

Taking Out the Trash

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Who wants to live with yesterday's rubble? Who wants to hoard the trash of the past? You don't, do you? Or do you? I'm not talking about the trash in your house, but in your heart. Not the junk of papers and boxes but the remnants of anger and hurt. Do you rat-pack your pain? Amass offenses? Record slights? A tour of your heart might be telling. A pile of rejections. Accumulated insults. No one can blame you. They're innocence takers, promise breakers, and wound makers. They're everywhere and you've had your share.



Responsive Reading: Psalm 25:4-6, 10

ALL: **Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.**

Jan-June: Lead me in your truth and teach me...you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.

July-Dec: Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

ALL: **All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.**



Lesson: Genesis 9:12-17

God said [to Noah and his family], "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: *"I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth."*

God concluded: *"This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."*



Gospel: Mark 1:9-15

Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, *"You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."*

Then, the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. Jesus was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

After John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God and saying, *"The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."*

SALEM FAMILY EVENTS



Keep on reaching out to your fellow parishioners, especially those who have little to no contact otherwise!

Newsletter

**A Winter Newsletter is still forthcoming...
Coming SOON – watch your email!**



Last Week

*Family Pathways
Is having their annual
Holiday Food Drive
A person can stop by any of
the food shelves with
donations of foodstuffs or
money*

Announcements....

- Please arrange to pick up your donation envelopes for 2021; they are available at the Church's building. Please keep Salem in mind as you can financially; this is one way to show your gratitude to God for the gifts/blessings you have received. Thank you in advance for your generosity.
- More announcements... see insert! ☺



- Q: What's the Easter Bunny's favorite restaurant? A: IHOP!
- Q: What is Easter Bunny's favorite kind of music? A: Hip-hop, of course!
- Q: Why are bunnies the luckiest animals? A: Because they each have four rabbits' feet.
- **Q: What the Easter Bunny's favorite dance move? A: The bunny hop.**
- Q: What day does an Easter egg hate the most? A: Fry-day
- Q: Why was the Easter bunny upset? A: He was having a bad hare day
- Q: Why is Cinderella so bad at soccer? A. Because she always runs away from the ball!
- Q: Why is Peter Pan flying all the time? A. He Neverlands!
- Q: What did the big flower say to the little flower? A. Hi, bud!
- Q: Why did the dinosaur cross the road? A. Because chickens didn't exist yet!
- Q: Why was the broom late for school? A. It overswept!
- Q: What did the finger say to the thumb? A. I'm in glove with you!
- Q: What do you call a duck that loves making jokes? A. A wise-quacker!
- Q: How do you fix a damaged jack-o-lantern? A: You use a pumpkin patch!

