



The Shepherd's Voice

September 25, 2012

By Fr. Joe Rees

'Salted with Fire'

"For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if the salt has lost its saltiness, how will you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another." Mark 9: 49-50.

Jesus had just given some stern admonitions to live in accordance with God's will and do what God wants us to do in this life so that we don't get cast into hell! Too many people in this world are in jeopardy of inheriting that place which is separated from God in a lonely, loveless, eternal existence that is heaped with sorrows of unimaginable nature. Jesus is saying to us that we need to be cleansed of all the unrighteous acts that lead to evil and pursue only that which is of God in the goodness of His law and His guiding light.

Salt and Fire. Interesting that both are desiccants. I mean that they remove water from all the surfaces. I remember back east in the winter when the snow plows would come around and spread salt on the ice formed on the roadways. The ice would melt and disappear as if a torch of fire had hit the surface. I remember also when a fire in our back yard got out of control and my dad turned the fire hose on it only to see the water burst into steam and evaporate! We needed a much bigger hose! I ran to get the fire extinguisher, and all of our family finally put the fire out. My dad was burning up weeds which he thought was a good thing. Oh boy!

But the 'salt and fire' that Jesus is talking about is different. I think that this salt is the salt of the Gospel. It comes with an imperative to spread it like wild-fire. It is the good news of salvation to all who will listen that will melt away the icy grip of sin and sorrow in lives that have been frozen in their spiritual growth. It is fiery zeal for the Kingdom of Heaven and intensity of determination that "the Lord's will, will be done!" If we lose this salt, the

kingdom of evil advances and the world remains under siege and domination by the evil forces of Satan's minions. Therefore, we must have 'salt and fire' in us to be determined to live the life Jesus wants us to and to follow through with spreading the Gospel to all people. There is only one thing to do then.

We need to be salted with fire! That fire comes from the Holy Spirit living within us and having His way in us. That fire will burn up all other wanderings and deadening trails of life and cause us to be on the right and good path the Lord wants for us. We need that salt of the Holy Spirit in deep communion with the Lord Jesus, receiving the sacraments of His Body and Blood, engaging in faith-producing ministries, being propelled by the power of prayer, inspired by the witness of the whole Christian community in light of the severity of our times to stand true to the Life of Jesus in our choices for governance, aiding and assisting those in peril and rescuing those from the claws of the evil one. We need the fire of Christ's love to burn within our hearts to empower us when we wake each day. We need that fire in us to do 'one more thing for Jesus' today; and giving the Holy Spirit access to rule your minds and help you out of immobilization to preach the Gospel with your life. Yes, we need to pray for that 'fire' to light the dry wood of sloth and procrastination. We need that new fire to bring us back to the very fire Himself who creates a new landscape in which to plant new crops that will yield a new harvest of souls. Then, we all will have that peace that passes understanding and unites us one in the mission to bring Jesus Christ to the whole world, including our neighborhoods!

I hope you will with me pray for Salt & Fire in our faith journey with Jesus. Anything else is just frozen or scorched earth. Be alive in the Spirit and aglow with the fire of your faith. Pray we may be

full of the salt of the Gospel when we face the persecutions that are bound to come. His Peace be with you.

Love in Christ,
Fr. Joe

Sunday Servers this week...

September 30, 2012	Proper 21	8:00 a.m. Service	10:15 a.m. Service
First Reader	Numbers 11:4-29	David Green	Pat Richardson
Psalm Reader	Psalm 19	Choir	Petey Seibold
Second Reader	James 4:7-5:6	Doug Hall	Patricia Seelig
Intercessor		Mitch Dubski	Fiona Kilby
Lay Euch. Ministers		Doug Hall, Jackie Lansing	Jeanne Shannon, Frances Slaughter
Acolytes		Mitch Dubski	Fiona K (C); Dasiahmarie V (T1); Kalani C (T2)
Welcomers		Paula Sholly	Paula Sholly
Ushers		Rob Ackerman, Dick Sholly	Dink Nash, Ted Vallas, JR Fox, April Knowles
Vestry Person of Day			JR Fox
Healing Ministers		Jan Simon, Thor Strom	Petey S, Donna S, JR Fox
Announcer		Chris Corey	JR Fox

It's Kairos Cookie Time!

On **October 21, 2012** we will collect cookies for this Prison Ministry. The idea is come for the cookies, stay for the message.

It's not too early to start baking cookies and put them in your freezer. Please put one to two dozen cookies per clear ziplock bag. No paper plates inside and no raisins. The cookies will be refused if either of these are present.

Call Randy Stewart for more information.

Save the Date!

November 12, 2012

OSL Healing Conference

at Grace

with

Mike Endicott.

Women's Autumn Country Tea
Saturday, October 27 from 2-4 p.m.

At the home of
Myrna & John Lipnicke in
Fallbrook.

There are still several seats available.
Contact Joy Rosendale to sign up.

Stand Up for Kids

Outreach Ministry to Homeless Teens
Next Outreach

Monday, October 8, 2012

Contact Colleen Monroe for more information.

Tuesday Evenings at Grace
It's the place to be!

At 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday evenings there will be a potluck fellowship dinner in the fellowship room.

7:15 p.m. – Fr. Joe will lead a group for newcomers interested in understanding more about the church.

7:15 p.m. – Fr. Richard will lead a class on the book of Philippians followed by lively discussion.

Both groups will finish by 8:30 p.m.
Both classes will run through October 2nd.

Sunday at Grace

8:00 a.m. – Traditional Service
9:30 a.m. – Fellowship
10:00 a.m. – Nursery opens
10:15 a.m. – Family Service with
Worship Team & Children's
Church

Please pray for the
upcoming Men's
Cursillo – for the
candidates and for
the team.

Readings for Sunday

Numbers 11:4-29
Psalm 19
James 4:7-5:6
Mark 9:38-48

We are using the English Standard
Version of the Bible and the Lectionary
from the Book of Common Prayer (Year B)

This Week at Grace –Sept.25 – Oct. 2

Tues. September 25

11:30 a.m. Rector's Bible Study – Revelation
4:30 p.m. Healing Eucharist at the Oasis
6:30 p.m. Fellowship Potluck
7:15 p.m. Philippians Teaching
7:15 p.m. Newcomer's Orientation

Wed September 26

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
6:00 p.m. Vestry Meeting – Fellowship Room
6:30 p.m. Youth Group

Thurs. September 27

7:00 a.m. – Bible Study
8:00 a.m. No Clergy Meeting
10-Noon Play Group
11:30 a.m. Healing Eucharist – Oasis
3:30 p.m. Alpha Club
6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Fri. September 28

Fr. Joe's Day Off
6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer and Healing at Grace

Sat. September 29

8:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
All Day Diocesan Convention

Sun. September 30

8:00 a.m. Traditional Service
9:30 a.m. Fellowship & Coffee
10:00 a.m. Nursery opens
10:15 a.m. Family Worship Service
& Children's Church

Mon. October 1

6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer

Tues. October 2

11:30 a.m. Rector's Bible Study at Grace
4:30 p.m. Healing Eucharist at the Oasis
6:30 p.m. Potluck fellowship dinner
7:15 p.m. Philippians class
7:15 p.m. OSL Training

Rector's Bible Study

Tuesdays
11:30 a.m.

Fr. Joe is leading the group through a study of
the Book of Revelation. Everyone is welcome.
B.Y.O.L. (Bring your own lunch)

Wednesdays at 8:30 a.m.
Morning Prayer At Grace Anglican
All are welcome to attend.

Weekly – There are over 25 small groups meeting
during the week. Check our newsletter for a list of
all the groups or you can find the list on our website:
www.graceanglicanchurch.com.

Save the date!

Sept. 27-30 Women's Cursillo
Oct. 2 OSL Training
Oct. 3 Healing Prayer
Oct. 6 Sharon Pappas Memorial Service
Oct. 8 Stand Up For Kids – Outreach Project
Oct. 10 Soaking Prayer
Oct. 17 Vestry meeting
Oct. 27 Women's Autumn Country Tea
Oct. 28 Saints & Angels party at Grace
Nov. 10 2:00 p.m. – Helen Fritz Memorial Service
Nov. 12 Mike Endicott – OSL Healing Conference
at Grace Anglican Church

Did you know?

There's a service of Evening Prayer and Healing on
Friday evenings at 6:00 p.m. Stop by on your way
home from work and decompress for the weekend.