



A Message From Our Rector

Dear Friends:

In the Book of Common Prayer on page 242, we have a prayer for Independence Day.

Lord God almighty, in whose Name the founders of this country won liberty for themselves and for us, and lit the torch of freedom for nations yet unborn: Grant that we and all the people of this land may have grace to maintain our liberties in righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

I am grateful that I am a member of this nation. We live in a country that people all over the world admire and look to for our values and ethics of freedom, justice and liberty for all. Yet, it comes as a surprise to no one that we are far from perfect. We have to continue to work for our ideals, support one another and when we have to, remind one another of our systems of justice and of our desire for liberty for all. And as Christians, we

always have to remember our baptismal vows, wherein we promise to serve Christ in all persons, love our neighbors as ourselves, and work for justice and peace and respect the dignity of all people. And so, I need to hold the above prayer together with a couple of others. On page 815, the Prayer For the Human Family:

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

And the Prayer for Social Justice, page 823 of the Book of Common Prayer:

Grant, O God that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart and especially the hearts of the people of this land, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

I pray that each of you has a safe and meaningful 4th of July, and that you celebrate the goodness of this land even as we all commit, again, to be people of faith and compassion in this time of our own tenure as citizens of America.

With love,

Beth+



Oasis Gardening Crew

To keep our Oasis Garden looking good, the gardening crew meets in the garden each Thursday morning from 9 am to 11 am through August. All are welcome to join in - no reservation

or gardening skill required.

Questions?

Contact Joan Rabe at 269-3162 or joan.rabe@icloud.com.

This Week at Calvary

Lunch on the Lawn Series

Our Lunch on the Lawn series begins this Tuesday, July 9th! Bring your lunch and stop by the Oasis Garden to enjoy the RavensFire Band, starting at noon.



Upcoming Events

Summer Stroll and Sweets for the Soul" Open Outdoor Labyrinth Walk Tuesday, July 16th 4:30 - 7:00 pm Oasis Courtyard

Please drop in again on **Tuesday, July 16th from 4:30-7:00** for our **“Summer Stroll and Sweets for the Soul”** outdoor labyrinth walk in the **Oasis Courtyard**. This is a great opportunity for the whole family to learn about and experience the labyrinth, enjoy dessert, and be together in our beautiful community garden.

Our next scheduled indoor open walk will be on **Thursday, July 25th from 5:30-7:30 pm in Crawford Hall**. We hope you'll join us!

In peace,
Calvary Sacred Circle



Save the Date...

Summer Breakfast at Church

Come enjoy an all parish potluck breakfast at Calvary from 9 to 10 on Sunday, July 21. Now that we are all scattered for the summer, take this opportunity to reconnect with friends and relatives! Juice and coffee will be provided. Please bring a breakfast dish to share if you can. We will also need people to help set up and clean up. A sign-up sheet is located in Brackenridge.



Benedictine Way

The Benedictine Way, known as Ben-Way, is a group dedicated to studying the Rule of Benedict – a guide for community living – written in the 6th century for persons living within a monastery.

This rule is applicable to us - ordinary people of today - who are seeking to be still, listen and follow the way of Jesus Christ – loving God, self and one another.

Our gatherings (the evening of the 4th Sunday of each month) are framed by praying Evening Prayer and Compline (Book of Common Prayer). We enjoy a simple meal, while sharing of our common life, then study and work to apply the essentials of a gospel-based life: prayer, worship, work, relationships, hospitality, balance, moderation, and more - all within the foundation of stability (to community). Our focus is on conversion of life (ever turning to God with engaged heart) and obedience (of God's commandments and the New Testament gospels). If you feel drawn to participating in Ben-Way as a ministerial study please contact Paul Ehling (ehling@msn.com) or John Winter (jd.winter@smmpa.org) for additional information.



PRAYERS

[Submit a Prayer Request](#)



DONATE

[Tithe.ly](https://tithe.ly)



WEBSITE

[Visit our website](#)