

All Saints Church
Good News Daily

Devotional readings for each day, parish birthdays and anniversaries

February 15-21, 2026

Sunday, February 15

2 Corinthians 3:7-18 *But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away.* (v.16 NIV)

All through life we find ourselves in situations that are difficult to understand and tough to deal with. These can be times wrought with anxiety and frustration, worry and perplexity. These are the times when we are trying so hard to figure out what to do, relying on our own intellect and common sense, and perhaps even seeking guidance from others, asking for advice and the wisdom of the world, but not finding peace with any of the answers. Seeing our problems only on the earthly level is like looking through a veil: vision is limited, fuzzy, dim.

“But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away.” When we receive Christ into our hearts, he lifts the veil from our hearts and eyes and we are no longer slaves to our sins, limited in love and understanding. We can rejoice that we see clearly and deeply through Jesus’ eyes. “Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.” Praise God for giving us new life and clear vision!

Proverbs 26:1-23; Psalms 148, 149, 150; Luke 9:18-27

Birthdays: Lindsey Hunter

Anniversaries: Greg & Susan Miles

Monday, February 16

Philippians 2:1-13 *He humbled himself and became obedient to death—even death on a cross.* (v.8)

Humility sometimes seems to be a lost word in today’s culture. Rarely do journalists writing about famous people describe their subjects as “humble.” More often we read of their great financial “success,” their brilliant minds, their “luck” at having been in the right place at the right time, their competitiveness or perhaps their sheer determination to accomplish their goals. Smart, savvy, strong, tough— these are often the admired characteristics. But what about humility? Why do so many people equate humility with weakness?

Perhaps because they have never met our Lord, nor known anyone filled with his Holy Spirit. The ultimate act of humility and obedience was Jesus going to the cross for us, being willing to die so that others might live. This was not an indication of weakness, but rather of supreme courage, strength, and love. Humility through obedience to his Father in heaven resulted in the greatest gift anyone could ever be given: eternal life through faith in Jesus.

Father, take us deeper in our love and understanding of You, and appreciation of the most humble act of all time, Your Son’s incarnation, death, and resurrection. May this inspire humility in us.

Proverbs 27:1-6, 10-12; Psalm 25; John 18:15-18, 25-27

Birthdays: Ted Alden, Nick Ho, Peggy Rogers, Ted Smith

Anniversaries: Bryan & Kimberly Botic

Tuesday, February 17

John 18:28-38 *And to avoid ceremonial uncleanness the Jews did not enter the palace; they wanted to be able to eat the Passover.* (v.28b)

It’s so easy to spot hypocrisy in other people, isn’t it? In this passage we have a group of Jews intent on getting Jesus, an innocent man, murdered. These treacherous men with wicked hearts are very careful, however, not to break any of the ceremonial laws that would prevent their participating in worship at the temple or celebrating a feast. So, they stayed outside the palace of the Roman governor, as entering the house of a Gentile would cause a Jewish person to be ceremonially defiled. What hypocrites! Plot a murder but keep your hands clean.

Someone once said that the reason we can so readily see another person’s sin is because we have committed that sin ourselves. I believe this is often quite true. When I read this passage from John’s Gospel, I thought instantly of the blatant hypocrisy of these men. And then the Lord showed me instances in my own life when I have been quite hypocritical. This is humbling. This points up my own sinfulness and my need to confess, repent, and receive forgiveness.

Lord, when we see the sinfulness of others, turn our eyes inward and our hearts to You.

Proverbs 30:1-4, 24-33; Psalms 26, 28; Philippians 3:1-11

Birthdays: Jan Bill, James Buchanan, Brooks Conrad, Kinsley Davis, Jack Gardner,

Tina Kassatly, GG Ramos-Johnson

Anniversaries: Duke & Laura Marsh

Wednesday, February 18

Luke 18:9-14 *“For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”* (v.14b)

This parable was told by Jesus, “to some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everybody else.” The Pharisee was so proud of himself and told God (and those listening) how thankful he was that he didn’t sin like other men, especially the tax collector. At the same time, the tax collector was focusing on his own sinfulness, rather than the sins of others, and was pleading for God’s mercy. He knew who he was, and he knew who God was, and he knew that he needed God and His grace.

This parable could be characterized as hypocrisy vs. humility. It shows us that the Lord is not pleased when we are prideful about all the things we are doing “for him.” We can teach Sunday School, attend services three times a week, raise money for the church building fund, visit the sick, sing in the choir, attend Bible studies, etc. But, if we fail to recognize our own sinfulness and our great need of God’s grace, we are on the wrong track. Sooner or later such pride will be our undoing.

Dearest Lord Jesus, thank you for clothing us in your humility when we but ask. Thank you for sending Jesus to illustrate on the cross that “he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

Amos 5:6-15; Psalms 95, 32, 143; Hebrews 12:1-14

Birthdays: Tom Dance, Arthur Evans, Dave Jordan, Caitlin Yarbrough

Anniversaries: Eric & Nicole Parkerson

Thursday, February 19

Habakkuk 3:1-18 *“I stand in awe of your deeds, O LORD.”* (v.2b)

What do you stand in awe of? When I think of the Lord and begin to answer this question for myself, it seems as if there could be no limit to the number of things I could list. This is especially true if I sit on my patio on a beautiful, sunny, quiet morning and observe the beauty of God’s creation. I am in awe of flowers—their colors, their variety, their scents, their gracefulness. I am in awe of birds and butterflies—what must it be like to fly? Are there any colors God doesn’t use on their wings? I am in awe of trees, both great and small—they provide shade and shelter, food and lodging for a myriad of animals, from ants to squirrels to people. I know that there are many lessons God can teach me from observing the natural world.

But then I turn to my Bible, and I really stand in awe of all it has to teach me of the Lord and His deeds. Words are inadequate. From Creation to Resurrection, God shows His love again and again. I stand in awe of His power, His grace, His unfathomable and unconditional love, His timelessness, His forgiveness, His understanding and acceptance of me, His faithfulness, His unchanging nature, His patience, His kindness, His wisdom, His generosity, His gentleness, His might, the gift to me of His peace which truly passes all understanding.

Thank You, Lord for who You are, an awesome God.

Psalms 37:1-18; Philippians 3:12-21; John 17:1-8

Birthdays: James Hornsby, Mike Matthews, Brian Reece, Frances Sheahan,

Lea Steinberger, Norman Welsh

Friday, February 20

Philippians 4:1-9 *Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.* (v.6)

Paul is not merely making a suggestion that we (or the Philippians) should think about and debate and then decide for ourselves whether or not this is something worthy for us to consider. He is actually echoing the words of Jesus we find in the sixth chapter of Matthew: “Do not worry about your life...Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?...So do not worry...But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.” All the instructions that Jesus gave during his time on the earth should be thought of as commands, not suggestions.

When we obey such commands, the results are absolutely glorious. Paul continues in Philippians 4:7, “And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.” His peace is a gift to us when we battle worry by coming to God in prayer and casting all our burdens on Him.

Help us, Father, to bring an end to our anxiety by trusting in You and by learning to pray without ceasing.

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32; Psalms 95, 31; John 17:9-19

Birthdays: Caroline Blydenburgh, Laura Marsh

Anniversaries: Tom & Cathy Chasser, John Taylor & Mary Taylor Hill

Saturday, February 21

Philippians 4:10-20 *I can do everything through him who gives me strength.* (v.13)

These words of Paul I find so very encouraging and hopeful. Some years ago I studied Philippians in a small group Bible study, and I discovered that Paul was actually imprisoned in Rome when he penned this joyful letter to the church at Philippi. Isn’t it amazing that despite the hardships Paul faced in spreading the gospel, he could still rejoice in the Lord, regardless of his circumstances? Even in prison, Paul is unafraid of what the future holds because he knows that Christ will strengthen him and equip him for anything and everything.

When I find myself faced with a daunting task or an uncertain future or any situation that presents potential fear, worry, or anxiety, I try to remember Paul and the very real dangers that confronted him. Then I repeat over and over again to myself, “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”

Praise God!

Ezekiel 39:21-29; Psalms 30, 32; John 17:20-26

Birthdays: David Groth, Annabelle Lawton, Sydney Pool, Megan Viotor

Anniversaries: Gaston & Courtney Bugia, Steven & Mary Anne Gideon

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