



The Lion's Pause

St. Mark's Episcopal Church
CANTON, OH



In view of COVID transmission rates in Stark Co. and CDC guidelines, we are requesting that all persons attending services at St. Mark's continue to wear a mask inside the building.



Rector's Ramblings

In my sermon last Sunday, I mentioned that it would be a good thing to explore all of the words and phrases that St. Paul used to describe love in 1 Corinthians 13. That would have made for a very long sermon, and no one would have been home in time to see the Bengals defeat the Chiefs in the AFC Championship. So, it might be good to take some time over the next few weeks to examine this great love chapter in my ramblings.

After Paul said, "Love is patient," he went on to say, "Love is kind." In our culture, being kind is often confused with being nice. However, love is not necessarily nice.

To be nice is to be agreeable, good natured, and socially appropriate. A person who is nice will tell you that your clothes look great even when your colors do not match at all. They will tell you that your actions were justified even when you acted

completely inappropriately. Often, the goal of being nice is to win the approval of the one to whom we are being nice. When we are nice, our actions are often motivated by how another person will evaluate us.

Kindness, on the other hand, keeps the best interest of the other person in mind. If a friend has acted inappropriately, it might be nice to tell them their actions were fine or justified. However, the kind thing to do would be to tell them the truth, so they have the opportunity to make amends and not continue acting in ways that will hurt themselves or others. Of course, we do so gently to take away as much of the sting as possible.

Being nice generally requires little sacrifice. Being kind will frequently require a sacrifice. Being nice can be self-seeking. Being kind always seeks the best for the other person. Being nice is generally culturally acceptable. Being kind can set us at odds with our culture. Sometimes being nice and being kind can overlap, but when the two are at odds with one another, love chooses kindness.

As a side note, several people asked me where I found the reflection of the 14-year-old Lebanese boy that I shared in my sermon on Sunday. I originally found it in *Paul Through Mediterranean Eyes: Cultural Studies in 1 Corinthians* by Kenneth E. Bailey. I subsequently found this [reflection](#)

Fr. RJ

Reminder!

Forms for 2022 Altar Flower donations can be found in the lobby, or you can send in a dedication [here](#). Dedications can be made "In Memory of", "In Celebration of", or "In Honor of", and are \$15 each.



UPCOMING

Sunday, February 6

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 7

Bishop Search Committee Listening Session, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 9

Evening Prayer, 4 p.m. (Zoom)

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Bob's Music Notes

Every Saturday my Uncle Paul drove me downtown to my piano lesson at Peabody in Baltimore, there to try and convince my teacher that I could play her assigned works, including the scales, which she declared was my weakest skill.



One could not graduate from the Preparatory Department without passing an examination devoted entirely to scales. As the time approached for this ordeal, I was scheduled for an October date, but as the time drew near, Miss Thomas said I was not prepared, so the date was switched to November.

Well, November came and still she delayed having me take the test. December came and went with the same result, and now we were in a new year, but January also came and went with no exam, and the same for February. But the last time the exam was given was March, so it was March or never.

On a blustery Wednesday, I took the streetcar downtown to the Prep and made my way to the small studio with two Knabe grand pianos. There, Carlotta Heller, the examiner, was waiting to hear my scales, along with Seymour Fink, easily the best pianist in the school, and his sister Alma, who was almost as good.

Carlotta Heller, the examiner, had a pen which she dipped in an inkwell, and you could hear it scratching its way across the pad where she recorded her reactions to the scale test.

Just the four of us in that studio -- Miss Heller, Seymour Fink, Alma Fink, and me. Seymour was the first to be called. Miss Heller asked for F Major and -- voila! -- Seymour was up and down that keyboard like Paderewski. *(to be continued)*

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

Prayer Concerns

Bert Heiser, Fred Gibbs, Jim Weaver, Jane Schutrum, Ron Hill, Amelia Rowland, Ron Brookes, Jack and Pauline Briggs

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 (friends 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

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