



Saint George's Church Mouse Lenten Edition 2007

In God's Eye - Are You Disposable?

A well known speaker started off his seminar by holding up a \$20 bill. In the room of 200 people, he asked, "Who would like this \$20 bill?" Hands started going up. He said, "I am going to give this \$20 to one of you but first, let me do this."

He proceeded to crumple the dollar bill up. He then asked, "Who still wants it?" Still the hands were up in the air. "Well," he replied, "What if I do this?" And he dropped it on the ground and started to grind it into the floor with his shoe.

He picked it up, now all crumpled and dirty; like any other piece of rubbish. "Now who still wants it?" Still the hands went into the air.

"My friends, you have all learned a very valuable lesson. No matter what I did to the money, you still wanted it because it did not decrease in value. It was still worth \$20."

We are all used to things being disposable - we throw tons of items away daily when we're finished with them. Sadly, people treat others as if they were disposable too.

But you see...for God, no one is disposable. In the Bible we're told that at the end of the world everything that is wrong and evil will be like rubbish. It will be thrown away and destroyed.

However God does not want a single person to be lost when the evil rubbish of the world is burned. He is patiently waiting for us to allow him to clean us up and put us right. No one is rubbish in God's sight.

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The minister took the crumpled note and began to smooth it out. "This is what God wants to do for us: smooth out the hurts were other people have rejected us and sort out the wrong things we have done. Then He wants to take us into His eternal life in Heaven. For God, no one is disposable."

Many times in our lives, we are dropped, crumpled, and ground into the dirt by the decisions we make and the circumstances that come our way. We feel as though we are worthless. But no matter what has happened or what will happen, you will never lose your value in God's eyes. To Him, dirty or clean, crumpled or finely creased, you are still priceless.

God is a loving God and does not look at us as the world sometimes does. People sometimes respect us because of our bank statement and not our heart statement. But God wants us to forget about the treasures of this earth and think about His treasure which is Eternal. II Corinthians 4:18 says, "While we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal."

Keep this in mind: The worth of our lives comes not from what we do or who we are, but by whose we are! People may reject us, but God will not. You are special - Don't ever forget that!



A REMINDER OF SOME UPCOMING DATES ...

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, **SHROVE TUESDAY** AND OUR ANNUAL PANCAKE SUPPER! 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Tickets at the door: Adults \$6. / Children under 12 yrs. \$3. / Immediate Family \$20.

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21st

8:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon - Children's Ash Wednesday Program

7:30 p.m. Holy Communion with the Imposition of Ashes

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25th through to and including SUNDAY, MARCH 25th - 7 p.m.

Lenten Study

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28th through to and including WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21st

- **Lenten Study**

- the usual Study/Lunch format -

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**NO SUNDAY SCHOOL SUNDAY, MARCH 11 AND SUNDAY, MARCH 18 -
“MARCH BREAK”**

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28th 11:00 a.m. ANNUAL SENIORS EASTER COMMUNION
& LUNCHEON

- as usual, we ask that you phone us if you plan to attend -
the kitchen staff appreciate knowing how many lunches to prepare!

HOLY WEEK

Sunday, April 1 - PALM SUNDAY

8:30 a.m. Blessing of Palms and Holy Communion
10:30 a.m. The Sunday of the Passion with the Liturgy of the Palms
10:45 a.m. Sunday School/Nursery

Wednesday, April 4 -

10:30 a.m. Holy Communion in the church

Thursday, April 5 - MAUNDY THURSDAY

6:00 p.m. Youth Sadar Supper
7:30 p.m. Institution of the Lord's Supper and Stripping of the Altar

Friday, April 6 - GOOD FRIDAY

10:00 a.m. Allandale Ecumenical Service at St. George's

Saturday, April 7 - EASTER EVE - HOLY SATURDAY

7:00 p.m. Holy Baptism and Eucharist BAS
Note: Baptismal Training & Rehearsal - 1:30 p.m. in the church!

Sunday, April 8 - EASTER SUNDAY

8:30 a.m. Holy Communion BAS
10:30 a.m. Holy Communion BCP
NO Sunday School

A very big THANK YOU for all the pill bottles thus far! I am keen on getting more and will be happy to share more information as I receive it. I'm leaving for another medical mission to Haiti on March 10th with “Men for Missions International”

- Judy Westman -

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HELP !!

We are in desperate need of more volunteers for MEALS ON WHEELS! Presently we have a turn every 5 weeks, BUT, if we could get more teams we may only have a turn every 10 weeks! MEALS ON WHEELS happens Tuesdays from 3:30 - 6 p.m. If you think you and a partner could help PLEASE contact Vicki Marentette at 721-4278.

BURIALS _

Thomas Morton - October 31, 2006
Jean Louise Hull - November 2, 2006
William Burke Yeats - November 17, 2006
Wilfred Thomas Barnes - December 11, 2006
Ian William Baker - December 14, 2006
Charles Flaherty - December 26, 2006

Concerned about the length of the services ??

One Sunday morning, the Pastor noticed little Alex was staring up at the large plaque that hung in the foyer of the church. It was covered with names and small flags were mounted on either side of them. The seven year old had been staring at the plaque for some time, so the Pastor walked up, stood beside the little boy, and said quietly, "Good morning, Alex." "Good morning, Pastor," replied the boy, still focussed on the plaque. "Pastor, what is this?" "Well, son, it's a memorial to all the young men and women who died in the service." Soberly, they stood together, staring at the large plaque. Little Alex's voice was barely audible, trembling with fear, when he asked, "which service, the 9:45 or the 11:15?"