

All Saints Church
Good News Daily

Devotional readings for each day, parish birthdays and anniversaries

October 18-24, 2026

Sunday, October 18

Matthew 16:13-20 *Simon Peter answered, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”* (v.16 NIV)

What a blessing it is to recognize God as a “living” God and to be able to have a personal, ongoing relationship with Him. The Old Testament Israelites called Him Jehovah-Shammah, which means “Jehovah is there.” It is the promise of a holy God dwelling in the midst of His people. It is the promise of His presence, then, and now, through Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God.

What a further blessing God has given us to be able to recognize who Jesus is and what he means to each of us. It is only by God’s grace that we can call on the name of Jesus as the Christ, the Messiah, our Savior and Redeemer. We are blessed indeed with this insight, this grace-filled experience that can transform our lives.

Song of Solomon 2:8-17; Psalms 148, 149, 150; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Birthdays: Winston Clayton, Maggie Anderson, Preston Rupert, Daniel Van Valkenburgh, Dean Wright

Anniversaries: Ted & Angela Estes, Rod James & Elizabeth Montgomery, Steve & Sally Simmons, Larry & Connie Standish, David & Barbara Yergey

Monday, October 19

Luke 9:51-62 *As they were walking along the road, a man said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.”* (v.57)

Have you gotten to a place in your Christian journey where you have heard yourself say to Jesus, “I will follow you wherever you lead me?”

Years ago, during a prayer time, I heard myself make that statement. I really did not care what he had planned for me, I just knew that I was at the point where I wanted to serve him. Soon after this declaration I found myself in the Kairos prison ministry, sharing God’s love with the lost and lonely men in our state prisons. It has been a wonderful blessing and my ministry has been expanded to leading a weekly Bible study in the prison. I find myself looking forward to going there each week.

God has a ministry for each of us if we can get to a place spiritually where we just want to serve and be with Jesus. We lose interest in worldly things because of the joy we find in serving God. Are you ready to follow wherever he leads you?

Song of Solomon 4:1—5:1; Psalm 25; Revelation 7:1-8

Birthdays: Anna Cash, Cory Kroeger

Tuesday, October 20

Luke 10:1-16 *After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. He told them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few.”* (vv.1-2a)

Today’s reading shows the reality of serving Christ. Jesus sent the seventy-two out in pairs for a number of reasons, the primary reason being that they would encourage and support one another. He also wanted to show them that he would supply all their needs while they served him, so he sent them out without money or personal possessions.

Jesus knew that there were large numbers of people who wanted to hear the gospel. These people would be friendly, and many would open their hearts

and their homes to his followers. But Jesus also knew that there would be rejection, ridicule, and scorn. Even after healing the sick, many would reject them.

Have things changed? If you are living the Christian life, aren’t you finding the same true today? Trust that there will be those who will be open and friendly and will hear. And trust that Jesus will provide all you need.

Song of Solomon 5:2—6:3; Psalms 26, 28; Revelation 7:9-17

Birthdays: Jim Meyer, David Owen, Kelly Ressler, Mary Waits

Anniversaries: Larry & Jennifer Coates, Cory & Mary Kroeger

Wednesday, October 21

Luke 10:17-24 *The seventy-two returned with joy and said, “Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name.” He replied, “...do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”* (vv.17, 20)

It is easy for us to get off track in our ministry and think we are doing things for God and take personal pride in them. The only thing that is important is being with Jesus daily and seeing people commit their lives to him.

About a year ago I asked God to give me an urgency for sharing the gospel. I was really having trouble making it a priority and needed more of a reason than the gift of eternal life I could bring to someone else. Shortly after this prayer request, I read the book *The Power of Story* by Leighton Ford. In it he says that the reason we share Jesus with people is because it makes God our Father happy and gives Him great joy. Do we need another reason? Glorifying Jesus gives joy to the Father, and that is reason enough for us to share the gospel on a regular basis. Give God some joy today.

Song of Solomon 8:5-14; Psalm 38; Revelation 8:1-13

Birthdays: Maria Daniels, Michael Marder, Sabine Miller, Debbie Robison, Luke Scordato, Mark Williams

Thursday, October 22

Luke 10:25-37 *He answered: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind”; and, “Love your neighbor as yourself.”* (v.27)

In the Bible Reading Fellowship’s publication *The Journey*, writer Greg Asimakoupoulos defined a neighbor “not by proximity to our place of residence, but rather the one who is parked in the shadow of our resources.”

We discover these needy ones quite unexpectedly as we proceed through life preoccupied with our daily destinations. What is more, they are persons whose needs should nullify our stereotypical cultural definitions or class distinctions. They are persons who may not look like us, dress like us, smell like us, or believe like us, but are, like us, made in the image of God. They are persons who need our God but need us first.

Lord Jesus, thank you for the opportunities to do unto others as I would have them do unto me. Amen.

Esther 1:1-4, 9-12, 16-22; Psalm 37:1-18; Revelation 9:1-12

Birthdays: Ed Ho, Skylar Otto, Scott Seiler, Karin Taggart, Mattie Yergey

Anniversaries: Eric & Charli Jane Braun, David & Darbee Percival, Peter & Susie Wong

Friday, October 23

Luke 10:38-42 *“Martha, Martha,” the Lord answered, “you are worried and upset about many things, but only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her.”* (vv.41-42)

Sometimes we get so busy at work or in ministry that we forget to be with Jesus. Sometimes we get so busy thinking about our worldly problems that

we forget to take all our cares to him. Sometimes we settle for the good instead of the best.

In the story of Mary and Martha, we learn the lesson that nothing is more important than constant contact with Jesus. Martha was occupied with serving Jesus while Mary was spending her time with Jesus. A good indication that we are too occupied with service instead of fellowship with Christ is that we get irritated or frustrated easily with our work. If you are easily irritated or frustrated in your work or with your life, stop all effort and get alone with God and ask to be renewed with the power of His Holy Spirit.

Esther 2:1-11; Psalm 31; Revelation 9:13-21

Birthdays: Sean Ambs, Patrick Branner, Indy Estes, Mimi Ford, Shawn Stewart

Saturday, October 24

Luke 11:1-13 *So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.* (vv.9-10)

It is interesting that today’s gospel reading begins with Jesus teaching the disciples, and us, how to pray. If we are going to ask God for something, if we are seeking His will for our lives, and if we come to Him boldly, through Christ, in prayer, we know that we will receive that for which we prayed. The apostle Paul tells us: “Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God” (Philippians 4:6).

Like everything else we have been reading this week, the message here is the need for conscious, continuous contact with God, through Jesus Christ. We need to seek the mind of Christ and pray that the desires of our heart and the things we ask for are in perfect agreement with God. Let us be bold in our prayer life in what we pray for and constantly seek His will for our daily lives.

Esther 2:12-23; Psalms 30, 32; Revelation 10:1-11

Birthdays: Colin Buchanan, Isabella Hetz, Randy Robertson, Aiden Rodrigues, Mike Tyler

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