



PREPARING THE ABUNDANT TABLE

All Saints-by-the-Sea Commitment 2010

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Sunday, November 1st, marks not only the patronal feast of our parish, All Saints Day, but also the day of celebration for our 2010 stewardship program. On that Sunday, following the invitations you've received from the parish, the Vestry will be hosting a breakfast in thanksgiving for your generous pledges. This meal is a gift from the Vestry to you; there is no charge and we only ask that you let them know if you will be in attendance that morning.

This year, as last, we have mailed out pledge cards well in advance of All Saints Day. The Vestry would invite you to return your pledges before, or on that day, either by mail, by hand, or (as possible for the first time this year), electronically through our website. All the pledges will be gathered that festal Sunday morning and presented at the offertory for the continuing of God's work at All Saints-by-the-Sea.

Our theme this year, "Preparing the Abundant Table," has clearly resonated with many of you. We have come to recognize as a parish that God's providence has richly blessed us in this place. Now we in turn are preparing the table of abundance for others, for the Sunday School and college ministry, for outreach, for clergy and staff who lead our worship and care for our bodies and souls, and for the new mission work of the Diocese. We give God the greater thanks when we imitate God's loving generosity.

Don't forget, we once again have a guest preacher on All Saints Day, Rev. Kyle Childress from Nagadoches, Texas. Kyle's a good friend and one of the best preachers I've heard. I look forward to seeing you on Sunday, November 1st, our All Saints Day and the day of celebration for our abundant table.

Yours in Christ,

The Rev. Jeffrey Bullock