

All Saints Church Good News Daily

Devotional readings for each day, parish birthdays and anniversaries

March 15-21, 2026

Sunday, March 15

Romans 8:11-25 *For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.* (v.13 NIV)

It should be a great comfort to us to know that upon accepting Jesus as our personal savior, God gave us a gift in the form of the Holy Spirit. He guides our thoughts and decisions. He is a comfort in all of our situations. But how often do we succumb to the thoughts heard so often: it's my life, it's my money, it's my body, and I should be able to do what I want.

Having the power of the Spirit is not a guarantee that we will make the right decisions. The power of the flesh often prevails and leads us to a separation from God. Be comforted with the knowledge that the Spirit is within you but be ever aware that Satan will antagonize you with the power of the flesh.

Genesis 48:8-22; Psalms 66, 67; John 6:27-40

Birthdays: Tim Clark, Steve Cook, Terry Gross, Martha Kelley, Renee Thompson

Anniversaries: Jim Fitch & Doriana Atkinson-Fitch

Monday, March 16

Mark 7:24-37 *Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone. But the more he did so, the more they kept talking about it.* (v.36)

In choosing friends or in deciding how much I want to share when talking with friends, I think about whether they will keep confidentiality. When I am told something, I always process the thought, "Is this information my information to share or is this something that is not meant to be shared." Finding friends that will not openly share everything you tell them is not easy. Even the disciples found it difficult not to discuss what Jesus was doing. He wanted to avoid the scrutiny of followers that wanted to trap him for what he was preaching.

One of the greatest gifts that we can provide a friend is to be a good listener and to keep confidentiality about the discussions. It is always tempting to be the one that has the latest information but keep asking yourself whether this is your information to spread. Normally it is not. Be a good friend and don't share information that is not intended to be shared.

Genesis 49:1-28; Psalm 89:1-18; 1 Corinthians 10:14—11:1

Birthdays: Tricia Anderson, Alex Canaan, John Cowart, Peggy Cruickshank, Stephen Ferguson, Lisa Gross, Arthur Yergey

Anniversaries: Rick & Wendy Ahl

Tuesday, March 17

Psalm 100 *Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.* (v.4)

During times of struggle, I often lament about not getting speedy answers to my prayer requests. Patience does build strength of faith, but I

find that discipline difficult. It is also hard for me to offer praise in a time of need. I tend to focus on what I need or don't have as compared to all of the blessings already in my possession.

Perspective might be the anecdote for my concerns. In times of need or stress, let's try to give thanks for what we already have and find a way to enter his gates with thanksgiving rather than with a longer list of requests.

Genesis 49:29—50:14; Psalms 97, 99; 1 Corinthians 11:17-34; Mark 8:1-10

Birthdays: Dalia Cabani, Ken Tyndall, Maggie Wiegand

Wednesday, March 18

1 Corinthians 12:1-11 *There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them.* (v.4)

The Holy Spirit comes to us at the time of our acceptance of Christ as our savior. He becomes an inner voice helping us to navigate our relationship. Sometimes forgotten is the conveyance of individual gifts. We become unique with these gifts and need to become aware of what has been given to us. Everyone does not receive the same gifts thus it becomes relevant and important to discern our individual gifts. Scripture tells us to carry our own burdens and that we are responsible to use what has been given. I have found joy in becoming aware of my own gifts and have found satisfaction in using them. I encourage you to identify your own gifts and find ways to put them to good use. You will find comfort and joy in doing so.

Genesis 50:15-26; Psalms 101, 109; Mark 8:11-26

Birthdays: Andrew Balke, Astrid Feeny, Mary Langley, Hunter Miller, Heather Miller, Colleen Scordato, Suzanne Seymour

Thursday, March 19

Exodus 1:6-22 *The midwives, however, feared God and did not do what the King of Egypt had told them to do; they let the boys live.* (v.17)

When confronted with difficult decisions, how quickly might we lose perspective of what is right and what might not be pleasing to God. Sometimes we are just saving face or don't want to be criticized by our friends with our words or actions. It reminds me of the saying, "Easy to say but tough to do." As we think through our actions let us reflect on what Jesus would have us do. The reward of doing what is pleasing to him is far greater than any other form of acceptance. Join me in becoming more grounded in biblical perspective and to acquiring the discipline to make those beliefs a daily part of every decision we make.

Psalm 69; 1 Corinthians 12:12-26; Mark 8:27—9:1

Birthdays: Flavia Villon de Arrington, William James, Bear Reams, Chuck Robertson, Paige Romine

Anniversaries: Scott & Christine Miller

Friday, March 20

Psalm 102 *Hear my prayer, LORD; let my cry for help come to you. Do not hide your face from me when I am in distress. Turn your ear to me; when I call, answer me quickly.* (vv.1-2)

When I read these verses, I am reminded of my prayers and my thought that He is not listening. Is the Lord too busy or did my request

not get through? While I have learned to be more patient, I still prefer quick answers. In this psalm the writer seems to be in a similar position. When answers finally become apparent, I realize that some of the answers are better than I could have dreamed or are quite different than what I had expected. Sometimes the Lord just needs the time to move the pieces. And in the right time he just might provide a better or different answer.

Exodus 2:1-22; 1 Corinthians 12:27—13:3; Mark 9:2-13

Birthdays: Leslie Andreae, Matthew Clayton, Malcolm Hawley, Pete Rodrigues, Doug Sheahan

Saturday, March 21

Mark 9:14-29 *He replied, "This kind can come out only by prayer."* (v.29)

Well, I have tried everything else so maybe I will pray. Or as one of my teachers used to say, "Pray last, get nowhere fast." I find it interesting in this verse that Jesus has indicated the only way to rid the demon was through prayer. It reminds me of this significant form or way of communicating with our savior. I am so often ready to move into action in anticipation that the outcome is totally dependent on my actions. While we are not called to just sit without action we should not be about our work without committing our thoughts in prayer. I find better resolution with the balance of prayer and individual action. And, as indicated in this verse, sometimes prayer alone could be the right step.

Exodus 2:23—3:15; Psalms 107:33-43, 108; 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Birthdays: TJ Fleming, Lora Lei Hanson, John Hursh

Anniversaries: Conner & Caroline Futch

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