

All Saints Church
Good News Daily

Devotional readings for each day, parish birthdays and anniversaries

October 11-17, 2026

Sunday, October 11

Micah 6:1-8 *He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.* (v.8 NIV)

How often and how easily we get sidetracked looking for what it is that God is calling us to do? In my own life I begin by seeking God’s will and then find I am miles away. The reason is often quite simple: I look in the wrong places.

If we buy a new washing machine and want to figure out how to make it work, we probably won’t begin reading the directions for the dryer. Common sense, perhaps. But maybe someone would say: “Well, they both deal with clothes, and they are both a part of the process of cleaning, so maybe by learning about the dryer I can figure out the washing machine.” It’s that kind of thinking that leads us astray.

God has shown us what is good in Scripture. Throughout His Word He gives us directions and examples of how to live. For the mistaken sake of being inclusive, we often look elsewhere before we ever come to His Word. Let us be a people who seek Him in His Word.

Psalms 146, 147; 1 Corinthians 4:9-16; Matthew 15:21-28

Birthdays: Elizabeth Hock, Paul Owens

Anniversaries: Jon & Sonia Baety

Monday, October 12

Psalms 1 *He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season.* (v.3)

We live in a world of momentum. We give cows hormones to produce more milk; we put fertilizer on our vegetables to make them grow faster; we want more, and we want it quickly. This verse from Psalm 1 flies in the face of this attitude when the psalmist writes: “which yields fruit in season.”

The fruit in our lives is not going to be immediately or perpetually in view, and that doesn’t fit well with our microwave mentality. As Christians in a world of momentum, we must learn to wait—we must trust the Lord’s timing of seasons.

All that happens in our lives is a part of the production of fruit, even when the fruit is not visible.

If we are willing to take time with the Lord, if we are willing to be still and wait, then we will receive the nourishment we need in order to bear that fruit. Let us be planted by streams of water—in fellowship, in worship, in daily Bible reading and prayer. The fruit will come in its season, and the Father will always be with us.

Micah 7:1-7; Psalms 2, 3; Acts 26:1-23; Luke 8:26-39

Birthdays: Palmer Vietor

Anniversaries: Bill & Kathleen Freyer

Tuesday, October 13

Jonah 1:1-17a *But Jonah ran away from the Lord.* (v.3)

Have you ever watched a child trying to hide the cookies he brought to his bed with the crumbs falling out from between the sheets and big chocolate smears on his face? He really thinks he’s hiding his petty theft, that he has gotten away with something. We chuckle at the futility of his efforts, but often they mirror our own actions.

To attempt to run away from God is to say “No!” It is to be defiant. We might look at the story of Jonah and think, “But he was so obvious in his

disobedience.” Is subtle disobedience more virtuous than a blatant refusal? I don’t think so. In our world we can mask our disobedience with busyness—we’ll get to God’s request later.

When God calls us to Himself, He calls us to obedience. When we count the cost as we imagine it, we are stepping out of that obedience and feeding our own desires. That God should call us to work alongside Him is amazing enough; let us seek to “run to” rather than “run away from”!

Psalms 5, 6; Acts 26:24—27:8; Luke 8:40-56

Birthdays: Roy Clement, Alex Locke, Annice Rang

Wednesday, October 14

Luke 9:1-17 *Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke them. Then he gave them to the disciples to set before the people.* (v.16)

This is truly a rich picture of our Father’s abundance and of our call to respond. For all that we are given, we are to know where it comes from, and we are to give thanks. Upon receiving the five loaves and two fishes, it would not have been obvious that these meager provisions would have been enough for everyone. But rather than saying, “Father, don’t you see how many people are here?” Jesus gave thanks. Then he broke and gave the loaves and fishes to be distributed.

What was whole became broken, in order to be given. Sometimes we want to hold onto the whole, but we must be willing to break and be broken. And then we are set free to give. When we give of the Lord’s provision, the blessings are immeasurable—to us and to those to whom we have given.

Jonah 1:17—2:10; Psalm 119:1-24; Acts 27:9-26

Birthdays: Sofia Senft, Callie Wurtzel, Jeanie Wurtzel

Thursday, October 15

Psalms 18:1-20 *He reached down from on high and took hold of me; he drew me out of deep waters.* (v.16)

What an incredibly tender picture the psalmist paints here—the Father reaching down from on high and taking hold of us, securing us in His grasp. And then beyond the securing comes the drawing out of deep waters. This is an action of love, a gesture of salvation.

I don’t believe we always anticipate the depth of the waters we’re entering. We may very well begin in shallow waters. But when we are in the depths, when we have come to the place where we are truly at the end of ourselves, the reality of a loving Father grabbing hold of us and lifting us from that darkness is overwhelming.

It seems as though, no matter how “normal” life may become after such an experience, there is an internal, personal reality we carry with us as a result. That makes us all the more attentive to the Father, so we can better avoid waters that would pull us from His love in the future.

Jonah 3:1—4:11; Acts 27:27-44; Luke 9:18-27

Birthdays: Charles Ahl, Kate Allport, Denise Mackinnon, Sofia Ravndal,

Kathy Smith, Eric Snyder, Francesca Hagood

Friday, October 16

Luke 9:28-36 *As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, “Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.”* (v.33)

What one of us, experiencing the power and glory of God, has not wanted to stay in that very place for as long as possible? When our feelings are strong and our experience profound, we will do whatever we can to remain there. Feelings can be wonderful, and God gives us incredible experiences of Himself and His power.

For many of us, our conversion was a deeply emotional experience, when we felt, for the first time, the incredible love of Jesus enfold us. We treasure that time when we felt his wonderful protection, acceptance and compassion. It was only later that we understood the true meaning of that most emotional moment.

We are to take, we are to give thanks, and we are to break and to give. Those sacred moments are meant to fuel us, not to stop us in our tracks and leave us there. Experiences of the power and passion of God are given to us at times when we are open to receive them. We are to let them change us and then share them through our witness to others who hunger so deeply for the reality of a risen Lord.

Song of Solomon 1:2-8; Psalms 16, 17; Acts 28:1-16

Birthdays: Gabe De Jesus, Heather Junod, Amy Meyer

Saturday, October 17

Acts 28:17-31 *Paul...welcomed all who came to see him. Boldly and without hindrance he preached the kingdom of God and taught about the Lord Jesus Christ.* (vv.30b-31)

This spring we were house-hunting and my husband made an observation. In houses that are older, the living rooms were large and welcoming. Bedrooms often were much smaller. In newer houses the master bedrooms are huge, while living rooms are sometimes so small that they are hardly functional. We have lost much of our desire to gather together. Our worlds have become so busy and full that our homes have become refuges instead of gathering places.

People need to see how Christians live. People need to hear the Word of God in ways beyond church. If we are tucked away and exhausted, then our witness hardly exists. We are called to make wise choices, choices that get beyond the tyranny of the urgent and enable us to live a life that really matters.

God puts people in our lives who will only see Him through us. Let us seek His wisdom and the strength to be willing to gather together in His name.

Song of Solomon 1:9—2:7; Psalms 20, 21; Luke 9:37-50

Birthdays: Nikki Conrad, Trevor Taylor

Anniversaries: Mike & Jill Edwards

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