedule to begin work as soon as possible on the renovations needed to the Church building. We recognize we are a month behind due to the slowness of receiving the Permit. Very recently heard that the work is now scheduled to begin in September.

Rob Sands, Acadia Elevator Services Ltd., has prepared the drawings of the Lift and they are in compliance, have been approved and forwarded to Jeffrey Corrin. The order to have the construction of the Lift has been placed with the company and, when completed, will be shipped, directly to All Saints.

After completion of the project there will be a celebration held, date and time, etc., to be determined.

The Committee will continue to meet until completion of the project. Thank-you to each of the Committee members, Joy Cox, Judy Beale, Rev. Paul Bowie, Richard Blades, Gilli McLaren, and Margaret Peake.



We remember Jennifer Keil, daughter of Colleen and David Keil. Our sincerest condolences to Colleen and her family.



Congratulations Glen. We have waited for quite some time now to present you with the Deacon's Licence.

Saint Francis of Assisi

BLESSING OF PETS

All Saints Anglican Church

September 30, 2018 4:00pm

Our pets are a blessing to us..



..Join us in blessing them!

Bring your pet (or a photo of your pet) to
A Blessing of the Animals



HOLIDAY
Craft & Vendor Fair

All Saints Anglican Church
2nd & James, Mission, BC

10am - 2pm

November 24th
10am - 2pm

For the sixth year in a row we will be hosting the Holiday Vendor Craft Fair Event at All Saints. Tables will be rented out for outside groups and Crafters to come in and sell their wares. Tables will still be \$25 each and for an additional \$5 electricity will be supplied. In past years we have had several Crafters with baking, sewing and crafts of all types to sell for Christmas. As well as Tupperware, Discovery Toys, Scensy, and much more. As well we have had a concession for all to enjoy!!! Each Vendor will be asked to donate one item for our Raffle Basket. Profits from the Raffle will be donated to a Community Outreach program. We have sold out our tables every year!

If you are interested in getting a table call the Church Office at 604-826-2814 for more information and registration forms. Or contact

Leanne La Chapelle beautiflorgirl@gmail.com
Polly Betterton pajbest@shaw.ca

****We are looking for a Registrar for this Event** Contact Polly or Leanne**

God's Bounty

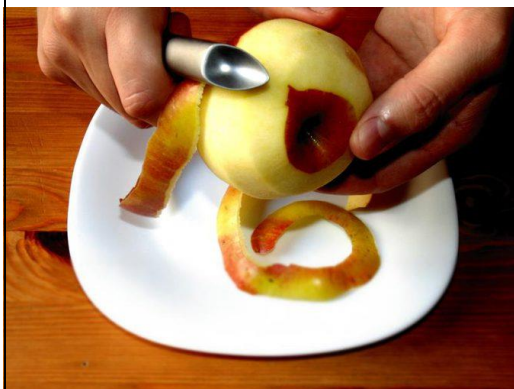
Harvest Thanksgiving October 7th



The Altar Guild is requesting donations of fruits, vegetables, flowers and non-perishable goods to decorate the church for our Harvest Thanksgiving display. Drop off donations to the church Saturday morning October 6th. Decorating begins 10am. ALSO wanted are donations of flowers and fall foliage. Come and help Decorate.

Please contact Polly Betterton if you are willing to help. The non- perishable food goes to 'Haven in the Hollow' and perishable food to a needy group Sunday afternoon.

Almighty and gracious Father, we give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labours of those who harvest them. Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of your great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord... Amen



Tuesday, October 23 - 6:00pm - Apple Peeling

Please come and help peel apples and shred them as we mix all the ingredients for our Mincemeat in the church hall.

We welcome volunteers to be part of the peeling group. There are also other tasks that may need YOU as some of our long term members are unable to participate this year.

We always have a great time socializing as we work. If you haven't joined us before come and see the process of preparing Mincemeat.

APPLES - please could you donate apples for our mincemeat? We need a crisp baking apple, such as a Cortland, Fuji, or Granny Smith.

Please tell Colleen, Judy or Polly how many pounds you will be donating, before Oct. 17 as will buy the rest.



Tuesday, October 30 - 10am - Bottling of Mincemeat

We will meet to bottle the mincemeat at 10am in the church kitchen. We need 6 - 8 volunteers to bottle the prepared Mincemeat. Please let Judy or Colleen know if you can help out.



Christmas Bazaar & Tea



Our annual Bazaar will be **Saturday November 17, 2018** from noon until 3:00 p.m.

Table set – up Thursday November 15, 1pm

More in next "Saints Alive!"

There are MANY ways to be part of this Parish Event.

ALL DONATIONS ACCEPTED & APPRECIATED

Mark the date on your calendar now. Plan to participate, so it is another "successful social event."



6th Annual Festival of Trees and Dramatic Reading of Henry Van Dyke's "The Other Wise Man"

"AN EVENT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY"



In support of the Mission Christmas Bureau, All Saints Anglican Church will host the 2018 Festival of Trees and a Dramatic Reading of Henry Van Dyke's "The Other Wise Man", Tuesday December 11th to Saturday December 15th, 2018; Tuesday to Friday from 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm, and Saturday, 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm and the Dramatic Reading in the evening at 7:00 pm.

Decorated Christmas trees will be displayed and voted on by all visitors to the Festival of Trees. Admission to the Festival of Trees and the Dramatic Reading will be by cash donation. There will be musical entertainment provided while folks are enjoying the beautiful trees; children's activities in the afternoons; and seasonal refreshments for all. On special days and times, have your photo taken with Santa in Santa's Grotto among the beautiful trees.

Recognition, and People's Choice Awards and the total funds raised for the Mission Christmas Bureau will be announced on the Saturday evening during the intermission of Henry Van Dyke's "The Other Wise Man" Dramatic Reading, which takes place at 7:00 pm on Saturday, December 15th. After the event, all decorated trees, donated non-perishable food items and gifts, will be donated to the Christmas Bureau to be distributed to families, and seniors in need, in Mission.

Registration Forms to enter a decorated Christmas tree may be obtained from All Saints Church Office, 33077 2nd Avenue, Tuesday to Friday, 10:00 am to 12:00 noon, or from Joy Cox (604-556-6069) or Margaret Peake (604-556-6976), or email at JMJmission@telus.net.

(Early Bird Registration: \$20.00 ~ After November 16, 2018: \$25.00)

CHILDRENS' PROGRAMS

December 11-15, 2018 ~ Tuesday-Friday 3:00 to 5:00 pm

Saturday 2:00 to 4:00 pm

**Join us for Christmas crafts; help decorate a tree; enjoy
the music, a story, and a snack.**

You may also enjoy a visit to Santa's Grotto

It is a fun, worthwhile event! You can become involved: volunteer, enter a decorated tree, help provide refreshments, or just come out and enjoy the entertainment and the decorated trees.

Visit from Archbishop Melissa



We welcome a visit from Archbishop Melissa on November 11, 2018.

We will be having a potluck lunch following our worship service at 11:30am- 1pm. Following the luncheon at 1:10pm Melissa will be meeting with Parish Council. Our Ministry Fair Posters will be on display in the Narthex.

At 1pm we will need helpers to clean up & set up for Remembrance Day Play.

Melissa M. Skelton, Bishop of the Diocese of New Westminster was elected Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of BC and Yukon on the first ballot at 9:40am, Saturday, May 12, 2018. That office comes with the honorific, "Archbishop".

Archbishop Skelton is the first woman to be elected an Archbishop in the Anglican Church of Canada and the second woman in the Anglican Communion with the title Archbishop.

HELP WANTED:



Polly would like someone to take over arranging the FLOWER CHART (or at least help) - she has been doing it for over 15 years. It involves asking all previous Donors, then finding new Donors, and ensuring that all of the Donors have a Dedication.

Throughout the Church Year (except Lent) the Flowers each Sunday are Donated & Dedicated by members of the Parish. A Chart is assembled with all the Donors listed for the year. One can view the Chart in the narthex, between the office doors. Please consider this ministry and speak to Polly Betterton, the Altar Guild coordinator



Thank you for your support of our July/August Community Outreach Basket:

School Supplies for Ecole Mission Central Elementary School

Coming in September/October: Bales for the North.

Ongoing Outreach



Harvest Bags

Pre-Order and pay \$5.00 each bag by 2nd Friday of each month and pick up on 3rd Monday of each month at **Mission Community Services Food Centre**, between 11am and 12pm.

32646 Logan Avenue



Our international giving goal is achieved through your donations of refundable bottles and cans. Bottles and cans may be put in the wooden chest underneath the stairs outside the hall. Proceeds go to a School that helps support and educate street children in Varanasi India. The work is called Basic Human Needs.



TRIM The Residence in Mission

We offer the residents and opportunity to receive the sacrament, worship and fellowship once a month. Please speak with Deacon Glen for more information



Did you know we have a tin for your dead batteries to be recycled?

Ed will take them to the recycling depot.



Pies, Pies, Pies!

The Holy Rollers are already anticipating the next pie making session sometime in the Fall. Now is the time to think about berries – blueberries, blackberries, strawberries, rhubarb, etc. If you are picking, freezing, etc. and would consider sharing some of your harvest it would be very much appreciated. This is our prime OUTREACH fundraising each year. Please speak with Colleen Keil (604-826-8812) or at Coffee Time.



September 9th Pancake Breakfast 8:30 – 9:20am

1st Sunday of the Month

Pancakes \$4.00 (\$3.50 Senior/Child) with coffee, tea, juice and fruit

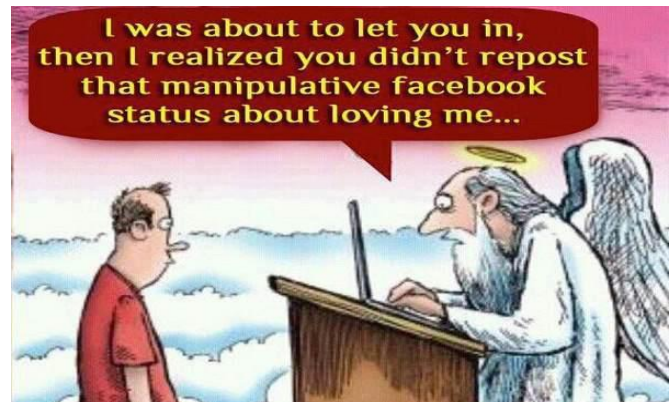
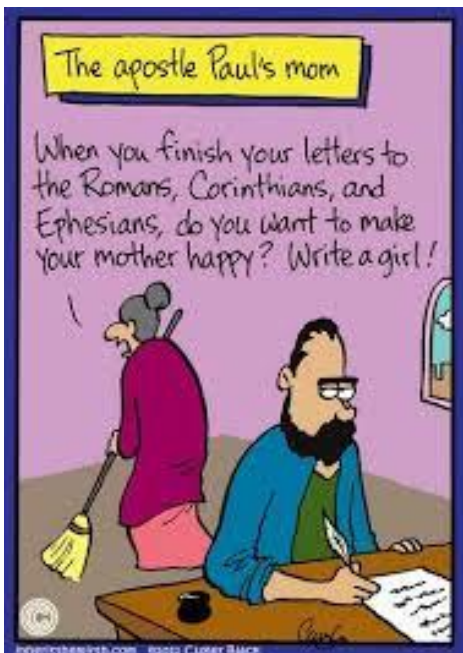
Bacon & Sausage .50 each or 2/.75

Scrambled Eggs 2/\$1.75

New Item: French toast 2 slices \$5.00

Church Humour

There once was a strongman at a circus sideshow who demonstrated his power before large audiences every night. Toward the end of one performance, he squeezed the juice from a lemon between his hands. He said to the onlookers, "I will offer \$200 to anyone here who can squeeze another drop from this lemon. A thin older lady hobbled up the stage. She picked up the lemon and clamped it between her two frail, boney hands. She squeezed. And out came a teaspoon of lemon juice. The strongman was amazed. He paid the woman \$200 but privately asked her, "What is the secret of your strength?" "Practice," the woman answered. "I have been treasurer of my church for forty-two years!"



It's The Thought That Counts

Choosing a gift for an elderly mother...

Three sons left home, went out on their own and prospered. Getting back together, they discussed the gifts they were able to give their elderly mother.

The first said, "I built a big house for our mother." The second said, "I sent her a Mercedes with a driver." The third smiled and said, "I've got you both beat.

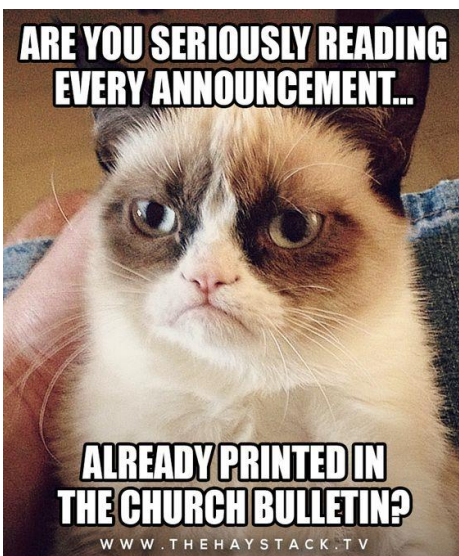
You remember how mom enjoyed reading the Bible? And you know she can't see very well. So I sent her a remarkable parrot that recites the entire Bible. It took elders in the Church 12 years to teach him. He's one of a kind. Mama just has to name the chapter and verse, and the parrot recites it."

Soon thereafter, mom sent out her letters of thanks:

"David," she wrote one son, "The house you built is so huge. I live in only one room, but I have to clean the whole house."

"John," she wrote to another, "I am too old to travel. I stay most of the time at home, so I rarely use the Mercedes. And the driver is so rude!"

"Dearest Jeffrey," she wrote to her third son, "You have the good sense to know what your mother likes. The chicken was delicious."



Little Saints of All Saints



Thanks Living

When someone does something nice for you, what do you do? You say, "Thank you," don't you? Sometimes that just doesn't seem to be enough. Has someone ever done something for you that was so nice that you wanted to do more than just say, "Thank You." I have. When that happens, I sometimes send them a "Thank You" card. Everyone enjoys receiving a "Thank You" card.

Another way you can show your thanks when someone does something really nice for you is by doing something nice for them in return. For example, if someone invites you to spend the night and you have a really good time, you should return their kindness by inviting them to come and spend the night with you.

It is always important to show our appreciation when someone does something for us, isn't it?

Well, I don't know anyone who has done more for us than God has. God provides food when we are hungry and water when we are thirsty. He heals us when we are sick and he comforts us when we are sad. The Bible tells us that he is an ever-present helper in times of trouble.

Because of all God has done for us, we say, "Thank you." But somehow that doesn't seem to be enough. We could write him a "Thank You" card, but I don't think the Post Office could deliver it, do you? I have a good idea, why don't we do something nice for him in return? But how?

Jesus told us how to do it. Jesus, said, "Whatever you do for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you do it for me." That means when we feed someone who is hungry, it is the same as doing it for Jesus. When we visit someone who is sick, it is the same as doing it for Jesus. When we give clothes to those who are in need, it is the same as doing it for Jesus.

There is a very special name for this way of saying, "Thank you." I call it "thanks living." "Thanks living" is when we show our thanks by the way we live. "Thanks living" is when we look at the many ways God has blessed us, and we thank him by being a blessing to others.

Let's pray and ask God to help us to offer our thanksgiving by "thanks living."

Our Father, we come into your presence with thanksgiving. Help us to turn our thanksgiving into "thanks living." In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.