



The Lion's Pause

St. Mark's Episcopal Church
CANTON, OH



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Rector's Ramblings

In 1 Corinthians 13, Paul wrote that love does not insist on its own way. If you enumerate the descriptors of love that Paul gives us in the chapter, this descriptor is the center. It is the climax of Paul's description of love. Another way of translating this descriptor is "Love does not

seek what is for itself.”

Because of our fallen human nature, we are born with a very self-seeking nature. Toddlers can be a great deal of fun. They can be very sweet... until they do not get what they want. It is interesting that the word “no” is one of the first words that we learn to use. As we mature, we get better at hiding our self-seeking desires. Rather than throwing a tantrum in an attempt to get our way, we resort to tactics like manipulation.

Earlier in the letter, at the end of Chapter 10, Paul discussed eating meat that had been sacrificed to idols. Evidently, some in the Corinthian Church were saying “All things are lawful for me.” They did not care that eating meat that had been sacrificed to idols might cause someone else a crisis of conscience. In response to this, Paul wrote “Let no one seek his own good, but the good of his neighbor.”

All of this does not mean that if we are loving, we will become doormats for others to walk across. Sometimes, the loving thing is to say “no” for the sake of the other person. The test of love is whether we are seeking our own way, seeking what is for ourselves, or seeking what is good for the one whom we are called to love. Jesus did say “no” to the disciples when they tried to talk him out of going to the cross. He did so because he knew that for their sake, and for our sakes, the most loving thing he could do was to go to the cross.

If we want to follow the way of love, when the toddler within us rises up, we will make the choice to seek the good of our neighbor, rather than seeking what is for ourselves.

Fr. RJ

U P C O M I N G

Sunday, February 27

Holy Eucharist at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

Bible Study at 9 a.m.
Sunday School at 10 a.m.

[Lessons](#)

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Monday, February 28

Knitting, 1 p.m.

Tuesday, March 1

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 2

Ash Wednesday Services, noon and 7 p.m.

Evening Prayer, 4 p.m. (Zoom)

[Bulletin](#) [Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Vestry, 5:30 p.m.



LENT + MADNESS

WHO WILL WIN THE GOLDEN HALO?



Lent Madness V

Two martyrs whom we may recognize from a Christmastide carol (although one was not a king) face off on Ash Thursday to begin this year's LM.

Then on Friday, it is the Viking and the Native American, who hope to move to the next round and become one of the *Saintly 16*.

The only time LM is played on a Saturday, we find the inventor of the Armenian alphabet and translator of the Bible into Armenian vying with a French educator for the Golden Halo.

Voting begins at 8 a.m. at **Lent Madness**, where you can access the bracket and read more about each saint.

Saint Savvy Answers

Drogo: Shepherd (and later a hermit)

Emma of Hawaii: Queen

James Holly: Emigrationist/abolitionist/missionary/priest/bishop, etc.

Jose Hernandez: Doctor (one of the first in Venezuela)

Crispin: Shoemaker/bishop/martyr

Origen: Vegetarian and teetotaler theologian

Olaf: Viking (connected to the song "London Bridge Is Falling Down")

Kateri Tekakwitha: Native American

Cecilia: Patron saint of musicians

Hilary of Poitiers: 4th century Bishop

This year's bracket can be found at lentmadness.org

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Bob's Music Notes

My scale exam at Peabody in Baltimore had been on a Wednesday. Miss Heller had given me a high mark, quite unexpected, since Mabel Thomas, my piano teacher, had lamented my poor skills. Now it was Saturday, my regular lesson day, and I was wondering what would ensue. It didn't take me long to find out.

When I entered Miss Thomas' studio, she looked like someone had stolen the cake from her lunch (to use my mother-in-law's expression). "I do not know what you do to those examiners. You do not deserve a 10."

After all these years I can't remember my response, but she was right. Compared to the brilliance of fellow pupil Seymour Fink's playing, my performance was halting. (Incidentally, Seymour went on to have a successful career as a music professor in Columbus, OH.)

But I managed to take it all in stride and kept trying to please Miss Thomas. And, I suspect, she saw a glimmer of hope for me. It was the custom for the large staff of piano teachers at Peabody Prep to schedule recitals of their pupils. Rarely did a recital include students of just one teacher, but Miss Thomas filled that slot with four of her students, including me! So I can't fault that outspoken lady.

February Birthdays

4 Rick Werren

5 Lesley Kiesling, Caroline Willoughby

7 Tom Turner

11 Peggy Peretzky

20 Amelia Rowland

22 Lauren Hoot
23 MaryAnn Kiesling

February Anniversaries

6 Bill and Beck Rand
23 Brad and Sandi Kaustinen

March Birthdays

1 Ken Jaeb
4 Sandy Paradis
6 Charlie Kiesling,
Chuck Violand
8 Beth Bletzacker
10 Kathy Sloan
11 Brooks Deuble,
Colin Jenkins
12 Geoff Gordon
13 Carol Hayn
18 Emmett Cerrone-Arnold
21 Brad Kaustinen
26 John Werren
28 Joe Hoot, Sue Little

March Anniversaries

4 Richard and Marcia Tirpak
13 Geoff and Bobbi Gordon
21 Christopher and Tasha Smith
22 Carol and John Hayn
27 Sara Strattan and Tom Burns

Prayer Concerns

Jim Weaver, Jane Schutrum, Ron Hill, Amelia Rowland, Ron Brookes

Family and Friends: Matt Gagnon (assistant principal at Oakwood Middle School); Addelyn (friend of Judy Hixon); John Fortney (brother of Cindy Brown); Jim Belamy, Stephanie & Pat (friends of Marcia Tirpak); Darlene & Diana (friends of Sue Little); Silvia Batalla (friend of Gene and Sally Little); Yanette Pysher (Vonda Temelkoff's cousin); Shelli Montoni, Sandy Snyder & the Fulton family (friend and relatives of the Rands); Lynnda Hoefler (friend of Sue Little); Sherry & Noah (friends of

the Kieslings); Ray Slinger (friend of Bob Morrison); Janet Sheatzley Morgan (Barb Siegfried's sister); Chuck Schuerer & Beth Conley (friends of Cricket Boyd); Carol Jones (daughter of Buck & BJ Jones); Glenn Robert (friend of Beth Crawl); Dr. Angela Peters & family (friend of the Kennedys); Terry L. & Judy Evans (friends of Pam McCarthy); Lesley & Holly (friends of Paulette Frech); Marc Hostetler (brother of Susan Hostetler); Baby David (friend of the Schaub's); Bob Patterson (friend of Diana Cornell); Sullivan & Guzman families & Pastor Marilyn Roman (friends of the Mulls); Johnny Willoughby (grandson of the Willoughbys); Jim Mesko (friend of Jim Weaver).

For those who have died.

For those in the armed forces.

PRAYER CHAIN:

St. Mark's has a group of prayer warriors who pray for the specific needs of those on the prayer chain. If you would like to place yourself or a loved one on the prayer chain, please contact Bobbi Gordon at ggordon24@sbcglobal.net

Prayer requests may be placed on the private Prayer Chain or on the Prayer Concerns list appearing in *The Lion's Pause* and Sunday bulletin or in both places. Please let Bobbi know your preference. Unless otherwise instructed, names will be listed as we receive them. Please update Bobbi or Katie on the status of your friends or family members as to when they may be removed from the prayer lists.

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