

Da Lay Speak!

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All God's People in
All Places,
And in
All Times,
Are Called to Love
And to Serve.



Ministry of the Laity

*"With joy you will draw
water from the wells of
salvation."
—Isaiah 12:3*

Hola y bienvenido...It's "Awesome August" once again ...que pasa?... yet another Roster update....continuing series on "Speaking In Public"....Da Lord's Laughter....et cetera.....

DA ROSTER

My pleasure to pinch-hit for Padre Pat this past Sunday. My message "Wrong Way On Purpose?" is one of my all-time favorites; hope it became yours, too. Jerz takes a "pass"; Bill up on 8/28..

ON DA ROAD AGAIN

So far this month: Linda & Lenny at The Villas (retirement home); Joyce and Colleen at Kairos LLCC.

Please let your editor know ahead of time when you go "On Da Road" so I can tell others. Gracias!

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Conference Center (W. Sacramento)

Looks like the Sac Lay Speaker Committee and classes will take the summer off, per usual. New Fall schedule should be published sometime this month. Stay tuned.

Have you completed at least one class within the past 3-years to retain your certification?

SUGGESTIONS TO THOSE WHO READ IN PUBLIC

From "Lessons of the Church Year" by Frederick Houk Borsch (Part 3)

Reading with understanding: One of the best forms of study a lector (another word for Reader) can undertake is to read the lesson (or lection) in more than one translation. At first this may seem a little confusing. You will find that each version has had to do a little of its own interpretation. Different words are used in various translations, giving different nuances of meaning. The punctuation may even vary slightly. It surprised me (the author) when I learned that the early manuscripts of the Hebrew scriptures and the New Testament had very little punctuation in them. For that matter it was not until later centuries that the present verse and chapter numberings were devised.

Most lectors need not be unduly concerned about these issues. We are privileged to be able to stand on the shoulders of these scholars, who have thought these matters thought with great care and have usually come to a consensus about them. Some of the variations in translation can, however, provoke us to new insights and reflection about the meaning.

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ET CETERA

Summer is past the half-way point and the weekly worship clipboards still go begging for sign-ups. OK, so it is summer and vacation-time, etc. Just another reminder to pitch-in and work as Reader, Communion Server, Storytime, Usher, whatever, when you can. How about setting a goal of say every six weeks or bi-monthly as you feel led? Kudos to Mary for prompting us to fill in the blanks when we can. It's a fun job, but somebody's gotta do it!

THE LORD'S LAUGHTER (FROM THE JOYFUL NOISELETTER)

Holy quotes, Padre!

"A thunderstorm is God's way of saying you spend too much time in front of the computer". —Author Unknown

"The U.S. Constitution doesn't guarantee happiness, only the pursuit of it. You have to catch up with it yourself."—Ben Franklin

"Church members are either pillars or caterpillars. The pillars hold up the church, and the caterpillars just crawl in and out."—Author unknown

"God made the angels to show Him splendor, as He made animals for innocence and plants for their simplicity. But man He made to serve Him wittily, in the tangle of his mind."—Thomas More

After VBS, a boy sees God:

Kitty Katzell of Medford, NJ, tells the story of a little boy who was zigzagging his way home from Vacation Bible School one beautiful summer day. He found a caterpillar and a fluffy milkweed pod, and blew out all the filler. He saw a bird's nest in a tree and a swan in a pond. He picked up a worm and thought of going fishing. A neighbor watched his zigzag path, greeted him, and asked him what he was doing. "I've been to Vacation Bible School," the boy replied. "Good for you," the neighbor said. "If you tell me where God is, I'll give you a quarter." "I'll give you a dollar, Mister, if you can tell me where God ain't", the boy replied.



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See ya Sunday. Diz.