



THE FOURTH EPISTLE SAINT JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH MOBILE, ALABAMA

The Right Reverend Philip Duncan, Bishop,
Protestant Episcopal Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast
The Reverend Thomas Heard, Rector

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FROM THE RECTOR:

Dear Ones,

We are rapidly approaching the culmination of our Pledge Season. Here's our schedule:

- 10/19 – Minute for Stewardship Talks begin, one each week on the topics of Stewardship of the Environment, our Time, our Talents, and our Resources.
- 11/04 – Pledge Cards will be mailed to all members.
- 11/16 – Pledge In-gathering at our 10:00 Service.
- 11/17 – Follow-up on missing Pledges.

Over the past fourteen months, we've seen a new excitement at Saint John's and a host of maintenance and repair projects undertaken to get us up-to-snuff and make us look a bit more inviting to the Mobile community. These projects included shoring up the west wall of the Parish House building, caulking and painting the exterior of the complex, and installing new guttering, finally replacing what was stolen in the 1970s.

These projects did require significant capital expenditure, and your Vestry chose to fund these important projects from hurricane damage insurance funds and from Gifts and Memorials given to the parish from families and friends of members who have entered into their new lives in Christ. Your Vestry and I believe that using this legacy of our past is a right and proper way for their long relationships with Saint John's to continue into the future. We are truly blessed to have had such generosity from the past to help to ensure the future of Saint John's.

These Gifts and Memorials for our past members are a form of discipleship. These remembrances of Saint John's mark the importance of these wonderful people to Saint John's and the importance of Saint John's to each of them, all at the same time.

Our "Saint John's Living Endowment Fund", established in 2004, has grown from its initial value and supports our

Outreach activities. The Endowment continues to grow because 20% of the income it produces is continually reinvested. This is another way that the legacies of our past insure our future and the discipleship we are called to in our Baptism: to be the hands of Christ in the world around us.

As I outlined in my letter that accompanied your 3rd Quarter Contribution Statements, we've made great strides in re-establishing the firm foundations in our finances and our relationships. I am quite proud of the changes that have taken place as we live into our discipleship. The caring and concern that we show for each other, the willingness to help each other, and the genuine love we have for each other is a mark of the indwelling of Christ's love for us in our lives.

Can you remember Jesus' response to the rich young ruler's question about becoming a disciple? Jesus said to him, "Sell all that you have and follow me." The Acts of the Apostles gives us a couple of additional stories of disciples selling all and giving it to the church. Don't worry, the church doesn't ask that of its members anymore. Our situations today are very different: we don't live in a small community, sharing everything that the community has. On the other hand, scripture tells us that our offering should be ten percent of what we have. Our diocese began with twenty percent of our offerings going to support its work. At this point, we're back to ten percent, though it should be more. That is only possible if we have the resources to share with the diocese and the larger church.

If we are to live fully into our calling as Christians, we must continually look outside ourselves for ways that we can minister to the broken and hurting world outside our walls. I hope that you will carefully and prayerfully consider how you can support Saint John's mission in the parish and the world.

Faithfully,
Thomas

IN MEMORIAM: JOHN ROSS THOMAS 1923-2008

We marked the passing of our dear friend Jack Thomas into Eternal Life last Thursday. Born in Mobile in 1923, Jack was 85 at his death, and could claim being a great-grandson of Joe Cain.

One thing that always struck me about Jack was that he was always happy. As I've gotten to know the family, I've discovered that that was just Jack's normal way of being. Sure, he had things that got him down, but he tried not to dwell on them. Maybe there's something to being related to the man who reinstated *Mardi Gras* in Mobile.

In WWII, Jack served in the Army Corps of Engineers. His survey unit made five landings in the Pacific theatre and they were supposed to land in Japan, but the war ended first.

After a brief and almost disastrous career as a fisherman, Jack signed on with Warrior & Gulf Navigation as a mate in the engine room. Over the years he moved up to deckhand and eventually became a Master Pilot. All of this so he could be close to the water that he loved so much. At the wake, someone remarked that Jack was probably already fishing, checking out the good fishing holes.

Pat and Jack came to Saint John's in 1971. They brought their blended family with them, long before it was fashionable to do so; they were always active and always involved.

In his retirement, Jack needed something to do and found a great affinity for woodworking, particularly his trademark work with a jigsaw. He made clocks, trivets, signs, silly things and serious things. The detail work is extraordinary; perfection could have been his middle name. Many people have been the recipients of Jack's labors of love, often signed, "Whacked by Jack."

His struggle with Alzheimer's took the family through a great tribulation, and Jack always rested in the hope of wholeness once again in eternal life. Reborn in baptism, Jack knew that the Good Shepherd, God Incarnate, was capable of all things. He knew that his home was with God and that he would be there someday.

"Well done, good and faithful servant... Enter into the joy of your master." (Matthew 25:21)

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW YOUR SAINTS?

Charles Simeon

On Wednesday, 12 November, at the 10:00AM said mass, we will remember Charles Simeon. A student at Cambridge, Simeon was preparing for his first Communion, which was required of all undergraduates. He had been using a popular devotional tract which emphasized law and obedience as the way to be worthy of receiving the Sacrament. To him, this was to be a depressing and disheartening experience until he happened upon *Instructions for the Last Supper*, which led him to understand that righteousness could not be achieved by adherence to the law. He soon saw that only by faithfully perceiving Christ's sacrifice would he be worthy of receiving the Sacrament. His first Communion was a moment of peace and exhilaration and marked the beginning of his new life as a Christian. Simeon was one of the founders of the Church Missionary Society and actively recruited for mission work. As a preacher, Simeon was passionate and simple, ranking high in the history of Anglicanism.

Elizabeth, Princess of Hungary

Elizabeth, the daughter of a king of Hungary, had great concern for the poor and sick at an early age. She was attracted to the Franciscans and received spiritual direction from them. Her husband, recognizing the importance of almsgiving to her, allowed her to use her dowry for it. During a period of famine while her husband was out of the country, she sold her jewels to establish a hospital for the poor and sick. Much like Joseph in Egypt, Elizabeth opened the granaries for the people. Not surprisingly, her actions were seen as extravagant by the court and she and her children left Wartburg (now Bratislava). Some time later she became a Franciscan of the Third Order in Germany. She, along with Louis IX of France, is known as the patron of the Third Order of Saint Francis. Her short life of 24 years ended on 16 November, 1231.

A MESSAGE FOR ALL SAINTS 2008

The Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori
Presiding Bishop and Primate
The Episcopal Church

What saints will you remember this year on their feast? It's an occasion to remember all the faithful, whether we know their names or not. The Good Shepherd knows them by name, even if we don't. This year I'd invite you to celebrate the ones whose names you know and the ones whose names you haven't yet learned.

In your neighborhood, who is the saint who picks up trash? Who looks out for school children on their way to and from school? Who looks after an elderly or frail neighbor, running errands or checking to be sure that person has what is needed?

In your community, what saints labor on behalf of the voiceless? I recently read about a prison law program in Michigan, about to be shut down for lack of funds, where one lawyer has worked for decades on behalf of those who have no other helper. Sandra Girard's work has helped to free many who were wrongly convicted, and to ease the circumstances of those who will spend most of the rest of their lives in jail. She points out that, "Most of the people I've helped in prison have also been victims. Long before they committed a crime themselves, they were victims of violence, poverty or something else." I met a member of the clergy in Missouri recently who also told of seeing many victims in prisons, but also that the penal system there is the most highly regarded in the U.S., for its focus on reparative and reconstructive justice. What saints are visiting the prisoners in your area? That is one of the ways Jesus urges us to bring good news and care for the least and forgotten among us (Matthew 25:37-40).

The saints are followers of Jesus, and fellow travelers on the journey toward the City of God. They come in all shapes, ages, colors, and theological stripes. Some of them, like Jerome and Jeremiah, can be difficult to live with. The children of the churches of the Convocation in Europe recently compiled a book of saints, complete with short accounts of their lives and illustrations by the children. Their list had some familiar names, like Joan of Arc and Hildegard, and some unexpected ones, like Anne Frank and Edith Cavell. Some, like Miss Edith, would not be known beyond the local congregation, but have had even more influence on their young charges' lives than any saint of an earlier age.

As you gather to celebrate on the feast of All Saints, take with you the name of a saint whose example you have seen in action, and one whose name you don't know, and give thanks. The appropriate companion prayer to one of thanks for the witness of other saints is that we, too, might be holy examples to those whom we meet.



For healing grace and continued strength, we pray for our members:

Ron Waites, Jennifer & baby Yeager, Pat Thomas, Jack Walker, Margie Mattoon, Bootsie Cieutat, Marion Wallace, Stephen Lee, Earl Garner, Mardell Nichol, Shannon Newberry, Ashley Garris, Mellissa Brown, Gloria Lee

And for our Friends and Family:

Geraldine Duke, Nicholas Tarantole, Idela Rye, Ronnie Davis, Jake Nelson, Vieva Steele, Joey, Gabby & Alex Curry, Joe Stroecker, Marie McPhail, Marsha Carol Chilton, Cheryl Garner, Michael Wilson, Helen Baker, Robbie Hinson, Gracie Stroecker, Jo-Alice Christenberry, Shirley Mayson, Barry Aiken, Thomas Murray, Mary Alice Stiber, Julie Stiber, Mary Jones, Olga Hauge

For victims of war and their families, and members of our Armed Forces and their families:

Steven Garris, Jeffery Yeager, Lee-J Benson, Ellis Eugene Garner, Eric Mattoon, Brian Kane

For our Homebound:

Alice Cieutat, Nellie Doyle, Mae Dunn, Will Elam, Corinne Faust, Gwen Johnson, Violet Kosko, Vevia Lund, Margie Mattoon, Lillian Mayson, Angela McGuire, Audrey Meador, Jane Tate Moore, Betty Plash, Jack Walker, Chick & Dot Wohlert



Vestry

The regular meeting of the Vestry of Saint John's was held on 14 October 2008 at 7:00PM.

The meeting was called to order with prayer by Fr. Heard.

The minutes of the September meeting were approved as corrected.

Reporting for the Evangelism Committee, Eugene Johnston stated that the Network Subcommittee is active making calls to people who regularly attend church but who miss three Sundays in a row.

Howard Yeager reported for the Outreach Committee that they will be sending money to the Home of Grace. They have decided to table any action on the Silent Auction until January due to economic conditions. Howard also reported that the Endowment Committee met to review Saint John's State Street investments. They elected Fran Barbour as secretary and established a Gift Review Committee with members Howard Yeager, Emily Johnston and Gordon Moulton.

James Christiansen reported that the painting and guttering projects are complete. There are other projects that need to be accomplished, but these will be held until 2009 due to budget constraints.

Cindy Gass reviewed the current financial statements. She requested that any information or input for the 2009 budget be forwarded to her.

Jessica Dennis stated that Commitment Sunday will be November 16, with the kick-off scheduled for October 19. Vestry members will give short presentations during the Sunday services about various aspects of stewardship. Pledge cards will be mailed by November 3.

Father Heard reported on transfers in and out of Saint John's. He said that he has received the financial audit for 2007 from the CPA. He also reported on year-to-date attendance statistics.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 PM with prayer.

OUTREACH NOTES

St. John's Outreach Committee met in late September to discuss plans for the rest of the year. During this meeting it was decided to hold off on any further planning of a Silent Auction until after the New Year begins. The financial crisis that has hit Wall Street may have an impact upon the financial position of many people in Mobile, and it seems to us that we need to wait and watch to determine how best to proceed with these plans. We will revisit our Auction planning in January 2009.

We are pleased to report that money budgeted for Outreach is being put to good use, with donations given recently to The Home of Grace, Episcopal Relief and Development, and 15 Place. Our next committee meeting will be in November. If any additional ideas for Outreach Committee activities leap into your head, please contact one of us: Howard Yeager, Ron Waites or Cheryl Winters-Heard.

-Cheryl Winters-Heard

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE SAINT JOHN'S ECW!

A lot of work and even more stuff came together for the ECW Rummage Sale. The Great Hall was wall to wall with "stuff" ranging from priceless treasures to fabulous junkie. Moving, arranging and pricing took the better part of four days of preparation, followed by two 7-12 days of sale. The rewards were great! Over \$2,400 raised to support the ECW's work.

GREAT JOB!

PARISH LIFE



We missed Saturday Afternoon at the Movies in October due to a scheduling conflict, but this popular event will be back on the second Saturday in November. Join us in the parlor on November 8 at 1:00 p.m.

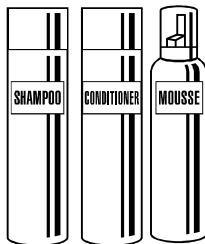
to watch *The Great Escape*. We'll be serving everyone's favorite movie refreshments: popcorn, sodas, and something sweet!

On Saturday, October 25, supper club was held at Ron and Donna Waites' house in west Mobile. They have a lovely home; very inviting and warm. We dined on BBQ beef brisket, loads of different side dishes, and delicious desserts. A huge "thank you" to Ron and Donna.



The next supper club will be November 22 at the home of Bob and Paula Ross. Maps will be available on the bulletin board with the sign up sheet. Paula will be serving Southern foods. The December supper club/Christmas party will be at the church.

Parish Life is sponsoring a new community project. We are collecting blankets, new and used, for the homeless. They will be given out around Christmas. We will also be making bags for the homeless and we are looking for donations for items to go in the bags, including travel size soap, toothbrushes, baby wipes, deodorant, shampoo, hand lotion, chapstick, pens and notepaper. Please give donations to Pat, Cheryl or Alice. Please help us to help others!



-Pat Pritchard

REPORT ON CURSILLO



I had heard of the Cursillo movement for years but was never moved to "do" one until the last few months. Well, I "did" a Cursillo weekend (10/23 – 10/26) at Beckwith Campgrounds and I'm here to tell you the Holy Spirit was alive and going strong on Week's Bay for those 4 nights and 3 days.

Cursillo was born in Spain in the 1940s to bring people back to the Church during Franco's controlling reign. "Cursillos de Cristiandad" means short course in Christian living and I see it as a concentrated time to get your battery charged for the Lord.

Twenty-five "pilgrims" from all over our diocese (13 women and 12 men) met, ate, discussed, ate, sang, ate, and learned from each other ways to get our faith geared up a notch or two.

Twenty-two "cursillistas", former pilgrims (11 men and 11 women), waited on us hand and foot, planned and put on the entire weekend. Three clergy were there (former pilgrims), but all sessions were laity-executed.

I personally needed a shot-in-the-arm, and I came away with my spirit renewed and some of my fear lessened about just what the Lord has in store for me next.

I recommend it – especially for couples. Beckwith's accommodations are comfortable (motel-style rooms; no tents), the setting is beautiful, the food outstanding. On top of all that – it's free! However, if I ever have to sing another camp song with body movements I may scream...

-Joan Marie Elam

EVENSONG

The Evensong tradition continues! The choir and clergy will offer Evensong on Sunday, November 16 at 5:00 PM. Join us and discover a sublime way to draw the day to a close.



ST. JOHN'S CARES ABOUT HUNGER IN THE COMMUNITY

FOOD DRIVE AT ST. JOHN'S

Starting Sunday, November 9th and continuing through Sunday, November 16th, St John's will be sponsoring a food drive to assist the Bay Area Food Bank. This is a chance for our St. John's community to help the larger community during the holiday season.

Did you know that:

- ⇒ 62% of Bay Area Food Bank clients have to CHOOSE between paying for food and paying for utilities!
- ⇒ Food donated during food drives is some of the most nutritious food that Bay Area Food Bank receives!
- ⇒ For every dollar you donate, Bay Area Food Bank can collect and distribute about five pounds of food through its food distribution program!
- ⇒ Since 1981, the Bay Area Food Bank has distributed over 100 million pounds of food!
- ⇒ Programs of the Food Bank include, Summer Lunch, Kids Cafe, Senior Nutrition, Disaster Relief and Community Food Assistance

There will be a barrel at the church entrance for you to place your food offerings; On Sunday, November 16th the food offerings will be presented during the service.

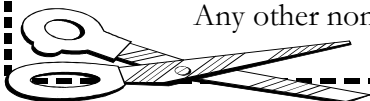
Take this list shopping with you so you won't forget... one can, two cans or a case of cans...it **will** make a difference in the lives of families in our community and help demonstrate our mission as a community of Christ.

-Janet Buckley

St. John's Food Drive "Most Wanted" List

Canned green beans	Canned corn
Canned yams	Canned sweet peas
Canned fruit cocktail	Canned pineapple
Canned cranberry sauce	Canned peaches
Canned peas	Canned ham
Rice	Stuffing mix
Macaroni & cheese	

Any other non-perishable item



EVANGELISM

On Sunday October 26th the Evangelism Committee met. Reports were received from the three subcommittees.

† Attendance Subcommittee: The committee, under the leadership of Joan Marie Elam, has been calling people who have missed church. This committee has been a great help to Fr. Thomas as they have identified several parishioners who are ill but their illness was unknown.

† Visitors: This committee is reviewing the process by which visitors are welcomed. It was noted that the Greeter Program has done a wonderful job in being the initial contact. Other forms of contact occur during the week following. More follow up is needed and this subcommittee will continue to address that.

† Community Activities: This committee, under the leadership of Janet Buckley, is investigating opportunities for the parish to work with the Bay Area Food Bank and Habitat for Humanity. Janet is assisted by Jessica Dennis.

A new subcommittee was formed under the direction of Pat Thomas. This committee will look at "lapsed" members. Pat will research past members so see if they are interested in returning to St John's.

You will be hearing more from us in the future.

-Eugene Johnston

FAITH IN ACTION

What is my job? I have a lot of labels that I apply to myself: wife, mother, consultant, Christian, scuba diver, skier, lover of large dogs—you know how this goes. We have a need to categorize ourselves, or to try to find some attribute that will get us into a larger group so that we then can feel like we belong somewhere.

Recently I said to someone at church that I wasn't a very good pew sitter. What I meant by that was simply that I find that I can't be happy for very long by simply attending worship, enjoying the music, going to coffee hour in good Episcopalian manner, and then leaving for brunch. I have to do something. These things that I find I must do may be my way of attaching a label to myself, thus assuring myself that I belong because I am an usher, a choir member, an acolyte or a reader.

But it may be a larger thing. I hope it is, because I think this is at the heart of my faith. "Faith without works is dead", we are told in James. One church I attended as a child had a committee called the "Faith in Action" committee. Unfortunately, I don't really remember what they did exactly, but I suspect it had to do with some sort of outreach.

Anyway, I think I do what I do as a way of giving back. I hope that's why, but it may just be that I enjoy being part of a larger group of interesting people--call it my inherent nosiness.

But to move out of the ridiculous into something bigger and better, it seems to me that our faith, what we hold dearest in terms of our theology, our religious practices, gains its truest expression in our responses to it. That may seem like a huge leap, to go from believing in something to acting on it. But think of a child at Christmas. We always had to write a letter to Santa, address it to the North Pole and mail it. On Christmas Eve, there would always be a plate of cookies with a glass of milk or a cup of hot chocolate left before our daughter went to bed as a way of living out the belief that Santa would come, that he would bring at least some of the presents requested in the letter, and that he would be hungry. Faith of a child in a loving entity evoked a response and demanded action.

How much more should it be for us with the One who took on human flesh and became as we are so that we could know the fullest extent of God's love for His creatures? Should we not respond to this incarnation with our own incarnation of beliefs turned into physical actions of love, of understanding, of peacemaking, of kindness? Our responses, our actions, will take many forms, but all driven by the cognition that God became Man, God became enfleshed, and in the Eucharist, we partake and participate and become one with the Flesh of the One who is one of us.

-Cheryl Winters-Heard

THEE STORE

Thee Store has had a very successful calendar sale this year. The orders are still rolling in. We appreciate all of the churches and individuals that placed orders.

Thee Store has been traveling! We had a wonderful time at St. Andrew's on October 11. Our thanks to Phyllis Findley! The following week, Thee Store was set up at Church of the Advent, where we were well received by the warm and friendly folks in Lillian. The BBQ and the music were great. Thanks to The Rev. Martha Creamer and Pat Morgan. We hope both churches will have us back for future events.

We will be taking the store to Beckwith on November 1 for the Brotherhood of St. Andrews Assembly. Our hours at Beckwith will be 9:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Please remember Thee Store's *Christmas Open House* in the Great Hall on December 6, from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. We will offer free gift wrapping for your purchases. We hope to see you there!

-Pat Pritchard



Episcopal Relief & Development is doing its part to reach the Millennium Development Goals. Its MDG Inspiration Fund, a partnership with the Executive Council of the Episcopal Church and Jubilee Ministries, aims to raise \$3 million by the end of 2009 to promote health and fight disease in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean. Below is an example of how your donations are used to alleviate poverty.

Peru - *Providing a loan that invests in the future*

For **Chuquillanqui** all it took was a small cart. Sometimes, the simplest things can have an enormous effect. In the impoverished Puno region of southern Peru, Chuquillanqui stayed at home to care for her children. However, when illness cost her husband his job she became the family breadwinner. To replace his lost income, she collected cardboard, glass and plastic trash off the streets and sold it to a recycling center. However, she could not gather and sell enough to feed her family.

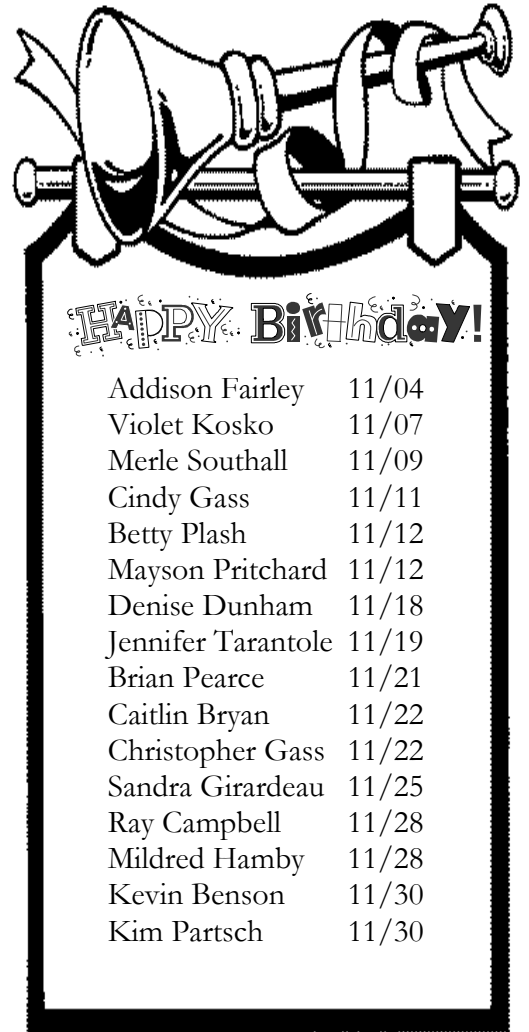
Episcopal Relief & Development has implemented an innovative micro-finance strategy that assists the indigenous Aymaran people in the Puno Region. Jobs that provide a living wage are scarce in this area, where 30% of the population suffers from chronic malnutrition and very few people have resources to invest in small businesses.

Together with the Anglican Diocese of Peru and the Ecumenical Church Loan Fund (ECLOF), Episcopal Relief & Development is delivering micro-loan assistance in the Puno region. The partnership has already lent money to more than 2,100 people, most of them women who are solely responsible for providing for their families.

A micro-loan enabled Chuquillanqui to buy a small cart so she could collect and transport more material to the recycler. When Chuquillanqui paid her loan off, she obtained a second loan that she used to rent storage space. This enabled her to expand her business and employ family members. Now she no longer worries where her family's next meal will come from.

For Chuquillanqui, Episcopal Relief & Development is proving that even small steps can lead to profound, positive change.

To help Episcopal Relief & Development heal a hurting world, please visit the agency online at www.er-d.org, or call 1-800-334-7626, ext. 5129. Gifts can be mailed to: Episcopal Relief & Development, P.O. Box 7058, Merrifield, VA 22116-7058. Please note that your gift is for the MDG Inspiration Fund.



NOVEMBER 2008 AT SAINT JOHN'S

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
MP = Morning Prayer HE = Holy Eucharist Rector out: 11/6-Continuing Ed; 11/18-Bishop's Conference on Shared Ministry; 11/20-Fresh Start						1
2 9A Formation 10A HE-II All Saints' Day	3 8:30A MP	4 8:30A MP ELECTION DAY	5 8:30A MP 10A HE-II+Unction 11A ECW 6:45P Choir	6 8:30A MP 5:30P EfM	7 8:30A MP	8 9A Altar Guild 1P Saturday Afternoon at the Movies
9 820A Breakfast 9A Formation 10A HE-II Pentecost 26	10 8:30A MP 12P DOK	11 8:30A MP 7P Vestry	12 8:30A MP 10A HE-II Charles Simeon 6:45P Choir	13 8:30A MP 5:30P EfM	14 8:30A MP	15 10-4 Petro Recital
16 9A Formation 10A HE-II Pentecost 27 5P Evensong	17 8:30A MP	18 8:30A MP	19 8:30A MP 10A HE-II Elizabeth of Hungary 6:45P Choir	20 8:30A MP 5:30P EfM	21 8:30A MP NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	22 6P Supper Club @ Ross
23 9A Formation 10A HE-II Christ the King	24 8:30A MP	25 8:30A MP	26 8:30A MP 10A HE-II	27 8:30A MP 10A HE-II Thanksgiving Day	28 8:30A MP	29
30 9A Formation 10A HE-II Advent 1						

LECTIONARY AND ROTA FOR NOVEMBER 2008

Date	2 November HE-II 10:00AM	9 November HE-11 10:00AM	16 November HE-II 10:00AM	16 November Evensong 5:00PM	23 November HE-II 10:00AM	30 November HE-II 10:00AM
Lectionary Day	All Saints' Sunday	26 th after Pentecost Proper 27	27 th after Pentecost Proper 28	27 th after Pentecost Proper 28	Christ the King 28 th after Pentecost Proper 29	B Advent 1
Lessons	Ecclesiasticus 44:1-10,13-14 Psalm 149 Revelation 7:2-4, 9-17 Matthew 5:1-12	Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 Psalm 78:1-7 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Matthew 25:1-13	Judges 4:1-7 Psalm 123 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 Matthew 25:14-30	Habakkuk 1:1-2:1 Psalm 19,46 Philippians 3:13-4:1	Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 Psalm 100 Ephesians 1:15-23 Matthew 25:31-46	Isaiah 64:1-9 Psalm 80:1-7,16-18 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Mark 13:24-37
Greeters	Scott Escobio	Connie McLean	Joan Marie Elam		Connie & Bob Anderson	Thelma Lomers
Lectors	Ron Brown Ron Waites	Pat Fulford Mary Sheffield	Steve Brown Denise Dunham	Ron Waites Connie Anderson	Janet Buckley Paula Ross	Leah Betts Cheryl Winters- Heard
Intercessor	Cheryl Winters-Heard	Connie Anderson	Ron Waites	--	Steve Brown	Scott Escobio
Eucharistic Ministers	Geri Moulton Steve Brown	Ron Waites Ron Brown	Mary Sheffield Connie Anderson	--	Ron Brown Geri Moulton	Connie McLean Ron Waites
Eucharistic Visitor	Paula Ross	Eugene Johnston	Ron Brown	--	Ron Waites	Paula Ross
Altar Guild	Neva Bache Donna Waites	Neva Bache Donna Waites	Kim Partsch Irene Yeager		Kim Partsch Irene Yeager	Betty & George Taylor
Vestry Tellers	Jessica Dennis Eugene Johnston	James Christiansen Howard Yeager	Scott Escobio Cindy Gass	--	Pat Pritchard Cindy Gass	Steve Brown James Christiansen

If you are unable to serve as scheduled, please arrange a swap and let the Church Office know of the arrangements.

AREA OPPORTUNITIES

REMINDER!

Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour when you go to bed Saturday night!



Prayer of Spirit and Body Retreat

This retreat is scheduled for November 21-23, at Beckwith. Facilitated by Jan and The Rev. Marshall Craver, it is an introduction to yoga and other forms of body prayer as Christian spiritual practice. No prior experience with yoga is necessary. Jan Craver is a registered nurse, a member of Yoga Alliance and certified in Kripalu yoga- the 200 hour level. The Rev. Marshall Craver is Associate Rector of St. Paul's, Mobile, and a graduate of Shalem Institute's Certificate Program for leading meditation groups and retreats. Brochures with registration forms and schedule information are located on the bulletin board. Space is limited so register early.

The Saint John's Bible Exhibit

The Saint John's Bible is not an artifact from the founding of our parish, nor did The Rev. Dr. Tucker ever touch it! It is a contemporary artwork being created in the tradition of medieval bibles. This interfaith project is being created by Donald Jackson and a team of scribes and artists and incorporates both Eastern and Western traditions, as well as Native American tradition. We are fortunate to have a 50-page sample of The Saint John's Bible here in Mobile from 10 October through 12 April. The Mobile Museum of Art is open daily until 5:00PM. Some of our members have already seen the exhibit; some more than once. Don't miss it!

Art Soup

15 Place, Mobile's multi-service center for the homeless, will be holding its annual fundraiser, "Art Soup" on Friday, November 14 from 6 to 9 p.m. at Christ Church Cathedral, 115 S. Conception St. The cost is \$40 per person for a dinner of hearty soups and a complementary homemade bowl made by a group of fine local potters. Music by Bay Runners, plus a silent auction. Call 432-7227 to reserve your ticket.



Electronics Recycling Opportunity



Keep Mobile Beautiful will be conducting an electronics recycling event on Saturday, November 22 from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the fairgrounds on Cody Road. Here is a great opportunity to safely dispose of your old electronics such as computers, printers, telephones, televisions, fax machines, etc.

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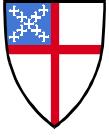
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8:30AM Morning Prayer

Sunday:

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10:00AM Holy Eucharist

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