



To love the Lord God above all,  
to love our neighbors as ourselves  
and to live out our Baptismal covenant  
so that we build a community transformed by the love of Jesus Christ.

### From Father John

State of the Church – Delivered by Fr. John at the 2011 Annual Meeting

“Lord, it is good for us to be here.” These words, taken from the Gospel of Matthew (Matt 17:4a), are spoken by the Apostle Peter to Jesus on the occasion of the Transfiguration of Our Lord. When I thought about what I would say to you today, these words keep ringing in my ears.

Lord, it is good for us to be here in this vibrant Christian community known as St. John’s. For this privilege we give you thanks. In our first year together, I promised to be present, listen and learn and that’s what I have done. I spent my time trying to get to know you and allowing you to know me. As we begin our second year together, that effort will continue.

I have made very few changes, none without consultation. The biggest change was to start the second service on Sunday morning at 10:30 instead of 10 a.m. This change provided additional time for Christian education from 9:15 until 10:15.

What have I learned? This church has a treasured history and is filled with loving, caring people. There have been some difficult times and some people are still hurting. You put your faith into action in many ministries and programs. Recently some of our members created a beautiful artistic rendering of our many ministries and programs. It is located in the parish hall.

We want to live into our new Vision and Mission (based on Great Commandment and Baptismal promises). We want to find ways the Vestry and all of us can be more supportive to our ministries.

Where are we going in 2011? We established four focus areas for 2010 and 2011: Spirituality, Youth and Children, Holy

Hospitality and Organizational Revitalization. Progress has been made within each of these areas and work on them will continue.

During 2011, we will expand our efforts under Youth and Children to focus on people under 35, which includes young adults, youth and children of all ages. This is one of Bishop Greg’s priority areas for the Diocese as well. We won’t ignore our more senior members either, but we must look forward and plan for the future.

In order to increase membership of those under 35 I would like to hire a half-time or quarter-time staff person specifically assigned to develop programs to attract young adults and youth and children. In order to grow overall, I would like to increase our administrative support from half to three-quarters time. These efforts will require additional pledge income.

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## ~Artículos en Español y Inglés~

### La Virgen de Guadalupe

Nuestro sueño de un santuario a la Virgen de Guadalupe en el exterior de la iglesia de San Juan está en marcha. Belén Carrillo, miembro de la sacristía, generosamente ha donado una imagen de la Virgen de Guadalupe de 3 pies, la misma que será el foco central del santuario. Nuestro diácono Tony Irving y Gustavo Portaro vienen trabajando los planes para la próxima reunión del comité de sacristía. Esperamos contar con un bosquejo que próximamente estaremos mostrando a la comunidad. Vamos a requerir de ayuda tanto económica como de mano de obra conforme al avance de este proyecto. El plan incluye una bendición del santuario hacia el mes de setiembre, a la que asistirá el obispo Rickel.



### Our Lady of Guadalupe

The ongoing dream of an outdoor shrine for Our Lady of Guadalupe is moving forward. Vestry member Belen Carrillo has donated a three-foot statue to be the central focus of the shrine. Deacon Tony Irving and Gustavo Portaro are working on plans to present to the next vestry meeting. We hope to have a photograph to show the congregation soon. Help will be needed with the costs and hands-on work as the project progresses.

Our plan includes a blessing by Bishop Greg in September.

### El Miércoles de Ceniza

El Miércoles de Ceniza, 9 de marzo, tendremos misa e imposición de ceniza a las 6 p.m. Es una manera especial en que iniciaremos la estación de cuaresma. Todos son bienvenidos.

### Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday March 9, will feature a Spanish mass and imposition of ashes at 6 p.m. This is an important way to begin the lenten season.

### Una Feria de Servicios de Salud

El sábado 30 de abril, de 10 a.m. a 6 p.m., se realizará en el Tacoma Dome de Tacoma una feria de servicios de salud. El ingreso y todos los servicios que se presten serán gratuitos. Habrá servicio dental, ocular, clínico de diversas especialidades entre otros. Se recomienda asistir temprano.

Más información y como registrarse para ser atendido en la pagina web:

<http://www.piercecountymrc.org/CARE.php>

### Health Fair

A Health Fair will be held on Saturday, April 30, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., in the Tacoma Dome. Access and services are free. Dental, ocular and other clinic services will be available. Registration information is available at:

<http://www.piercecountymrc.org/CARE.php>

## ~Faith Formation~

### March Lenten Programs and Activities

**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper:** Your Vestry members and youth will sponsor this event. Pancakes of various kinds will be available on Tuesday evening, March 8, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Donations to cover the cost of the event will be appreciated.

**Ash Wednesday:** Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes will be held at 7 a.m., noon, 6 p.m. (Spanish service) and 7:30 p.m.

### Lenten Wednesday Evening Soup Suppers

**Programs:** Soup Suppers and Lenten classes will begin Wednesday, March 2, and continue through Lent (except for Ash Wednesday, March 9). The soup suppers will begin at 6 p.m. followed by the presentations/discussions from 6:30 until 8 p.m.

The six-week classes will serve as an introduction to the Episcopal Church for newcomers and inquirers. They will also prepare those who want to be baptized, confirmed and/or received from another faith tradition into the Episcopal Church when our Bishop visits on Palm Sunday, April 17.

Please let us know if you plan to attend the soup suppers and presentations. We also need volunteers to prepare soup and bread for the suppers. Questions? Please contact Mother June or Father John through the church office.

## 146<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting Summary

By *Father John*

On January 30, 2011, Father John hosted the 146<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of St. John's. Attendance at the meeting was excellent with over 80 members attending.

The dual theme was celebration and thanksgiving. Everyone was thanked for their dedicated service to St. John's, particularly the "graduating" Vestry Allen Zeigler (Senior Warden), Dennis Cooper (Junior Warden), Bill Elledge and Tim Tayne. We elected new Vestry members: Lee Mohler, Chuck Moore, Tim Tayne and Ric Weatherman.

Fr. John chose Lucy Clifthorne as his Senior Warden, and the Vestry elected Ric Weatherman as Junior Warden. The elected delegates to convention are: Daren Chidester, Dennis Cooper, Hope Duncan, Ted Focke, Vicki Focke, Linda Madison, Kathleen McKinney and Jens Stahmer. Alternate delegates elected are Georgie Allen, Kay Cooper, Don Duncan, Larrel O'Keefe, Gustavo and Rosario Portaro, and Ray Willard. We have a vacancy for a man on the delegation.

Allen Zeigler highlighted accomplishments of the past year, including improvements inside the building, plumbing outside the building and the creation of the Vine and the Branches artwork in the parish hall. Allen highlighted the ministries of music and outreach.

We reviewed the budgets for 2010 and 2011. Father John described his interest in hiring a staff person part-time to promote the "under 35" ministry of St. John's. He also would like to increase the secretary's hours from one-half to three-quarters time. More information will be forthcoming about these needs.

Father John thanked the wonderful staff and clergy whose efforts make St. John's the wonderful community it is. He applauded all the volunteers for their generous sharing of their time and talent.

## Women's Spirituality Group

By *Georgie Allen*

On March 5, 2011, at 10 a.m., the Women's Spirituality Group will gather in the Guild Room and listen to a meditative reading. After a few minutes of silent time, we will read and discuss Chapter 4, "Hearty Fish Soup," from Margaret McGee's book, *Sacred Attention*.

All women are welcome to join us at anytime. For further information, please call Mother June (352-8527) or Georgie Allen (350-0395). We hope to see you on March 5.

## Father John's State of the Church

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With 150 pledges, we would require a \$24,000 increase in overall pledge income from \$432,546 to \$456,246. This represents a yearly increase of \$160 per pledging unit or weekly increase of just \$3. I am aware that this may be a burden to some families, but we need more help if we want to increase our membership.

During 2011 we also want to get to know each other better. We hope to establish a framework where we can share our stories of faith and really communicate with each other. We want to foster an environment in which people feel safe and valued – a place of healing and recovery.

To increase opportunities for communication, we will offer All Parish quarterly meetings to share news, build community and provide a specific time to share ideas, issues and concerns with me and one another.

In closing I want to return to the Scripture passage from Matthew describing the Transfiguration of Our Lord, "Suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from a bright cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with him I am well pleased; listen to him!'"

As servants of Jesus Christ in this vibrant Christian community we, too, are beloved of God. Let us show our appreciation for all the blessings we have – not the least of which is belonging to this community. Georgie and I look forward to being with you during this exciting time. Thank you for your welcome and loving support. Let us support one another and remember that we are the children of God and, as such, we share in God's love, grace, and blessings, always. God Bless You!

## Special Service for Early May?

By *Jenny Loudon*

Following up on a suggestion we received some time ago from Fr. Don Maddox, the Pastoral Care Ministry is discussing having a special service (maybe on Wednesday, May 11) for people who find it difficult to get to church and/or to sit through a Sunday service.

We'd like to have a short communion service in the Chapel, followed by a light lunch, and we hope to be able to arrange transportation for a number of our parishioners who can't join us in church or fellowship as often as they—and we—would like. If this is something that appeals to you, please call Mtr. June or leave word in the office that you are interested.

## The Examen: A Lenten Discipline

By Mother June

Lent begins on Wednesday, March 9, this year. This Lenten season, I would like to suggest a discipline for seeking God and a closer relationship with the Holy One.

Whatever spiritual practice we choose, the point is to take time each day to intentionally notice God in all aspects of our lives. And, having done so, we can become more proficient at recognizing God in all that we are and all that we do.

Using the **Examen** as a guide, we are encouraged to review the events of each day in light of God's presence and to discern God's direction for us. It is an ancient practice that can help us see God's hand at work in our whole experience. The five steps are:

1. Become aware of God's presence.
2. Review the day with gratitude.
3. Pay attention to your emotions.
4. Choose one feature of the day and pray from it.
5. Look forward to tomorrow.

As part of this daily ritual, invite the Father, Son and Holy Spirit to be present. Sit quietly and ask the Holy Spirit to help you recall your day in love. (Acts 17:28) Think of what you are grateful for. (John 16:13)

Ask yourself how your feelings about people, events and social issues or problems influence the way you deal with them. (Jer. 18:6) Does your heart hold wrongs or hurts that need forgiveness or repentance? Let God through His forgiveness restore your heart. (Deut. 30:14-15,19) Finish with the Lord's Prayer.

## ~Around the Parish~

### Are You Ready for the Big One?

By Paul Peck

Think. If your household suddenly found itself in the midst of a natural or human-made disaster, could it get along for at least three days without help?

We're talking about the kind of disaster that interrupts normal life we take for granted: heat, water, lights, safe roads and bridges, police and fire protection and so forth.

Just such a thing could occur in our region. Emergency planners say it's not "if" but "when" a region-wide emergency will happen. And they urge every

household to be self-reliant for 72 hours with no help from professional responders.

What do you need in a household emergency kit? At the least water, food and medicines to last the three days. Beyond that pack in battery powered radio and flashlights, cash in small denominations, first aid supplies, leather gloves, toilet paper. Think of building your kit as though you were going camping for three days. In a large emergency you might be doing just that.

Be sure to have a smaller emergency kit in each of your vehicles too. And don't forget your pets that will need water and food.

St. John's is just beginning its disaster preparedness program – for individuals and for the congregation as a whole. We are considering a number of activities, including a preparedness fair later in the year. If you have ideas, please contact Paul Peck or Mindy Chambers through the church office.

Stay tuned for future activities.

### Bookworm's Nook

By Jenny Loudon

This month I feel called to write about two books we have recently added to our church library: They are Mary Doria Russell's *Children of God* and Sybil MacBeth's *Praying in Color*.

*Children of God* is a novel—actually, a science fiction novel—and sequel to *The Sparrow*. Deeply as I loved the first book, I have to confess that I loved the second even more. This is not only an exciting tale, full of interesting characters and events, but it is food for both mind and soul in a variety of ways. In the first book, a team of priests and scientists from earth goes to another planet, encounters sentient beings there, and experiences both glorious and horrific interactions with them. In the second book, events on earth and on the other planet unfold in believable but also surprising ways, and the persons involved are forced to see their roles (and their mistakes) in a different light. There is much to ponder here about faith, history, art, forgiveness, and mystery.

*Praying in Color*, subtitled, *Drawing a New Path to God*, is a lovely book in a very different way. This is basically a "How-To" book, a manual for making one's prayers (especially intercessory prayers) graphic. MacBeth advocates a sort of free-style sketching in color that has nothing to do with art and everything to do with involving the subconscious in meditation. This book is well organized. It begins with examples and accounts of

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using the method in prayers for others. Further chapters deal with a number of other ways one might use this approach—with scripture, in seeking discernment, in looking for ways to make amends to those we've harmed, and even in praying for our enemies. I found the section on using this method with scripture, in a specialized form of *lectio divina*, especially interesting. And I have to admit that I'm sure I will try several of the approaches suggested, including some ways to create color prayers on a computer!

## Our Mystical, Magical, Ministry Vine!

By Laura Tayne

**Where:** On the big wall in the Parish Hall. If you haven't seen it, you must!

**What:** A vine depicting the many ministries that are supported by St. John's and lovingly carried out by our parish family.

**Who:** Rob Michie planted the seed. He brought his vision to Steph Schreck and me. We put our heads together, then called in Leanne Willard and Michael Clifthorne to help make it happen. At our first meeting, Michael studied the very sad little mockup that I brought in - a twig wrapped in copper wire with a tiny dangling copper leaf. Just like Michael, he politely said he'd like to try a different version made with fabric and fiber. And just like Michael, the next week he brought in a magnificent miniature version of the finished project that is now in place. Our group set to gathering oddments that might depict our faith, our mission, our diversity. . . then we met, along with the quilting group and other faithful helpers to put it all together.

**When:** Our goal was to have the vine with branches and leaves finished by the annual meeting. We came in ahead of schedule on that phase! Next will be two banners flanking the vine. One will contain information about the different ministries along with contact information. The other will portray church leadership, including the staff, and the Vestry members. These are projected to be in place sometime before Palm Sunday.

Because this vine actually grew spontaneously right before our eyes, with different ones concentrating on different little areas, every detail is interesting and meaningful and packed with character. Much like St. John's itself. When we stood back and looked at the finished piece, we were in awe. And we hope you love it as well.

## ~Beyond the Walls~

### Food Bank Needs Your Help

Besides donations of food, the Thurston County Food Bank needs plastic bags (with handles) and large paper grocery bags. Drop them off in the Church office.

If you wish to donate food, you can do so each Sunday by placing it in the baskets at the back of the church. Food donations especially needed are high protein food such as canned chili, peanut butter, beans, or canned meat. They also need pasta and macaroni and cheese, canned fruit and vegetables, soup, baby food and formula, and fresh fruits and vegetables that store well in a refrigerator.

Monetary donations also are greatly appreciated. Cash or checks can be mailed to:

Thurston County Food Bank  
220 Thurston St N.E.  
Olympia, WA. 98501-1138

### El Hogar Update

Thank you for your continued support of Jahir, the student we sponsor at El Hogar, which serves boys in extreme poverty and need in Honduras. We have raised \$1,050 toward our \$1,500 commitment. The new school year began in February. Please keep Jahir and El Hogar in your prayers.

### Reconciliation Workshop

Dr. Billie Ann Davis, a nationally acclaimed speaker, consultant and personal coach, will be in the Shelton area to lead a day-long workshop called Apology and Forgiveness on Saturday, March 26.

Her workshop, a benefit for nonprofit women's retreat and resource organization Hypatia-in-the-Woods, will run from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Holly House.

Dr. Davis has worked for the U.S. Department of the Army in Europe and the U.S. Department of Labor. For 10 years, she was on faculty at Seattle University, where she taught reconciliation in the executive and pastoral leadership programs.

A suggested donation for the daylong workshop is \$75, and lunch will be provided.

To register, and to receive directions and pre-workshop materials, phone Carolyn Maddux at (360) 426-2268 or contact her at [cmaddux@hcc.net](mailto:cmaddux@hcc.net) by e-mail.

## St. John's Concert Series Dares to Present ...

By Kate Walsh

The Second City Chamber Series, young chamber music players, in "Chamber Mania." The performance will include:

- Duos and Trios! Quartets, Quintets, and Sextets!
- Strings, Flutes, Clarinets, Brass, and Piano!
- Mozart, Haydn, Bach! Prokofiev, Milhaud, Vivaldi!
- The premiere of Robert Hansler's "eighty-five point five %," a celebration of the creation and transformative power of music shared.

The madness begins at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 6, 2011, at the church. Admission is by donation. Free childcare will be provided and a reception will be given for the artists after the performance.

The Second City Chamber Series of Tacoma provides high-school aged musicians who love chamber music the chance to participate in the Second City Young Chamber Players.

## Vestry Minutes

Ric Weatherman was elected Jr. Warden. Don Duncan was reelected Treasurer and Nancy Axell, Clerk of the Vestry.

Fr. John reported the phone system is renewed and works very well.

The Vestry will continue to serve coffee on Sunday mornings. Ann Hutcheson will keep Vestry persons informed of their turn. This provides an opportunity for service attendees to communicate with the Vestry.

## Event Committee Schedule

The Event Committee plans and carries out many of St. John's social events. All are welcome to join. Being part of this fun-loving group is a great way to get to know new people at St. John's.

Here is a calendar of the events scheduled in 2011:

**Sunday, April 17,** Bishop Greg's Visit

**Saturday, April 23,** Easter Vigil Banquet

**Saturday, May 7,** English Tea

**Saturday, June 4,** June Jumble

**Sunday, July 10,** Ice Cream Social

**Saturday, September 12,** Italian Night Dinner

**Saturday, November 19,** Christmas Faire

## Recurring Schedule

### Sunday

- 8, 10:30 a.m. *Holy Eucharist*, childcare at 9 a.m.
- 9:15 a.m. Adult Education Forum, Guild Room
- 11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour After Ten Thirty (CHAT)
- 6 p.m. Spanish *Holy Eucharist*
- 6 p.m. Compline Rehearsal
- 8 p.m. Compline Service

### Monday

- 10 a.m. Crafting Group
- 4 p.m. Quilting Group

### Tuesday

- 4-6 p.m. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd L-1, Atrium

### Wednesday

- 7 a.m. *Holy Eucharist*
- 10-11:15 a.m. Bible Study, Guild Room
- 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir, Music Room
- 6:30 p.m. EFM, Guild Meeting Room

### Thursday

- 1 p.m. Jubilate Choir, Music Room

### Saturday

- 8:30 a.m. Men's Group, Library

## Report to Parish (Totals Include Midweek Income)

	Jan-11	Pledges	Open Plate	Special	Total Giving	Attend.
1st Sunday		\$11,360	\$340	\$85	\$11,785	300
2nd Sunday		\$4,821	\$562		\$5,383	334
3rd Sunday		\$2,387	\$281		\$2,668	216
4th Sunday		\$3,317	\$280		\$3,597	239
5th Sunday		\$5,312	\$350		\$5,662	247
<b>Totals</b>		<b>\$27,197</b>	<b>\$1,813</b>	<b>\$85</b>	<b>\$29,095</b>	<b>1336</b>
<b>Prepaid Pledges</b>		\$1,277				
<b>Total Pledges</b>		<b>\$28,473</b>				
<b>Total Giving</b>					<b>\$30,371</b>	
<b>5 Year Average</b>					<b>\$29,454</b>	
<b>Designated Funds and Memorials</b>					<b>\$14,602</b>	
	Feb-11	Pledges	Open Plate	Special	Total Giving	Attend.
1st Sunday		\$7,770	\$330		\$8,100	256
2nd Sunday		\$5,480	\$192		\$5,672	229
3rd Sunday		\$3,262	\$262		\$262	206
4th Sunday						
<b>Totals</b>		<b>\$16,512</b>	<b>\$784</b>		<b>\$17,296</b>	

## March Schedule

### 2 Wednesday

11:30 a.m. Daughters of the King, Guild Meeting Room

6 p.m. Soup Supper, Parish Hall

### 4 Friday

10 a.m.-6 p.m. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Training, Atrium

2 p.m. Decorate for Mardi Gras, Parish Hall

### 5 Saturday

9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Training, Atrium

10 a.m. Women's Spirituality Group, Guild Room

### 6 Sunday

9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Training, Atrium

3 p.m. Second City Chamber Players, Main Church

### 8 Shrove Tuesday

1 p.m. Busy Bees, Guild Meeting Room

5:30 p.m. Pancake Supper

6:30 p.m. Outreach, Guild Room

7 p.m. Building & Grounds, Library

### 9 Ash Wednesday

11:30 a.m. Pastoral Care, Guild Room

Noon *Holy Eucharist*

6 p.m. Spanish *Holy Eucharist*

7:30 p.m. *Holy Eucharist*

### 10 Thursday

7 p.m. Vestry, Parish Hall

### 11 Friday

10:30 a.m. St. Martha's Guild, Parish Hall

### 12 Saturday

9 a.m.-Noon Pruning, Building & Grounds Work Day

### 13 Sunday

12:15 p.m. Liturgical Dance Class, Main Church

### 16 Wednesday

6 p.m. Soup Supper, Parish Hall

### 17 Thursday

Noon St. Anne's Guild, Guild Room

2:30 p.m. Library Committee, Library

### 18 Friday

6:30 p.m. St. Patrick's Potluck, Parish Hall

### 20 Sunday

Noon Play Reading, Library

### 23 Wednesday

6 p.m. Soup Supper, Parish Hall

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**10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (360) 352-8527**

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### Clergy and Staff

Priest-in-Charge: The Rev. John Allen

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Assistant Priest: The Rev. June Johnson

Assistant Priest: The Rev. Godson Ofoegbu

Rector Emeritus: The Rev. Jim Blundell

Archdeacon: The Venerable Gen Grewell

Deacon for Hispanic Ministry: The Rev. Tony Irving

Organist/Choirmaster: Kary W. Hyre

Pastoral Musician for Hispanic Ministries: Sergio Gomez

Treasurer: Don Duncan

Sexton: Michael Magallon

Secretary: Michelle Lozar

### Vestry

Lucy Clifthorne, Senior Warden

Ric Weatherman, Junior Warden

Nancy Axell, Clerk of the Vestry

Class of 2011: Lucy Clifthorne, Larrel O'Keefe, Bob

Peck, Leanne Willard; Class of 2012: Belen Carrillo,

Ann Hutcheson, Rob Michie, Roberta Waggoner;

Class of 2013: Tim Tayne, Lee Mohler, Chuck Moore,

Ric Weatherman

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### 25 Friday

10 a.m.-6 p.m. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Training, Atrium

### 26 Saturday

9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Training, Atrium

### 27 Sunday

9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Training, Atrium

### 30 Wednesday

6 p.m. Soup Supper, Parish Hall

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## March Adult Forums

*By Mindy Chambers*

The Adult Forums on Sundays in March will continue with Bob Peck discussing “The Sacred Story: Lent and Easter” on March 6 and 13. It is a study of the Gospel stories of Jesus and how their writers created a dramatic representation of his death. Bob will look carefully at the Gospel accounts of the last week of Jesus’ life and highlight how we play out the drama in the Eucharist.

Mtr. Janis Johnson, a retired Episcopal priest living in Olympia, will present Lenten Forums on March 20 and 27. The March 20 forum, Lent as Possibility, Penitence, and Praise, invites us to see Lent as more than a time of penitence. Lent also brings possibilities and gives us time to see praise that flows from a heart of reflection, especially within the context of community. Come, listen, share and explore how Lent may shape your response to the resurrection anew this Easter. Mtr. Janis will present and lead Lectio Divina (prayer and scriptural reading) centered on these three important pieces of Lent.

The March 27 forum, Lent As Reconciliation, Renewal and Replication, focuses on one of the best kept secrets within the *Book of Common Prayer*, the Rite of Reconciliation. Mtr. Janis will lead us in discussion and Lectio Divina around this beautiful rite and the way it may not only change our hearts but give tools to use in every aspect of life.

Adult forums begin at 9:15 a.m. each Sunday.

## Pura Vida Coffee Sales

*By Karen Bray*

Our sales of Pura Vida coffee help support missionary work in coffee-growing regions. For example, Pura Vida and its partner Create Good recently distributed 75 water filters in a village in Guatemala. Those families now are enjoying clean, drinkable water and were trained on the use of the filter and other steps they can take to reduce waterborne diseases.

The coffee is sold in the Parish Hall on Sundays. Several different blends are available. Please help support this important mission.