



# The MESSENGER

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

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October 9, 2009

## We Look Forward to Seeing You Sunday!

Sunday, October 11, 2009

- 7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I
  - 8:45 a.m. Contemporary Worship in the Chapel\*
  - 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II\*
  - 10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour\*  
Christian Education Classes\*
  - 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 — October 11 - 18 Pentecost:** *First Lesson:* Job 23:1-9, 16-17; *The Psalm* 22:1-15; *Second Lesson:* Hebrews 4:12-16; *The Gospel:* Mark 10:17-31.

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## Writings of Henri Nouwen and Scripture on Prayer from your Center for Spiritual Formation

### Listening

The core of all prayer is indeed listening.  
— *Making All Things New*

Praying is first and foremost listening to Jesus, who dwells in the very depths of your heart.  
— *Letters to Marc about Jesus*

**“The Lord was not in the strong wind, or in an earthquake or in the fire. After the fire came a still small voice. When Elijah heard it he wrapped his face in his mantle.”**  
— *1 Kings 19:12, 13*

“Be still and know that I am God.”  
— *Psalms 46:10*

We invite you to meditate on the times when the small still voice came to you.

## Cursillo #144 Scheduled at Conference Center

Cursillo describes itself as a ‘short course’ on Christianity. It is indeed that, but it is also so much more. Cursillo offers the people who are called to attend an opportunity to deepen their faith and strengthen their relationship with the Holy Spirit.

Throughout the weekend of lectures, music, discussion, projects, and sheer fun and fellowship, the Holy Spirit works within and among the staff and participants to create a unique, memorable, and moving experience for everyone involved.

Cursillo No. 144 will be held November 5-8, 2009 at the Solomon Episcopal Conference Center. The

## Nominees for 11th Bishop of Louisiana Announced

The diocesan Episcopal Committee, charged with the nomination process for the 11th Bishop of Louisiana, announced Thursday, the following candidates:

- The Rev. Kurt Dunkle,  
Rector, Grace Episcopal Church,  
Orange Park, Florida
- The Rev. Paul A. Elliott,  
Rector, St. Michael & All Angels Church,  
Stone Mountain, Georgia
- The Rev. Paul A. Johnson,  
Rector, Christ Episcopal Church,  
Glen Allen, Virginia
- The Rev. Ken Ritter,  
Rector, Trinity Episcopal Church,  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana
- The Rt. Rev. Michael G. Smith,  
Bishop, Diocese of North Dakota  
Fargo, North Dakota
- The Very Rev. Morris Thompson,  
Dean, Christ Church Cathedral  
Lexington, Kentucky

Further information about the candidates and their questionnaire responses are available at [www.edola.org](http://www.edola.org) and will be in the forthcoming issue of *ChurchWork*.

cost for candidates is \$150, lodging, meals and materials included.

If you feel that a closer relationship with the Holy Spirit is what you need now in your life, please pray about attending Cursillo. You can register for the weekend at the Conference web site, [www.solepisc.org](http://www.solepisc.org), email the Cursillo lay rector Mike Strausser at [strasserm@bellsouth.net](mailto:strasserm@bellsouth.net), or speak with St. James Cursillista Carole Wright at 225-218-8696 or [carolecw@cox.net](mailto:carolecw@cox.net).

Remember the St. James Food Bank barrels in your shopping — *One Item, Once a Week*

## 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. Mary Ann Garrett -  
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 -  
Bishop-in-Residence  
XX Rector of St. James

David H. Culbert	Organist-Choirmaster
Alison Nikitopoulos	Children's Ministries
Helen Campbell	Director of Lay Ministry
Sylvia Rabalais	Admin. Secretary
Debbie Stiltner	Comptroller
Cheryl Speights Olinde	Bookkeeper
Tyler Ellison	Maintenance
Mary Davis-Palms	Dietician
Linda Chauviere	Head of School

Email addresses available on the church web site:

[www.stjamesbr.org](http://www.stjamesbr.org)

## St. James Vestry

Claudia Black .....	Senior Warden
John S. Campbell III .....	Junior Warden
Manette Sammons .....	Clerk
Kevin Curry .....	Treasurer
Jane Christensen	Phil Martin
Pat Culbertson	Jay Noland
Daryl Ellis	Chrissie Clark Olsson
Lynnette B. Frazer	Emile Rolfs
Bob Frazier	Tom Wade
Charles Frey IV	Scott Westbrook
Emily Wray Lamont	Otey White
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.

**Warren Green** leads the October 11 class in the Creation series, discussing trees and sculpture, at 10:00 a.m. on the third floor of the Ministries Center. The account of Creation in the book of Genesis is used as the starting point to explore various aspects of the Bible and religious beliefs in this series.

The adult confirmation series concludes with the Sacrament of Confirmation at this Sunday's eleven o'clock celebration. Please welcome these adults making their affirmation of faith.

The **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd**, a Montessori-based approach to Christian formation meets on the second floor of the Parish Hall in a 3-6 year old group, and a group for grades 1-3. **Faith Builders**, a more familiar approach to Christian formation, meets with the younger children (pre-K- 3<sup>rd</sup> grade) on the first floor of the Parish Hall in two different classrooms; older children (4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> grade) meet on the second floor of the Parish Hall.

## Calling All Seniors

The Day School will not be in session so there should be plenty of parking available for you to join us next **Friday, October 16!** Plan to gather in Bishops Hall where lunch will be served at noon followed by our speaker, Tim Barfield, new Executive Council for Governor Jindal.

Our new church and Day School dietician, Mary Davis Palms is preparing a lovely meal with chicken as the entrée. The cost of the meal is \$10.00. Please send your check made out to St. James Church to Helen Campbell at the church no later than this **Friday, October 9 to reserve your place.**

Thank you ...  
... We are very appreciative of  
the support you have shown us  
by the recent donations to our  
choir!  
— Kay Betts, Head of School  
Episcopal High Choir

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God.  
The arrangement in the Parish Hall foyer is by Charlotte Provenza.  
The Coffee Hour arrangement is by Alison Nikitopoulos.

## In Our Thoughts and Prayers ...

*Prayers are asked for:* Debbie Terrell, Peggy Brandes, Mary, Katherine Melius, Danie Singleton, Ida Cooper, Jackson Huff, Michael Kennedy, Jean Fielden, Alicia Hoover, Hayes Taylor, Terry Irby, Raymie Edmonds, Hank Harper, Kim Orr, Arnola Z. and family, Ruth MacMurdo, Jennifer Hollenbeck, Fred Cale, Todd Coffin, Jim Fritze

*Our continuing prayers are offered for:* O.B. Romero, Estelle Copes, Michael Matassarin, Marguerite Matassarin, Nicholas Yiannopoulos, Bill, Thomas, John and Kathy Gummersell, Sue Tweedy, Donoghue, Nancy, Mary Sunny McCoy, Sallie, Katherine Gant, Cameron Mott, Linda, Angie Denny, Gordon Loudon, Kathryn Daggett, Carole, Anne and Wayne Williams, Prentiss McClendon, Ava Jet Blencke, Penny, Caleb Hutchins, Margaret Blades, Fred Frey Jr.,

Ruby Harris, Carolyn Glusman, Tom Raggio, Estelle Schilling, Vic Roy, Anne Howe, Betty Romero, Lillian Shipes, Donie Schmidt, Tommy Kirkpatrick, Mary Ann Ford, Peyton Meyer, Ken Shuler, Russell Fish, Marion Hart LeBlanc, Walter Martinez, Clyde Harrelson, Donald Killilea, Kip Gremillion, Mary C. Elliott

*For those in the Armed Forces:* Rob Hutchins, PFC Hal Town, Captain John Lyford V, Captain Allison Laine Lyford, Cpl William Martin, PFC Don Ellen, Lt. Col Michael Benson, Pvt Stephen Arnold USMC, Captain Charlie Hines, Sgt Clayton Edmonds, Sgt Toni Edmonds

*With thanks for:* the safe return to base of Captain K. Joshua Calmes

## Birthdays October 9-15

- 9 Kimberly Harris, Audrey Wascome, Benjamin Harris
- 10 Tom Austin, Eileen Barrow, Andrew Baker
- 11 Regina D'Angeles, Mary Johnson, Dorothy Ainsworth, Randy Richard, Kathryn Richard, Olivia Landrem
- 12 Emily McMains, Maggie Westbrook
- 13 Walker Winans, Robert Hines, Aza Walker, Elliott Kellam, Hunter Roy
- 14 Alice Witcher, Don Thomas, Barrie Griffin, Harriet Ayres, Twila Perniciaro, Debbie Taylor, Mike Poirrier, Nancy Roberts, Jeannie Edmonds, Jessica Hubbard
- 15 Ann Holmes, Ally Gammill, Anne Boudreaux, Hatcher Garland

## Just Another Day in Paradise Friday Night at Day School

Join the Day School Fun this **Carnival night, Friday, October 9!** For over 35 years, this tradition has raised funds for the Day School while fostering the great community spirit that makes St. James exceptional. Last year's Carnival raised enough funds to purchase a Literacy Library, new and improved overhead projectors and a clay project set.

Parish Partners for 2009:

*Rieta & Ben Reiser*  
*Bryan & Jamie Pellegrin*  
*Lynnette & Tommy Frazer*  
*Father Mark & Liz Holland*  
*Manette Sammons, Bryson Agnew & Drayton Agnew*  
*Mr. & Mrs. Paolo Messina*  
*Rosemary and John Campbell, Jr.*  
*Dr. & Mrs. O.M. Thompson, Jr*  
*Deacon Pat & Don Lyle*  
*Janet & Billy Heroman*  
*Rawlston & Amanda Phillips*  
*Emile & Susan Rolfs*  
*Zoe & Cooper Harrell*  
*Mrs. Jane P. Middleton*

*Welcome*  
to our church family

... **Lynne C. Parker** who comes to us from Saint Mark's Church, Westhampton Beach, New York.

## Blessing of the Animals

[Episcopal News Service] Many Episcopal churches great and small were filled with the sounds of barking, mewing, cawing and snuffling as well as music and prayer as congregations celebrate St. Francis by blessing their companion animals.

The Episcopal Church annually commemorates St. Francis of Assisi, and its congregations often bless animals on the Sunday closest to the 13th century saint's feast day. This year, animal blessings were part of many congregations' Sunday worship, while others held separate services. In some churches, animals joined humans in the pews and in other places the services were held outside. The animals arriving for blessings ranged from elephants and camels to goldfish and snakes, but mostly cats and dogs.

"We view the service as a celebration of God's great and diverse creation," the Rev. David Stout, rector of Trinity Church in Asbury Park, New Jersey, told ENS. "But we also see



it as a way to invite people into our sacred space and into a relationship with God. We look at it as evangelism."

Francis, who was born in 1182 and died October 3, 1226, was the son of a wealthy cloth merchant when he heard God's call to live a life of poverty while serving the poor and all of creation. His way of life attracted others and he founded the Order of Friars Minor, also known today as the Franciscans.

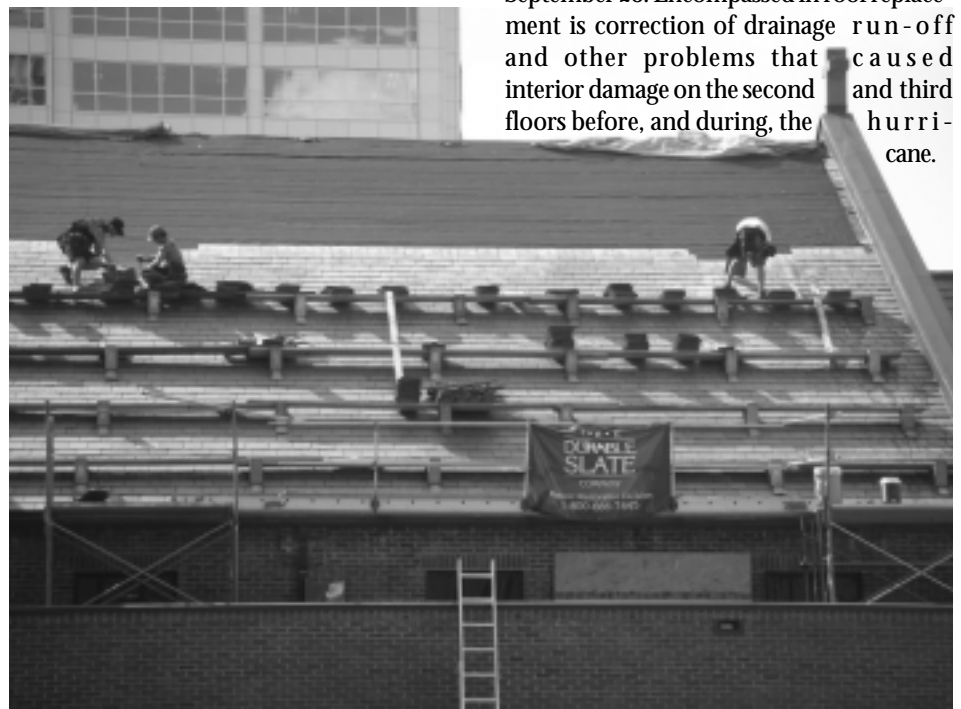
Legends say that Francis could communicate with animals. Stories are told of him preaching to birds and later succeeding in getting them to be silent while during a church service. The most famous story insists that Francis tamed a wolf that was terrorizing the Italian village of Grubbio. It is said that, calling the animal Brother Wolf, Francis ordered him not to hurt anyone. He then asked the wolf to come back to the village with him where the villagers pledged to feed the now-tame animal.

## Roof Repairs Underway

At last, roof replacement for all five buildings of the St. James campus is underway. They were seriously damaged by Hurricane Gustav in September 2008. It has taken many months to resolve issues with our insurer and negotiate favorable contracts.

Work is well underway by Durable Slate Co. to replace the roof of Bishops Hall. Other buildings will follow.

A much needed replacement of the flat roof on the Ministries Center began the week of September 28. Encompassed in roof replacement is correction of drainage run-off and other problems that caused interior damage on the second and third floors before, and during, the hurricane.





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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 October 9-15

Friday, October 9, 2009

8:15 a.m. Day School Eucharist

**5:00 p.m. Day School Carnival: *Another Day in Paradise***

Saturday, October 10, 2009

Sunday, October 11, 2009 - 19 Pentecost

7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I

8:45 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service\*

9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II\*

10:00 a.m. Christian Ed Classes & Coffee Hour\*

11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II\*

5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II in Chapel

Monday, October 12, 2009 - Columbus Day

8:15 a.m. Day School Chapel

11:30 a.m. Yoga Class

Noon Finance Committee

5:30 p.m. Vestry

Tuesday, October 13, 2009

Wednesday, October 14, 2009

7:00 a.m. Bible Study Group

9:00 a.m. Spiritual Direction with Linda Nelson

11:30 a.m. *We Care* Bag Making

Noon Holy Eucharist & Healing Service

3:30 p.m. Mastersingers Rehearsal

7:30 p.m. Senior Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 15, 2009

Noon EFM

6:00 p.m. EFM

\* Indicates Child Care Provided for Children Three Months to Four Years of Age

## Lay Ministry - Sunday, October 11, 2009

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

8:45 a.m. John Cadwallader

**Ushers**  
9:00 a.m. Gary Poirrier, B Phillips, Ford Thomas, Chuck Oliver  
11:00 a.m. Randall Peterson, Scott Westbrook, Scott Garver, Todd Jackson, Bill Lee

9:00 a.m. Vaki Nikitopoulos, Anthony Nikitopoulos, Brooke Smith

**Acolytes**  
11:00 a.m. Anna Claire Westbrook, Maggie Westbrook, Emma Jane Pellegrin

7:30 a.m. Mickey Christensen

8:45 a.m. Honey East, Ed Henderson

9:00 a.m. Lazette Phillips

11:00 a.m. Jane Woods, Elizabeth Cawns

**Eucharistic Ministers**

5:00 p.m. John Ozier

7:30 a.m. Karen Kennedy

8:45 a.m. Ed Henderson, Tricia Henderson (P), Pat Colquette

9:00 a.m. Shirley Young, Ferrill Ann Coates

11:00 a.m. John Noland, Virginia Noland

**Lectors**

7:30 a.m. Mickey Christensen

8:45 a.m. Mimi Riché

9:00 a.m. Lucy Bowers

11:00 a.m. Adelaide Russo

**Intercessor**

8:45 a.m. John Cadwallader

9:00 a.m. Claudia & Allen Black, Catherine & Jim Van Hook, Monica Murphy

**Welcome Committee**

11:00 a.m. Fannie & John Compton, Lloyd Peever

7:30 a.m. Dodie Edmonds, Mildred Taylor

8:45 a.m. BB Stirling

9:00 a.m. Sue Larisey, Janet Rowan, Lucy Bowers

11:00 a.m. Ashley Frey, Ruth Martinusen, Carol Moloney

**Altar Guild**

5:00 p.m. Betty Phillips