

Coop's Scoops #52 June 9th, 2020

First a photo from Paul LeMay! I asked for photos showing what you were doing creatively during the pandemic, and Paul proves he can bake up one gorgeous carrot cake. I think he can cook a whole lot of things! But this photo makes me want to grab a coffee (or water) and a knife and a napkin and just dig in! Can't you just taste it?



Cooked in a cast iron pan....always bakes beautifully! Thanks, Paul! I'll be sure to be in touch when Coffee Hour reopens! Everyone, Send more photos of your creations please!

Having started with delicious baking, we now move to a country kitchen where a farmer is about to say grace over breakfast at a men's breakfast T

The group had asked an older farmer, decked out in bib overalls, to say grace for the morning breakfast.

"Lord, I hate buttermilk,"the farmer began. The visiting pastor opened one eye to glance at the farmer and wonder where this was going.

The farmer loudly proclaimed, "Lord, I hate lard." Now the pastor was growing concerned.

Without missing a beat, the farmer continued, "And Lord, you know I don't much care for raw white flour."

The pastor once again opened an eye to glance around the room and saw that he wasn't the only one to feel uncomfortable.

Then the farmer added, "But Lord, when you mix them all together and bake them, I do love warm fresh biscuits.

So Lord, when things come up that we don't like, when life gets hard, when we don't understand what you're saying to us, help us to just relax and wait until you are done mixing. It will probably be even better than biscuits. Amen!

There's great wisdom there...we should probably take a deep breath, tell God about what we don't like about this pandemic life we're living, but then relax, and wait until God is finished mixing all of it together. Could bring blessings bigger than biscuits!

Having eaten carrot cake and biscuits it's definitely time to walk the dog.... From Caroline - What do you call a dog that can do magic? A **Labracadabrador**.

LATEST NEWS FROM THE PROVINCE AND DIOCESE

I've had many, many calls today from folks saying "hooray, the Premier says the Churches can be open this Sunday....will there be both services?" So I'm reminding people that our Archbishop +Anne, and the House of Bishops over which she presides as Metropolitan, had stated in their last directions that the Anglican Church will not be following what the Province determines as do-able. Our Churches will remain closed until September at the earliest. With many layers of precautions and opportunities. So, don't be turning up at 8 or 11 this Sunday! If you do, though, say a prayer outside and ask God's blessings on all Christians who are gathering in the province as well as on all Anglicans who are listening to the Science and determined to protect (love) our neighbours be keeping everyone as safe as possible.

Just because we "can" do something, doesn't necessarily mean we "should!"

The Archbishop and the Executive Committee are meeting by Zoom this afternoon, and I have forward a question regarding whether or not groups, committees, etc can enter the building at this time. I will let you know.



QUIPS FROM THE PAST:

Socrates (really!) : Be careful about reading health books. You may die of a misprint!

BOB HOPE: I don't feel old...I don't feel anything until noon! (Thx to Phil)

Your Scripture for today! Luke 10:17-20

¹⁷The seventy^[a] returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" ¹⁸He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. ¹⁹See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. ²⁰Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

This is the Feast Day of **Columba**, Abbot of Iona, missionary, c.597. Born into the O'Neill clan, Columba lived at a time when the druids, the priests of Celtic paganism, still had much influence. Columba, because of his devout holiness, was blessed with the ability to command the magic of the druids and bend it to the will of Christ. Having trained and ministered in Ireland, he at the age of 42 moved on to a small island off the west coast of Scotland called Iona.

He called himself from that time on a "pilgrim for Christ" in two ways: devote3d to setting a more perfect course for his inward life, entering into more prayer and penance, but also committed to helping others become "pilgrims for Christ" as well. He founded several new monasteries in Scotland. His own "powers" over the magic of the still pagan Scots shone forth the power of God and many many were converted, and took up proclaiming the Gospel as well. When he died about 597, Columba was considered the Apostle of Scotland, and that is how he is memorialized until this day.

Our Scripture reading today expresses the divine giving of power over nature when necessary for the propagation of the Gospel. The 70 Jesus sent out two by two, also experienced the joy of being instruments of God's power. Jesus points

out to them that their greatest joy should not be in what God enables them to “do”, but rather in the greatest work of God in saving them, that their names would be written in Heaven. That is indeed our greatest gift.

“For God so loved the world that He gave
His only begotten Son,
That all who believe in Him,
Should not perish but have eternal life”. John 3: 16

Therefore, let us rejoice and be glad.

Prayers for the Day:

O God, You girded your servant Columba with the cinture of holiness and made him a pilgrim for Christ in the midst of the Irish and Scottish peoples. Grant that, having his life and labours in remembrance, we may rest upon your love and be cheerful in all adversities, as we await the redemption of all things in your well-beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever.

Amen. (taken from “For All the Saints”, pg 194 – if you have a copy, read also pg 577-580, a description of Columba’s last days and his dying, written by another monk who was with him)

