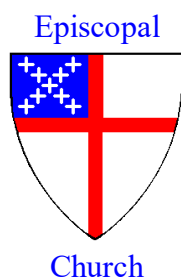


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January 24, 2023

Dear Friends,

In last weekend's sermon I spoke about the popular fad of wearing WWJD bracelets and such. If someone needed to make a decision they would ask themselves, "What would Jesus do?" In the interest of not preaching for hours I only listed four things Jesus would do.

Jesus prayed first. Examples are the 40 days after his baptism before he began his ministry and the night before he chose the twelve disciples from among his followers.

Jesus never retaliated. Instead he prayed for his enemies and told us to do the same.

Jesus never turned down an invitation. He dined with Pharisees, tax collectors and even Samaritans!

Jesus placed no limits on forgiveness. When Peter asked, "Lord, how many times must I forgive someone, as many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "No, I tell you, but seventy times seven." Would you want God not to forgive you the 8th time you sinned? When he was being nailed to the cross Jesus prayed, "Father, forgive them, for they don't know what they're doing."

In this space I want to add a few more examples of WWJD.

Jesus was interruptible. He never said, "I'm too busy doing God's work. Come back tomorrow," or "You're not worthy of my time."

Jesus tells us to give our money in secret. We've all know church people in the past who made sure people knew how much they gave to the church. As Jesus said, "They've received their reward. ...but your Father who sees in secret will reward you." Money is a major spiritual issue: how we get it, how we use it, how we hoard it. Where our money is there our heart will be also.

Jesus tells us not to judge others. We can't judge by appearances. I remember one afternoon when I was picking up my son from elementary school. Standing outside the main entrance leaning against the door was a teenager wearing a long black leather coat with many snaps and zippers. He looked imposing and a bit scary. So I smiled at him and said, "Nice coat!" I was rewarded with a smile that lit up his face. One of the things I learned as a young priest is that I don't really know someone until I know what their troubles are. Only God knows everything about a person's life. Only God is qualified to judge.

What does Jesus do? He always loves you completely and unconditionally.
What will Jesus do? Greet you at your death and take you to heaven.

Mother Julie+

In Person Schedule: Both Parishes & Friends are Welcome!

Saturday Emmanuel 4:15 p.m.: Coffee hour (Gathering with Dianjdit Chapel postponed.)
* 5:00 p.m.: Holy Eucharist

Sunday St. Alban's 8:30 a.m.: Bible Study
* 9:30 a.m.: Holy Eucharist
10:30 a.m.: Coffee Hour

Wednesday Emmanuel * 2:00 p.m.: Bible Study

* also on Zoom

Zoom Schedule & Codes

Saturday

5:00 p.m. Emmanuel: **812 9701 3112 & 381729**

Sunday

8:30 a.m. St. Alban's: **835 9000 0245 & 562087**
9:30 a.m. St. Alban's: **826 9515 6305 & 446765**
10:30 am. St. Alban's Annual Meeting (use Sunday service Zoom codes)

Wednesday

2:00 p.m. Bible Study: **840 0349 8213 & 586548**
6:00 p.m. PBS Documentary: Slavery by Another Name. Same Zoom codes as Book Study

Thursday

Feb. 2 Book Study: **827 6703 2161 & 331119**
6:00 p.m. Eat and chat
6:30 p.m. Meeting

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Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

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Other Events

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Mother Julie's Schedule January 27 - February 2

<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Monday & Friday</u>
Emmanuel	St. Alban's	St. Alban's	Emmanuel	St. Alban's	Days off
4:00-6:30 pm	8:10-11:40	9:45-5:15	10:00-5:30	12:00-8:00	

St. Alban's Annual Meeting is January 29

* Elect 1 Warden and 4 Vestry Members * Continental Breakfast * Rector & Vestry Reports