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April 24, 2009

We Look Forward to Seeing You Sunday!

- 7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I
- 8:45 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in the Chapel*
- 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II*
- 10:00 a.m. Christian Education for all ages & Coffee Hour*
- 11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II*
- 5:00 p.m. iConfirm Service

*Nursery available

Sunday Lectionary: Year B
 Revised Common Lectionary
 Daily Office: Year ONE

The Lectionary — The Third Sunday of Easter: *First Lesson:* Acts 3:12-19; *The Psalm 4;* *Second Lesson:* 1 John 3:1-7 *The Gospel:* Luke 24:36b-48

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CHOOSING A NEW BISHOP

What qualities are we Episcopalians looking for in our next chief pastor to replace retiring Bishop Charles Jenkins? Do you have an opinion on the current status of affairs in the diocese? Want to learn about the selection process?

Plan to attend a town-hall meeting scheduled for Monday, May 4 in Bishops Hall. Registration begins at 6:30 with the forum to run from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

This meeting is for lay persons only in the Baton Rouge area. (Three other area meetings will be held in the following weeks.) The Episcopate Committee that guides the initial diocese evaluation and candidate search wants to hear from **you!**

You may also participate in a short survey about the election and diocese at www.edola.org. The survey is available until April 30.

Nominations for the Eleventh Bishop of Louisiana will be accepted between June 15 and July 31. An Election Convention is scheduled for December 5 at Christ Church Cathedral.

Consecration of the next bishop of Louisiana is planned for May 2010.

The St. James Associate Vestry
 invites you to the annual
CRAWFISH BOIL

6:00-9:00 p.m.
Friday, May 1
Bishops Hall

Please bring a dessert to share

Youth Experience Cardboard City

By the Rev. Laurie M. Brock, reprinted from E-Dola: E-News of the Diocese of Louisiana

On March 20 and 21, youth and clergy from St. James and Trinity, Baton Rouge, and Christ Church Cathedral and Trinity, New Orleans, gathered on the grounds of St. James to build and live in a Cardboard City. Cardboard City is an experiential lock-out where youth and adults gathered to learn more about the day-to-day life of homeless men, women, and children in our communities.

Participants ate dinner and breakfast served by volunteers in the St. James Soup Kitchen, slept in cardboard boxes for the night, and listened to homeless men and women talk about their lives. Randy Nichols, a leader in Baton Rouge homeless ministries, led youth in case studies about who, exactly, is homeless, why families are homeless, and what we as people of faith can do to help those who are homeless.

Residents of O'Brien House, a residential treatment center for those struggling with substance abuse, talked about their lives as homeless women and men. The youth also had small group time to process what they experienced, learned, and heard that evening. The night ended with a Eucharist celebrated outside, with each person offering something in prayer that they could do to respect the dignity of homeless people in their communities.



Preparing their homes for the night at Cardboard City

St. James Staff

The Rt. Rev. Charles E. Jenkins -

Bishop of Louisiana

The Very Rev. J. Mark Holland-

XXIII Rector of St. James

The Rev. John Sloan Miller -

Associate Rector

The Rev. Laurie M. Brock -

Associate Rector

The Rev. Ralph F. Howe, Jr. -

Priest Assistant

Deacon Pat Lyle -

Spiritual Director in Residence

Deacon Mark Hudson

The Rev. Charles A. Wood -

Chaplain, St. James Place

The Rt. Rev. Robert C. Witcher -

Bishop-in-Residence

XIX Rector of St. James

The Rt. Rev. James M. Coleman -

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Sue Larisey



The Diocese of Louisiana is one church, faithful to Jesus Christ, united in mission, reaching out to seekers.

We live in joyous witness to the power of grace and divine compassion in our lives.

Christian Education Notes

Nursery Care for children three months to four years old is available 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on the first floor of the Parish Hall. Pagers are also available for your comfort and convenience.

Children's Calendar 'til end of season

Classes for children will resume this Sunday, April 26 at 10:00 a.m., and continue until Sunday, May 17. Our Sunday School leaders and volunteers will be recognized for their service at the 9:00 a.m. service on Sunday, May 17.

Save the Date for this year's Vacation Church School — The Ark of St. James: *Making a Difference Two by Two* will take place **July 27-31, 2009** from 9:00 a.m. - noon. Before you schedule your summer vacation, be sure to mark your calendar for the Ark of St. James!

This year's Vacation Church School activities will build upon the Heifer International initiative introduced during the Lenten season. The children will explore the vastness of God's kingdom by gaining an understanding of other cultures, geography, and animals. Through interactive music, stories,

crafts, and games, the children will learn that they can make a difference by getting involved in our church community, local community, and the world.



Children ages 4 years old through entering fifth graders are encouraged to attend. We would like each child to bring a friend so they can *make a difference two by two*.

Save the Date for Lunch and Learn

The St. James SENIORS group is sponsoring a luncheon on **Sunday, May 24** following the 11:00 a.m. service. The Very Rev. Mark Holland will be talking about his recent trip to The Holy Land. Continuing the theme, the menu will be of "Loaves and Fishes" featuring fried catfish, bread, potato salad and cole slaw, brownies, ice tea and coffee.



The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and loving memory of Edrel Landry Roy by her family.

The arrangement in the Parish Hall foyer is by Linda Lee.

The arrangement at Coffee Hour is by Barbara Bearden.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers ...

Prayers are asked for: Louibelle Grantham, Kim Hatton, Jeanne & David James, Warren Green, Hunt Odom, Marion Hart LeBlanc, Charles Robertson, Hunter, Jonathan South, Russell Fish, John Bergeron, Jack Dagget, Debbie Terrell, Beth, Fran Huber Katchmer, Margie Stanford, Lance Conkerton, Judy Jack McCray, Yvonne Bradley

Our continuing prayers are offered for: O.B. Romero, Estelle Copes, Michael Matassarini, Marguerite Matassarini, Nicholas Yiannopoulos, Bessie Stockton, Bill, Thomas, John and Kathy Gummersell, Brooke Griggs, Donoghue, Perry Gaither, Nancy, Mary Sunny McCoy, Sallie, Katherine Gant, Cameron Mott, Linda Lee, Luci Cobb, Glen Stockton, Angie Denny, Kevin Stockton,

Marina Pinell, Gordon Loudon, Kathryn Daggett, Kelsey Favrot, Mary Betts, Kenlie Jackson, John & Fritz Dehlbert, Blair, Carole, Anne and Wayne Williams, Prentiss McClendon, Berta Mayer, Jim Bogan, Laura Haywood, Sammie Jackson, Ava Jet Blencke, Penny, Caleb Hutchins, Margaret Blades, Fred Frey Jr., Rubye Harris, Carolyn Glusman, Tom Raggio, Camille Raggio, Rachel Williams, Estelle Schilling, Vic Roy, Anne Howe, Betty Romero, Lillian Shipes, Carolyn Bishop, Marguerite Godwin

For those in the Armed Forces: Rob Hutchins, PFC Hal Town, Captain John Lyford V, Captain Allison Laine Lyford, Cpl William Martin, Capt. Kyle Randall, PFC Don Ellen, Lt. Col Michael Benson, Pvt Stephen Arnold USMC, Captain K. Joshua Calmes, Captain Charlie Hines

Birthdays April 24-30

- 24 Shelby Harris, Rickey Ainsworth, Amanda Hallam, Oliver Grigsby, Madeleine Shawhan
25 Susie Irby, Heather Martin, Nicole Brien, Jeffrey Sickler, Jessica Oropesa, Mary Beth Kurtz
26 Lee Stirling, Isabelle Coates
27 Emily Robinson, Will Owens, Liz Butler, Lauren Ray, Caroline Creech
28 Marjorie Sharp, Hunter Hines, Winston Scollard
29 Bob Rust, Benny Spann, William Reiger, Thomas Perry, Emma Fryday
30 Gordon Loudon, Mary Callicott, Amy Ferachi, Charlie Jackson

Adult Classes this Spring

The schedule of adult classes to the end of the spring term includes a series on early St. James history, and the conclusion of presentation begun earlier this year by Bill Campbell.

- April 26* - Thomas Williams and St. James during the Civil War led by Bernard Berry
May 3 - The Tiffany Windows in St. James Church, led by Lubna Culbert
May 10 - Leonidas Polk, the Fighting Bishop led by Bishop Robert Witcher
May 17 - Venice: Christian Humanism in Art, Music, and Education, led by Bill Campbell

All are welcome to join these classes at any point, or pick-and-choose. Classes run from approximately 10:10 to 10:50 a.m. on Sunday mornings. The classes meet on the third floor of the Ministries Center in the Center for Spiritual Formation atrium.

You are cordially invited
to attend the 2009

confirm

service by the youth of the
confirmation class.

Sunday, April 26, 2009
5:00 p.m.

Celebrating Creation in Eastertide

Second of two parts by The Rev. Phina Borgeson, ENS correspondent for science and environment

In their pastoral letter of March 2009 the bishops of The Episcopal Church wrote that the crisis we confront "is both economic and environmental." They catalogued ecological disasters related to climate change which are affecting human communities around the world, and "result in massive joblessness, driving agricultural production costs up, and worsening global hunger."

They continued, "The wars nations wage over diminishing natural resources kill and debilitate not only those who fight in them, but also civilians, weakening families, and destroying the land. We as a people have failed to see this connection, compartmentalizing concerns so as to minimize them and continue to live without regard to the care of God's creation and the stewardship of the earth's resources that usher in a more just and peaceful world."

Too often we see economic and social justice competing for our attention with care for the rest of God's creation. One resource that is a frequent source of conflict is water.

As droughts and misuse lessen water supplies in some regions and floods increase in severity and frequency in others, we pit the needs of human communities against those of the well-being of ecosystems as a whole.

Right: A Swazi woman draws water from her village well. Waterborne diseases and hunger due to drought are two causes of an average life expectancy of less than 32 years in Swaziland. Its companion diocese, Iowa, has responded with the Waters of Life project. Swaziland, a small, land-locked country between South Africa and Mozambique is where parishioner Rory Green spent part of his gap year assisting with Cabrini Ministries. Below: The Gualala River in December 2008, the third dry winter in a row. At this time of year water usually fills the banks, which mark the coastal boundary of Mendocino and Sonoma Counties in California.

We see this conflict clearly in the western United States where the demands for water of growing cities, suburbs and towns clash with rights of native peoples and the health of native fisheries, and compete with the demands of agriculture.

Droughts in the Southeastern United States, Australia and Africa drive up the prices of food and fiber, while also taking a toll on the health and diversity of biotic communities.

One of the targets of Millennium Development Goal Seven is to reduce by half the proportion of people without access to safe drinking water. Their number is currently estimated at about 1.2 billion, or more than one in every six people. In many places, to do this will require restoration of natural habitats, not just appropriate local technologies.

Environmental author Van Jones, in *The Green Collar Economy*, points out the historic tension between concerns for ecology and social justice, and calls for a new era of eco-populism rather than eco-elitism. He asserts that church members, who out of deep faith have worked for civil rights, have a role to play in working for the well-being of planet and people.





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We proclaim Christ crucified and risen, and invite you to join with us in ministry together in his name.

Ministries and Worship

Friday, April 24, 2009

8:15 a.m. Day School Eucharist
Noon *We Care* Bags Project

Saturday, April 25, 2009

8:00 a.m. Garden Guild Work Day

Sunday, April 26, 2009 - 3 Easter

7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I
8:45 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Chapel*
9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II*
10:00 a.m. Christian Ed and Coffee/Lemonade Hour
11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II*
3:00 p.m. Day School Graduates Reunion
5:00 p.m. **iConfirm Service** and Holy Eucharist
5:00 p.m. Mastersingers Rehearsal

Monday, April 27, 2009

Noon O'Brien House Board Meeting
5:30 p.m. Day School Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 28, 2009

Noon Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, April 29, 2009

7:00 a.m. Bible Study Group
7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 30, 2009

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist/Healing Service
Noon EFM
6:00 p.m. EFM

** Indicates Child Care Provided*

Lay Ministry - Sunday, April 26, 2009

7:30 a.m. Phil Martin, John Bilisoly

8:45 a.m. Mimi Riché

Ushers

9:00 a.m. Laurance W. Brooks Jr., Rip Collins, Ben Reiser, Mike Fontenot

11:00 a.m. Huntington Odom, Fred Frey, Charles Coates Jr., Tommy Frazer

Acolytes

9:00 a.m. Benjamin White, William White, Jack Hearin
11:00 a.m. Andrew LeBlanc, Micaiah Carter, Destiny Carter

Eucharistic Ministers

7:30 a.m. Tony Carter
8:45 a.m. Mimi Riché, Brent Caldwell
9:00 a.m. Ed Henderson
11:00 a.m. Scott Westbrook
5:00 p.m. TBD

Vergers

9:00 a.m. David Warrington
11:00 a.m. Katherine Martin

Lectors

7:30 a.m. Cathy McHugh
8:45 a.m. Hays Town III, BB Stirling (P), Kent Caldwell
9:00 a.m. Allen Black, Bob Bowsher
11:00 a.m. Bill Campbell, Chet Carter

Intercessor

7:30 a.m. Tony Carter
8:45 a.m. Honey East
9:00 a.m. Linda Bowsher
11:00 a.m. Marcia Campbell

Welcome Committee

8:45 a.m. Mimi Riché
9:00 a.m. Bahin Leonard, Rieta Reiser
11:00 a.m. Carole & Phillip Wright, Linda & Bill Lee

Altar Guild

7:30 a.m. Dodie Edmonds, Mildred Taylor
8:45 a.m. Charlotte Paterson
9:00 a.m. Sue Larisey, Janet Rowan
11:00 a.m. Sally Fenet, Elizabeth Libbers, Carole Wright
5:00 p.m. Betty Phillips