



# The MESSENGER

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March 20, 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\*
- 11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II\*
- 5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II in the Chapel

\*Nursery available

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

**The Lectionary — The Fourth Sunday in Lent:** *First Lesson:* Numbers 21:4-9; *The Psalm* 107:1-3, 17-22; *Second Lesson:* Ephesians 2:1-10; *The Gospel:* John 3:14-21.

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## GUMBO St. James Style



### Gumbo 2009 continues to serve

Gumbo 2009 is off to a great start, but we still need your help! Snacks for the Gumbo Volunteers would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to help with this, please contact Mary Boutwell at 225-346-5351 or [mary.boutwell@yahoo.com](mailto:mary.boutwell@yahoo.com).

Friday volunteers are welcome beginning at 9:00 a.m. If you have some time to spare, we'll find the place for you!

Invite your friends and co-workers to a wonderful St. James Gumbo lunch between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. next Friday!

### Organ Recital and Class

Pamela Decker, Professor of Organ/Music Theory at the University of Arizona in Tucson will present an organ recital at St. James Episcopal Church this Sunday, March 22 at 3:00 p.m.

The recital is jointly sponsored by the Louisiana State University School of Music and St. James Episcopal church.



Prof. Pamela Decker

Dr. Decker will be giving a master class the next day, Monday, March 23, where organ students from the studio of Herndon Spillman, Mattax Professor of Organ at Louisiana State University, will perform for her.

This class will be held at the First United Methodist Church at 4:00 p.m. Both events are free and open to the public.

### Volunteers Needed to Serve Gumbo, Sunday, March 29

On Sunday, March 29, the St. James Center for Spiritual Formation will be serving gumbo to parishioners and the homeless in the downtown area as part of our Fifth Sunday series.

We need volunteers to fill all the traditional Gumbo assignments. Volunteers should arrive between 10:30 and 10:45. We will begin serving the early services crowd and our homeless guests at 11:15. Serving will continue for our eleven o'clock service parishioners at noon.

We need servers for beverages, folks to assist guests with their plates, helpers to clear tables, and a clean up crew to assist with clearing the entire hall to be ready for the kids on Monday.

Contact Nancy Jo Poirrier to volunteer at 926-1679 or [npstudio@bellsouth.net](mailto:npstudio@bellsouth.net).

## St. James Staff

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Email addresses available on the church web site:

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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.

Sunday Morning Classes for Children

**Christian Education choices** for children three through fifth grade include the **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd** meeting in three atria that are located on the second floor of the Parish Hall above the chapel and parlor; and, **Faith Builders** meet in the Day School's first grade and extended care classrooms, which are just through the parlor door leading to the cafeteria.

Sunday Morning for Adults

**Anglicanism and Orthodox Traditions** concludes with a review of point of contact between the Eastern Orthodox, Contemporary Music: Arvo Part, John Taverner. The series will be held on the third floor of the Ministries Center in the Center for Spiritual Formation atrium, at 10:00 a.m.

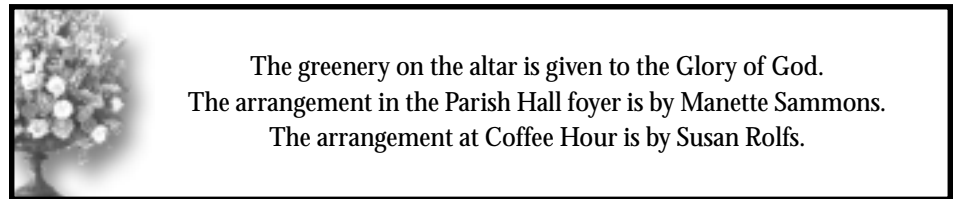
Lent at St. James and Heifer International

Thanks to all who helped make our Heifer International kick-off event such a success! Olivia Elliott, Elizabeth Scully, and Maria Bowen expertly supervised our wildly popular animal watercolor table.

Jennifer Oliver supervised a collage project in which kids sorted through photographs of animals. Kids glued the animals into two columns: one with pictures of animals that might help a family, and the other with purely wild animals. This activity really made the children think.

Vaki Nikitopoulos led a bingo game for the younger children in which we used international coins from the church's collection plate for the bingo chips! Older children were able to complete a map project trying to figure out which animals might be given by Heifer to which parts of the world.

*See Heifer Lent Project on page three*



## In Our Thoughts and Prayers ...

*Prayers are asked for:* Louibelle Grantham, Kim Hatton, Dixie Brock, Jeanne & David James, Warren Green, Hunt Odom, Marion Hart LeBlanc, Russ Wray, Connie Spann, Emery Smith, Iris Gueringer, Carlton Gilkes, Margaret, Charles Robertson, Hunter, Jonathan South, Russell Fish, John Bergeron, Jack Dagget, Leigh Anne, Debbie Terrell, Beth

*Our continuing prayers are offered for:* O.B. Romero, Estelle Copes, Michael Matassarin, Marguerite Matassarin, Nicholas Yiannopoulos, Bessie Stockton, Bill, Thomas, John and Kathy Gummersell, Brooke Hardin, Sue Tweedy, Laura and Trent 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, Pennye, 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 Shipps, Prior John, Carolyn Bishop, Stephen Perniciaro

*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

The *Our Family* ministry provides house or child-sitting during funerals, or prepares food in times of family need. Contact Mimi Riché at [mimi.riche@cancerservices.org](mailto:mimi.riche@cancerservices.org).

## Birthdays March 20-26

- 20 Laura Aaron, Michele Brown, Earl Turner, Sally Boyce, Emily Creech  
21 Sarah Gremillion, Carole Wright, Rip Collins, George Clark, Susan Smithburg, Lindsay Coates, Elizabeth Pogue, Caroline Broderick, Robby Outland  
22 Boyd Westbrook, Robert Reiger, Bobby Keane, Alexis Johnston  
23 Richard Bishop, George Penniman  
24 Mary Sentell, Brent Roy, Christine Roux, Brandon Moss, Alex Messina  
25 Mimi Riché, Susan Bueche, Shane Griffin, Katherine Boyce, Joseph Keane  
26 Danie Singleton, Camille Raggio, Nancy Litton, Sara Abercrombie, Liza Jackson, Abigail Gibson, Bennett Gibson

## Volunteers needed for upcoming children's events

Please contact Alison Nikitopoulos at [anikitopoulos@stjamesbr.org](mailto:anikitopoulos@stjamesbr.org) if you would like to help with any of the following events:

**Sunday, March 29:** Help with acolyte training and children's activities at the Fifth Sunday Feast; **Sunday, April 12 (Easter): 9:00 a.m. service:** Help with our traditional Flowering of the Cross on Easter Sunday; **Ongoing:** 2009 Vacation Church School planning and coordination.

## ECW Chapter Meeting

St. Joan of Arc Chapter will meet April 1 at the home of Betsy Toups.



## St. James Senior Saints

St. James Place invites you to be their guest on Thursday, April 2 at 9:30 a.m.

The Community Relations staff will make an interesting and informative presentation about "Living Life Well" at St. James Place. A tasty brunch will be served!

Make your reservation by calling Helen Campbell at 387-5141 no later than Monday, March 30.

## Congratulations!

Christine and Stephen Roux, new parents of a baby girl born Wednesday, March 4, 2009. **Shelby Elizabeth Roux** weighed 5 lbs., 8 oz. Christine is the daughter of Chris and Shelby Harris who are the proud grandparents.



## Heifer Lent Project

*Continued from page two*

Caroline Ross oversaw a table of parents and children constructing the Heifer ark mite boxes. Elizabeth Griffin, Linda Gibson, and Anthony Nikitopoulos were among her biggest helpers. Each child took a box home. They will put coins in the box throughout Lent and bring them in on Easter Sunday as an offering with their Easter flowers.

Depending on how much money we raise, we will choose which animals to send. Here's a sampling of costs: flocks of geese, ducks, or chicks are \$20. A trio of rabbits is \$60, sheep and goats are \$120, and a heifer is \$150. More information is available on Heifer's wonderful web site: [www.heifer.org](http://www.heifer.org).

Mite boxes are still available for adults and children alike in the foyers of the parish hall and the Manship building and in the back of the church. There are also giving calendars and cards.

Each week we have a giving activity suggestion. This week, we are giving five cents for every different kind of vegetable in the re-

## Time for Scout Jambalaya Sale

Boy Scouts of America (BSA) Troop 5, chartered by St. James, will hold its annual jambalaya sale on Saturday, March 28 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Trinity Episcopal on Morning Glory. The meal includes jambalaya, salad, roll and cookie for \$5.00.



Tickets will be sold at St. James before and after the 11:00 a.m. service this Sunday, March 22. If you have a large order delivery arrangements can be made for delivery - just call Caroline Kennedy at 252-4805.

frigerator or pantry. Next week, we will be giving a nickel for every argument we have, so be nice!

We are so pleased to be partnering with the Day School for this tremendously worthwhile outreach project. Special thanks to Amelia Johnson and Father John Miller for their hard work, help, and enthusiasm.

We have new acolyte vestments!

Take a moment to notice our acolytes' beautiful new red cassocks and white cottas

Vacation Church School will take place July 27-31

Save the last week of July for Safari St. James! More information coming soon.

## 2009 Easter Flowers

*If you would like to place Easter lilies in the church as a memorial or thank offering, please complete this form and place it in the offering plate, or return it to the church office. The usual donation is \$35. The deadline is Wednesday, April 1.*

Donor(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Exact wording of listing (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

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

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## Ministries and Worship

Friday, March 20, 2009

- 8:15 a.m. Day School Eucharist
- 9:00 a.m. Volunteers begin arriving for **GUMBO 2009 #4**
- Noon *We Care* Bags Project
- 4:00 p.m. Cardboard City Youth Lock-In

Saturday, March 21, 2009

Sunday, March 22, 2009 - Fourth Sunday in Lent

- 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 Education for all ages\*
- 11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II\*
- 3:00 p.m. Decker Organ Recital**
- 5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II in Chapel
- 5:00 p.m. Mastersingers Rehearsal

Monday, March 23, 2009

- 8:15 a.m. Day School Chapel
- 3:00 p.m. Volleyball - 4th and 5th grades
- 5:30 p.m. Day School Board

Tuesday, March 24, 2009

- Noon Holy Eucharist (Chapel)

Wednesday, March 25, 2009 - The Annunciation

- 7:00 a.m. Bible Study Group
- 3:00 p.m. Volleyball - 4th and 5th grades
- 5:30 p.m. iConfirm Group
- 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 26, 2009

- 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist/Healing Service (Chapel)
- Noon EFM
- 6:00 p.m. EFM

*\* Indicates Child Care Provided*

## Lay Ministry - Sunday, March 22, 2009

- 7:30 a.m. John Bilisoly, Stiles Kennedy
- 8:45 a.m. Mimi Riché
- Ushers** 9:00 a.m. Bob Bowsler, Tom Wade, Randy Lamont, Bill Hines, Chris McCannless
- 11:00 a.m. Charles Kahao, Mike McDonald, Vernon Middleton, Jesse Coates
- 9:00 a.m. Benjamin White, William White, Lily Catherine Anderson
- Acolytes** 11:00 a.m. Maggie Westbrook, Anna Claire Westbrook, Andrew LeBlanc
- 7:30 a.m. Tony Carter
- 8:45 a.m. Mimi Riché, Brent Caldwell
- Eucharistic Ministers** 9:00 a.m. Margaret Culbertson
- 11:00 a.m. Sancy McCool
- 5:00 p.m. TBC
- Verger** 9:00 a.m. Joan McCaskill
- 11:00 a.m. David Warrington
- 7:30 a.m. Mary Thomas
- 8:45 a.m. Hays Town III, BB Stirling (P), Kent Caldwell
- Lectors** 9:00 a.m. Denise Allen, Beverly Walker
- 11:00 a.m. Fred Kroenke, Deborah Matherne
- 7:30 a.m. Tony Carter
- 8:45 a.m. Claudia Black
- Intercessor** 9:00 a.m. David Walker
- 11:00 a.m. John Noland
- 8:45 a.m. Mimi Riché
- 9:00 a.m. Bahin Leonard
- Welcome Committee** 11:00 a.m. Carole & Phillip Wright, Linda & Bill Lee
- 7:30 a.m. Jane Christensen, Sharon Hoffeld
- 8:45 a.m. BB Stirling
- 9:00 a.m. Larry Mitchum, Nora Say
- Altar Guild** 11:00 a.m. Bahin Leonard, Susan Ozier, Taylor Powers
- 5:00 p.m. Sheila Feigley