



The MESSENGER

INVITES YOU TO EXPLORE OUR LIFE AND MINISTRIES AT ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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MARCH 28, 2008

We Look Forward to Seeing You Sunday!

- 7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I
 - 8:45 a.m. Contemporary Worship with Praise Music*
 - 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 A,
Revised Common Lectionary
Daily Office: Year Two

Sunday, March 30— The Second Sunday of Easter — First Reading: Acts 2:14a, 22-32; **The Psalm 16;** **Second Reading:** 1 Peter 1:3-9; **The Gospel:** John 20:19-31.

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Report on Diocesan Convention

The 171st annual convention was attended by 78 registered clergy and 131 lay delegates meeting at St. Luke's, Baton Rouge, February 29-March 1. St. James had six lay and four clergy delegates.


Central to the meeting was election of four clergy and four lay delegates to the 2009 General Convention. Each candidate submitted a written reply to three questions: How would you represent the Diocese in — matters of relationship between the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion, matters pertaining to human sexuality, and ongoing missionary work of the Diocese to the broader church?

Elected were: Fr. Ralph Howe, Episcopal High; Fr. Ken Ritter, Trinity BR; Fr. Fred Devall, St Martin's Metairie, and Fr. Chad Jones, St. Patrick's, Zachary. The four lay delegates have served the diocese for many years: Ed Starns, John Musser, David Pitts, and Ann Ball.

A budget was approved for calendar year 2008 with the St. James share being the largest in the diocese at 16.5%. The five largest parishes provide 54% of the assessment and program commitments pledged.

The convention approved restructuring of deaneries by splitting Baton Rouge into north and south as well as setting forth specific duties of a Dean in fostering an interparochial spirit by coordinating the church's ministry within each deanery. St. James is in Baton Rouge-North.

Convention addresses and sermons may be found on the diocesan web page: www.edola.org.



Associate Vestry Blood Drive this Sunday, March 30

Must be 17-81. If older, bring glasses to fill out health questionnaire!



S.E.N.I.O.R.S. at The Market

St James S.E.N.I.O.R.S will sponsor a Morning at the Red Stick Market, Saturday, March 29, 2008 from 8:00 a.m. until noon. The Market is located at Fifth and Main. Join us at The Market this Saturday and enjoy the local vendors, products and fellowship to be had!

Easter Message from the Presiding Bishop

Your Easter celebration undoubtedly has included lots of physical signs of new life — eggs, flowers, new green growth. As the Easter season continues, consider how your daily living can be an act of greater life for other creatures. How can you enact the new life we know in Jesus the Christ? In other words, how can you be the sacrament, the outward and visible sign, of the grace that you know in the resurrected Christ? How can your living let others live more abundantly?

The Judaeo-Christian tradition has been famously blamed for much of the current environmental crisis, particularly for our misreading of Genesis 1:28 as a charge to "fill the earth and subdue it."

See Presiding Bishop on page three

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Bishop of Louisiana
The Rev. J. Mark Holland -
XXIII Rector of St. James
The Rev. Robert Odom -
Associate Rector
The Rev. John Sloan Miller -
Associate Rector
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Associate Rector
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Bishop-in-Residence
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Email addresses available on the church web site:

www.stjamesbr.org

St. James Vestry

Nancy Jo Poirrier	Senior Warden
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*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 Sunday, March 30, 2008

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 available for your comfort and convenience.

Faith & Science : Combatants or Companions — Adult Series begins March 30

Ed Henderson will lead a discussion of the compatibility of faith and science using John Polkinghorne's *Quarks, Chaos and Christianity*.

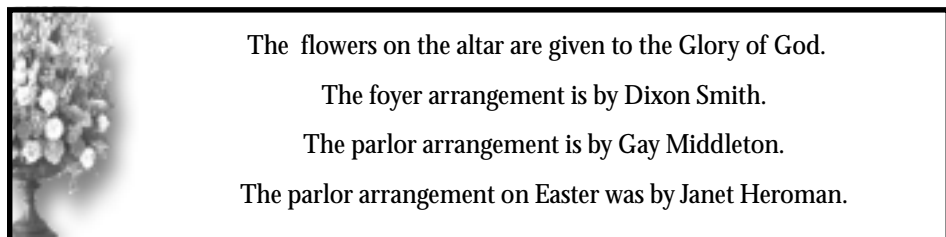
Polkinghorne was one of the particle physicists responsible for the discovery of the most basic "building blocks" of reality, quarks and gluons. It was after his work in particle physics that he became an Anglican priest. *Quarks, Chaos and Christianity* is one of his most readable books. Using his clear explanations, we will discuss the similarity of scientific and religious knowing and such themes as the reality of God, evil and suffer-

Christian Education classes for Children and Youth return to their regular schedule and classrooms this Sunday, March 30, from 10:00-10:55 a.m.

ing, the incarnation of God in Christ, the resurrection, miracles, and prayer. Copies of this brief little book (just about 100 pages) will be available for purchase.

Class of interest to teens and their parents will begin April 6

In a culture that portrays teens as consumers with too much to do and little or no regard to their spiritual life, the church sees something wholly different. Teenagers are valuable parts of the Christian community. Join the Rev. Laurie Brock to explore the spiritual lives of teenagers and how we as adults and parents can nurture their faith.



In Our Thoughts and Prayers ...

For the dear departed: The Rev. Miller Armstrong

Prayers are asked for: Caleb Hutchins, Danie Singleton, Colleen Colquette, Rene Pollard, Carole, Mary Fisher, Ann Burton, Lester Walsh, Elizabeth Beauchamp, Jack HopKins, Anne Williams, Mildred Sumner, Stanford Bardwell, Ann Hernandez, Harold Fontenot, Mary-Sommers and Sam Pyne, Gilman Richard, Winfield LeBlanc, Leaa, Cynthia Drago, Blanche Overland, Elizabeth Cook, Prentiss McClendon, Lou Ellis, Ed Glaze, Kate Irby, Berta Mayer, Leigh Stephens, Laura, Jake Bowers

Our continuing prayers are offered for: O.B. Romero, Estelle Copes, Michael Matassarin, Marguerite Matassarin, Nicholas Yiannopoulos, Jimmy Benton, Terry Irby, Bessie Stockton, Bill, Thomas, John and Kathy Gummersell, Brooke Hardin, Sue

Tweedy, Laura and Trent Griggs, Donoghue, Perry Gaither, Sandi Way, Nancy, Mary Sunny McCoy, Sallie, Leona Ortis, Frances Stirling, Brian Hess, Katherine Gant, Cameron Mott, Linda Lee, Luci Cobb, Glen Stockton, Angie Denny, Kevin Stockton, Robert, Christopher Sanford, Owen, Ave Jet Blencke, Michael Platte, Gail Brooks, Dottie McCornack, Marina Pinell, Bill Irving, Mark, Mary Lou and Gordon Loudon, Virginia Setze, Kathryn Daggett, Kelsey Favrot, Elaine Cutrer, Mary Betts

And, for those in the Armed Forces: Rob Hutchins, PFC Hal Town, Captain John Lyford V, Captain Allison Laine Lyford, LCpl William Martin, LCpl Taylor Prewett, Sgt. Baker Brooks, Corporal Scott Toups, PFC Benjamin Agnew, USMC Cpl Clark Foster, Capt. Charlie Hines, Cpl Adam Basile, Capt. Kyle Randall, PFC Don Ellen

Our Family provides house or child-sitting during funerals, or prepares food in times of family need. Contact Mimi Riché at mimi.riche@cancerservices.org.

March 28-April 3 Birthdays

- 28 Joyce Jenne, Debbie Wray, Andrea Fleming, Rucker Leake, Kelley Miller, Anne Furr, Celia Kiesel
29 Yvonne Bradley, Robson Jenkins
30 Betty Newman, Terence Beven, Gay Middleton, Samuel Messina
31 Paul Kobetz, Clayton Allen
1 Eugene Beauchamp, Engenie Bagur, Drew Ivy, Brent Rhodes
2 Memrie McDonald, Hank Harper, Casey Dué, Deneen Richard, Alan Collier, Ashley Hayes, Jacqueline Ainsworth, Charlie Provenza, Ben Provenza
3 Kerry Capron, James Bailey, Devon Smithburg, Hayes Wilt

The St. James Associate Vestry

invites you to the annual

CRAWFISH BOIL

6:00-9:00 p.m.

Friday, April 4

Bishops Hall

Featuring entertainment
for the kids

Music

Please bring a dessert to share

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st james baton rouge

SPECIAL MEETING THIS SUNDAY
MORNING AT 10:15 A.M. FOR
PARENTS AND TEENS ABOUT
SUMMER MISSION TRIPS!

Join Mother Laurie in the Chapel to hear about the Heifer Ranch trip for all EYCers, and the Tennessee house building trip in July for all Senior High-College Age young people.

Save The Date For The

ST. JAMES
Spring Fling
SOCIAL and
AUCTION

Friday, April 11, 2008
We Hope To See You There

Plants and Greenery for the Garden of Repose

The beautiful Garden of Repose was created for the Maundy Thursday service through the work of parishioners and the gifts made to the Glory of God and: In memory of *Myrtle Prescott Worsley* by Bill & Rene Worsley; in loving memory of *Nell and Iveson Noland* and *Fairfax and Jim Bailey* by Virginia and John Noland; in memory of *William S. Way* by Helen, Billy, Sandi and Tracie; in loving memory of *Hezzie and Marguerite Harrelson* by Clyde Lee Harrelson; in loving memory of *J. Barker Killgore* by Jackie B. Tandy; in memory of her mother, *Catharine Reddy*, by Nona McInnis; an anonymous donation for the Garden Guild; in loving memory of their daughter, *Cyril Ann McBride* by Janet and Billy Heroman; in memory of *Melissa Lamont, Margaret Lamont* and *Wray Edward Robinson* by Mr. and Mrs. Randall J. Lamont; in memory of *Jeff Moore* by Joan V. Moore; by Susan and John Ozier; in memory of *Robert Traylor* from his family; and, by Martha E. McCrory.

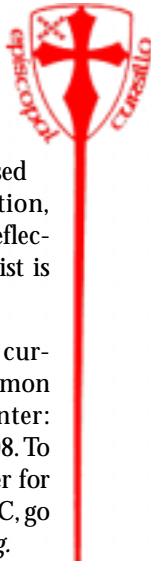
ECW Chapter Meeting

The St. Joan of Arc Chapter will meeting on April 2, 2008 at the home of Denise Allen, 10225 Rustic Oak Drive, at noon.

Cursillos Planned at SECC

The atmosphere of Cursillo differs from the individual solitude of a retreat. During the three days, the teachings of Christ are discussed with others on their faith journey. The talks and discussions are interspersed with prayer, songs, recreation, laughter and moments of reflection and quiet. The Eucharist is celebrated daily.

Two Cursillo sessions are currently planned at the Solomon Episcopal Conference Center: April 3-6, and July 24-27, 2008. To learn more or just to register for these events or others at SECC, go to www.thesolomoncenter.org.



Easter Message from the Presiding Bishop

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Our forebears were so eager to distinguish their faith from the surrounding Canaanite religion and its concern for fertility that some of them worked overtime to separate us from an awareness of "the hand of God in the world about us," especially in a reverence for creation. How can we love God if we do not love what God has made?

We base much of our approach to loving God and our neighbors in this world on our baptismal covenant. Yet our latest prayer book was written just a bit too early to include caring for creation among those explicit baptismal promises. I would invite you to explore those promises a bit more deeply — where and how do they imply caring for the rest of creation?

We are beginning to be aware of the ways in which our lack of concern for the rest of creation results in death and destruction for our neighbors. We cannot love our neigh-

bors unless we care for the creation that supports all our earthly lives. We are not respecting the dignity of our fellow creatures if our sewage or garbage fouls their living space. When atmospheric warming, due in part to the methane output of the millions of cows we raise each year to produce hamburger, begins to slowly drown the island homes of our neighbors in the South Pacific, are we truly sharing good news?

The food we eat, the energy we use, the goods and foods we buy, the ways in which we travel, are all opportunities — choices and decisions — to be for others, both human and other. Our Christian commitment is for this — that we might live that more abundant life, and that we might do it in a way that is for the whole world.

Abundant blessings this Easter, and may those blessings abound through the coming days and years.



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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, March 28, 2008 - Easter Friday
6:30 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, March 29, 2008 - Easter Saturday
7:00 p.m. Wedding

Sunday, March 30, 2008 - Easter 2
7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I
8:45 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service* (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 (Chapel)
5:00 p.m. EYC

Monday, March 31, 2008
8:15 a.m. Day School Chapel
5:30 p.m. Day School Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 1, 2008
8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer
Noon Holy Eucharist
Noon CSF Executive Committee
3:00 p.m. Girl Scouts
5:30 p.m. Associate Vestry

Wednesday, April 2, 2008
7:00 a.m. Bible Study Group
8:00 a.m. Atrium Crafts
8:00 a.m. Food Bank Distribution
8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer
8:15 a.m. Day School "Shadow" Class
3:15 p.m. Day School Volleyball
5:30 p.m. *Confirm not Conform*
5:30 p.m. Property Committee
6:30 p.m. EFM
7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 3, 2008
8:00 a.m. Executive Committee
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist and Healing Service
11:30 a.m. Day School Special Class
Noon EFM
Noon Day School Support Meeting
6:00 p.m. EFM

* Indicates Child Care Provided

Lay Ministry - Sunday, March 30, 2008

7:30 a.m. Mary Jarnagin, John Bilisoly
8:45 a.m. John Cadwallader

Ushers
9:00 a.m. Pat Broderick, Bob Frazier, Dan West, Gerry Sulzer
11:00 a.m. Huntington Odom, Fred Frey, Charles Coates Jr., Tommy Frazer

Acolytes
7:30 a.m. Tony Carter
9:00 a.m. Drayton Agnew, Tori Schenk, Carlie Schenk
11:00 a.m. Robert Whitley, Caroline Whitley, Mallory Holland

Lay Eucharistic Ministers
7:30 a.m. Tony Carter
8:45 a.m. Liz Treppendahl, Mimi Riché
9:00 a.m. Honey East
11:00 a.m. Jane Woods
5:00 p.m. John Ozier

Verger
9:00 a.m. Katherine Martin
11:00 a.m. Joy Werth

Lectors
7:30 a.m. Sharon Hoffeld
8:45 a.m. Shawn Fleming, Hays Town III (P), Kent Caldwell
9:00 a.m. Pat Culbertson, Margaret Culbertson
11:00 a.m. Jill Bambury, Chris Harrell

Intercessor
7:30 a.m. Tony Carter
8:45 a.m. Liz Treppendahl
9:00 a.m. Bill Hines
11:00 a.m. Nancy Penn

Welcome Committee
8:45 a.m. John Cadwallader
9:00 a.m. Linda & Vernon Middleton, Jo & John Pine
11:00 a.m. TBA

Altar Guild
7:30 a.m. Dodie Edmonds, Mildred Taylor
8:45 a.m. Andrea & Shawn Fleming
9:00 a.m. Agnes Harrop, Thelma Herthum
11:00 a.m. Linda Lee, Catherine Harrell, Jennie Price
5:00 p.m. Betty Phillips