

## WEEKLY MESSAGE – *May 19th* - Fr. Thomas

Two racing stable owners in Kentucky had developed a keep rivalry. Each spring they both entered a horse in a local steeplechase. One of them thought that having an accomplished rider might give his horse an edge in the race, so he hired a well-known jockey. The day of the race finally came, and as usual, their two horses were leading right down to the last fence. But that final fence was too much for both of their horses: each fell, and their riders were thrown off. Yet, that didn't stop the famous jockey who remounted quickly and easily won the race. When he returned to the stable, he found the owner fuming with rage. Not understanding his behavior, the jockey asked, "What's the matter with you? I won the race, didn't I?" The red-faced owner nodded, "Oh, yes, you won the race; but on the *wrong* horse!"

OK, you judge whether the story is apocryphal or not; but the rider had the best of intentions. He intended to win the race but became distracted and made a bad decision. And, ultimately, failed in what he was trying to do. Our walk with Jesus is similar in many ways. We start out strong, with the best of intentions. We're excited and we want to succeed in the faith, yet, so often, we become distracted by the lures of the world, the flesh, and the devil. We experience a challenge or setback, lose sight of God's grace and love, and ultimately our relationship with Jesus suffers. However, if we keep our eyes firmly fixed at all times on the risen Lord, we won't end up on the "wrong horse." With three weeks left in the Easter season, remember that *Easter is not simply a day or a season, but a way of life.*

### **THIS WEEK at St. David's...**

**VESTRY** – meets on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 11:15 a.m. in the Church.

**OUTREACH** – collection for the feeding of the homeless is Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, as the group will meet on Wednesday, May 22<sup>th</sup> in Riviera Beach.

**HOSPITALITY HOUR** - is hosted by the Daughters of the King.

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** – meet on Sundays in the Mark Room at 11:15 a.m.

**HOLY EUCHARIST** – *Tuesdays* at 8:30 a.m.

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** - meet on Tuesdays in the Mark Room at 7:00 p.m.

**HOLY EUCHARIST AND ROSARY** – *Wednesdays* at 6:30 p.m.

**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION** – first Wednesdays monthly, 6:00 p.m.

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** – meets on Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Mark Room.

**OUTREACH** – collection for the feeding of the homeless is Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, as the group will meet on Wednesday, May 22<sup>th</sup> in Riviera Beach.

**ECW ANNUAL MONEY RAFFLE** - \$5.00/ticket, booklet of 5/ \$25.00. Drawing on Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup> after the 10 am service in the Parish Hall. 1st prize: \$300.00, 2nd prize \$200.00, 3rd prize \$100.00. Additional tickets will be sold after the services on Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup>.

**THE MEN'S CURSILLO** Weekend at the Duncan Center in Delray Beach is scheduled May 30<sup>th</sup> - June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please see Ken Barnett or Evelyn Medcalf (561-315-8967) for details or [sef-Cursillo.org](http://sef-Cursillo.org)

**EVENSONG** – in celebration of Ascension, Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4:00 p.m., reception follows.

**CAMP** - Summer camp time is coming fast! This year the St. David's men's group will be offering \$250 scholarships to Camp Wingmann, the Episcopal Camp for the Diocese of Central Florida. Campers are separated into age appropriate groups during June and July. Please see Mike Riddle, Jim McKeown, or Walt Dzubiak for an information packet. The total cost of the camp is \$390 per week so parents will be responsible for \$100. We ask you fill out a Diocesan scholarship request, and return to us by end of April so we can ask the Diocese for some matching funds, to stretch our funds a little farther. May God bless each of you this summer.

**PLEASE PRAY...** For the **sick**: Marcia, Ted, Kristen, Chris, Roseanne, Ray, Pam, Iann, Ron, Assad, Jan, Gina, Debbie, Donna, Ashlyn, Robin, Linda. For those celebrating a **birthday**: James Belden, Sr., Andrew Elmore, Denise Wilson, Virginia Barley, Angelica Cortez, Laura Lee Montross, Jordyn Beresford. For those celebrating a wedding **anniversary**: Joseph & Debbie Piconcelli, James & Erika Belden, Irwin & Laurie Cohen. For our expectant **mothers**: Daniela, Juwaan, and Bethany. In **thanksgiving** for the birth of Luna Eve Olmeda to Kate & Peter Olmeda.