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Make Us Channels of Your Peace

St. Francis Episcopal Church



July 8, 2020

Grace

**But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love,
will enter your house. Psalm 5:7**

Grace

This week I have been thinking about, praying about, teaching about, and generally meditating on grace. The fact that I cannot save myself or change myself has been

clearer and clearer to me. The fact that I also change, grow, and become who I am created to be because of the power of God and all that God provides to me has also become clearer and clearer. I have not "hit bottom," or found myself in deep trouble. It just seems looking back on my life that when I depend on myself I will slip back to old ways and habits. When I receive from God new things are created within my soul.

The Family Of God

Our vision at St. Francis is to see our surrounding community invited into the family of God. As we have come to know we are ones who carry an invitation to others to come into the family of God, but it is the power of the Holy Spirit that actually brings people into the family of God. We do not really enter into all God has for us on our own power. We receive God's power for it. In a very real way, we invite others to receive the power of God to enter the family of God. Is there someone you wish to see enter the family of God? You might pray they receive the power of God to make that move in their lives.

Coming Attractions

Sunday July 12, 2020 - Worship via Zoom 10:00am

Centerville Circle of Prayer

For Taco Bell, that customers and employees would be safe and business would increase

The Diocese of Virginia

For Shrine Mont campers, counselors, directors, chaplains, nurses, and staff that they would continually walk in the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Anglican Communion

For the people of the Dioceses Northern Argentina(South America) The Rt Revd Nicholas James; Qusted Drayson Awori(Nigeria) The Rt Revd J Akin Aterethat they would continually walk in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Grace and Peace,

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