



The MESSENGER

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

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September 12, 2008

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* with choir
- 5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II in the Chapel

*Nursery available

Sunday Lectionary: Year A,
Revised Common Lectionary
Daily Office: Year Two

The Lectionary — Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost (9/14):
First Lesson: Genesis 50:15-21;
The Psalm 103:8-13; *Second Lesson:* Romans 14:1-12; *The Gospel:* Matthew 18:21-35.

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Fall Christian Education Opportunities Get Going

An interesting and diverse program of classes for adults begin meeting at 10:00 a.m. Sunday mornings, with some adjustments due to Gustav.

A Needle in the Hand of God

Much of church history is captured in textiles of all forms. God's message is illustrated by tapestries, needlepoint, church vestments, rugs & carpets. A five-part series unlocks the secrets of their meaning for today's Christians.

Sunday, September 14 — Marchita Mauch, Assoc. Dean, College of Arts & Design, will explain **textiles and techniques** from Medieval to Modern, helping us understand the journey from hand craftsmanship to machine made.

Sunday, September 21 — *Lubna Culbert* provides incite into the spiritual significance of **Oriental and Middle Eastern Carpets and Rugs** as they play a part of our Christian history.

Sunday, September 28 — *Carole Wright* reveals the visual and spiritual significance of ancient and classic Christian symbols crafted into the **needlepoint communion kneelers** at our church's altar.

Rescheduled due to Gustav — *Bill Campbell* explains the significant story line of the **Bayeux Tapestry**,

a 20 in. by 230 ft. long embroidered cloth considered to be the most important hanging in the Western World.

Sunday, October 5 — *Bishop Bob Witcher* takes us on a journey behind the biblical meaning of our **seasonal colors and clergy vestments**, and why they remain important today in the Episcopal Church.

The Man Behind the Collar

Sundays, October 12, 19 & 26 — *Prior John Moloney* will lead a three part discussion providing an opportunity to learn about his past ministry and goals at St. James, and "The Man Behind the Collar."

Humor in the Bible?

Sundays, November 2, 9 & 16 — *Mtr. Laurie Brock* asks, "Who says the Bible isn't funny?" Come spend three Sundays exploring the humor of Jonah and what sarcasm and absurdity teach us about humanity's response to God.

The Coming

Sundays, December 7, 14 & 21 — *Fr. Mark Holland* offers a series of Advent Meditations. Advent, in Latin, means "the coming," a time of spiritual reflection as well as cheer and anticipation.



Pictures Being Gathered for New Directory

Jane Christensen, photo coordinator for the upcoming St. James Directory, says, "Thank you to all who had St. James directory pictures taken at the Ministries Fair." Additional photo sessions are scheduled on all Sundays in September from 10:00 to 10:50 a.m. No appointment necessary — just check over the printed data information we have, update it if necessary, get your photo taken and you are done within five to ten minutes! There are no sales of these photos being taken for in-house directory production.

Jane also advises that if you would like to send in a digital image of your own, please send it to srabalais@stjamesbr.org, but check with Jane at tqmsystems@aol.com to confirm or update your directory information. We can also scan your favorite "paper" photograph by dropping off or mailing to Sylvia at the church. (Please don't send your only copy of your favorite photo through the mail!) Updating of your information should be still be done by checking with Jane Christensen.

St. James Staff

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www.stjamesbr.org

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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

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 from a wonderful team of professional caregivers. Pagers are also available for your comfort and convenience.

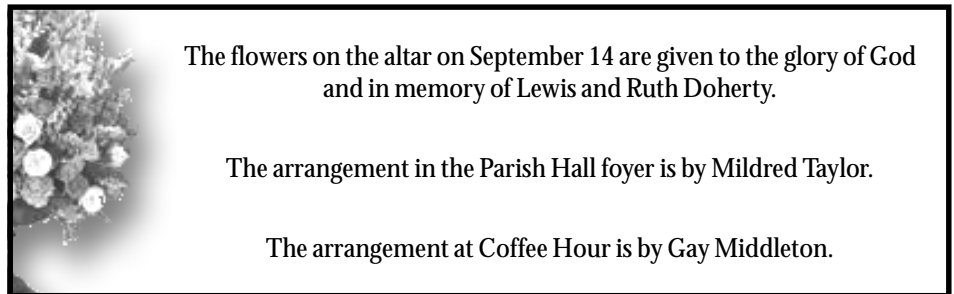


Christian Education choices for children three through fifth grade include the **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd** meeting in three atria that are located on the second floor of the Parish Hall above the chapel and parlor; and, **Faith Builders** meet in the Day School's first grade and extended care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

Fr. John Miller will lead the **Young Adults Forum** in the Vestry Room at 10:15 on the Sundays in September: 14, 21 and 28.

The first two weeks will include explaining the Holy Eucharist to parents so that they can explain it to their children.

The third and fourth weeks, will be discussion on Immaculee Ilibagiza's book **Left to Tell: Discovering God Amidst the Rwandan Holocaust**. This book was the summer selection for the Baton Rouge **One Book One Community** program. While, hopefully, few of us have experienced holocaust first-hand, by hearing from one who has, we might find ways of discovering God amidst our own personal struggles.



The flowers on the altar on September 14 are given to the glory of God and in memory of Lewis and Ruth Doherty.

The arrangement in the Parish Hall foyer is by Mildred Taylor.

The arrangement at Coffee Hour is by Gay Middleton.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers ...

For the dear departed: Virginia Setze; Charles C. deGravelles, father of the Rev. Charles N. deGravelles

Prayers are asked for: Elizabeth Poole, Dusty Johnson, Anne Howe, Meaghan Strain, Mary Fisher, Mary Ann, Jack and San West, Frank, Jay Shreiner, Constance Regenold, Cynthia, Fred and Connie Schneider, Mignonne Reynaud, Ann Doherty Garnett, Don Bell, Jeff Mills, Keith Lanneau, Sally Wells; Louibelle Grantham

Our continuing prayers are offered for: O.B. Romero, Estelle Copes, Michael Matassarin, Marguerite Matassarin, Nicholas Yiannopoulos, Terry Irby, Bessie Stockton, Bill, Thomas, John and Kathy Gummersell, Brooke Hardin, Sue Tweedy, Laura and Trent Griggs, Donoghue, Perry Gaitner, Nancy, Mary Sunny McCoy, Sallie, Frances Stirling, Brian Hess, Katherine Gant, Cameron Mott, Linda Lee, Luci Cobb, Glen Stockton, Angie Denny, Kevin Stockton, Robert, Christopher Sanford, Owen, Michael Platte, Gail Brooks, Dottie McCornack, Marina Pinell, Bill Irving, Mary

Lou and Gordon Loudon, Kathryn Daggett, Kelsey Favrot, Mary Betts, Kenlie Jackson, Ila Cooper, David Bertrand, John & Fritz Dehlbert, Blair, Colleen Colquette, Carole, Jack HopKins, Anne and Wayne Williams, Prentiss McClendon, Berta Mayer, Foster, Virginia Kroenke Sweet, Jim Bogan, Laura Haywood, Sammie Jackson, Ava Jet Blencke, Pennye, Caleb Hutchins

For those in the Armed Forces: Rob Hutchins, PFC Hal Town, Captain John Lyford V, Captain Allison Laine Lyford, LCpl William Martin, SPC Benjamin Agnew, Capt. Charlie Hines, Capt. Kyle Randall, PFC Don Ellen, Lt. Col Michael Benson

We offer prayers of thanksgiving for the safe return from duty of: Cpl Adam Basile

We offer prayers of remembrance on the third anniversary of the Louisiana landfall of Hurricane Katrina; for those affected by Hurricane Gustav; and for all those in the paths of hurricanes and tropical storms

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.

Birthdays September 5-18

- 5 Polly Moyer, Fred Lind, Bill Penn, Doug Garland, Ian Shaneyfelt, Nikolas Popov
- 6 John Copes, Charley Row, Frank Middleton, Laura Sledge, Emily Williamson
- 7 Mary Mitchum, David Evans, Windy Gladney, Bobbie Aviles, John Town, Chandler Peele
- 8 Thelma Reiprecht, Joan McCaskill, Becky Thomas, Anne Broderick, Betty Brook Easterly, Molly Israel
- 9 Elizabeth Beauchamp, Elizabeth Geheber, Jo Bilisoly, Mickey Christensen, Cameron Scott, Talia Aviles
- 10 Paul Jantz, Philip Bilisoly, Robert Heroman
- 11 Mary Elliott, Worth Wray, Andrew Kimble, Andrea Kay, Maxwell Roy
- 12 Estelle Schilling, Margo Spielman, Ainsley Grigsby, John Lyford, Elizabeth Oliver, Frances Oliver, Hannah Richardson, Hayleigh Richardson
- 13 John Lyford, Charlotte Murrell, James Munro, Kate Oliver
- 14 John Compton, Julie Krutz, Major Mittendorf, Shane Larisey, Clayton Edmonds, Hallie Green
- 15 John Campbell, Lloyd Peever, May Bruser
- 16 Donald Bergeron, Travis Buckingham, Ben Stage, Grace Gagliano
- 17 Sybil Grand, Michael Beven, Boo Thomas, Catherine Domenick, Daniel McDonald, Alex Bolduc, James Conklin, Wendy Conklin
- 18 Ned Clark, John Thomas, Mark Hudson, Alison Kaple-Sharpe, McGehee Woolf

Weekday Parking Info

There is limited weekday parking at the church, but City Plaza parking garage has spaces available on the first level for hourly parking. If the church parking lot is full, then City Plaza parking is an option and the entrance is directly across from the St. James Day School on Convention Street. The cost is \$2.00 per hour with a maximum daily charge of \$10.00.

EYC Fall Kicks Off

Meet **Sunday, September 14** from 3:00-4:30 p.m. at Circle Bowl, 8878 Florida Blvd. at Airline Highway. Pizza, soda, bowling, and shoe rental included. RSVP to Mother Laurie at lbrock@stjamesbr.org

Regular EYC meetings will begin **Sunday, September 21** from 5:00-6:30 p.m. in the NEW youth room in the Ministries Building!

Plans for Sunday, September 21: *I Know What You Did Last Summer* – bring a picture of your summer adventures to help decorate the new youth room.



Cooks needed for EYC Dinners. On the last Sunday of each month, the EYC attends the 5:00 Eucharist together, then eats dinner together. Volunteer cooks are needed to provide dinners, usually for 10 to 12 people. If you'd like to help this way, please contact Mother Laurie at lbrock@stjamesbr.org.

Become a Day School Parish Partner!

The St. James Episcopal Day School Carnival will be held Friday, October 3. For over 35 years, this traditional celebration has raised funds for the Day School while fostering the great community spirit that makes St. James exceptional, including the Parish Partner program.

With a donation of \$100 or more, you will receive a free fun pass for Carnival night and your name will appear in the Carnival newsletter. Contact Barbara Outland at 578-8282, 765-7297, or boutlan@lsu.edu.

ECS Gala Tickets on Sale Now

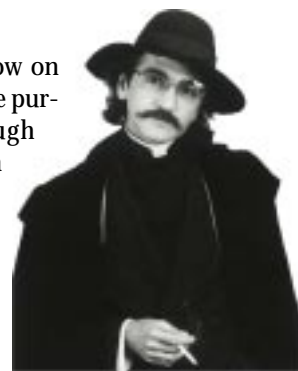
by Heather Parker, E-DOLA editor

Episcopal Community Services presents a fund-raising gala with special guest Fr. Guido Sarducci of Saturday Night Live fame on Saturday, September 20.

Episcopal Community Services is charged with improving education for at-risk children through scholarships and grants. The scholarships are funded through a trust given to the Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana by Frances Joseph Gaudet, a descendent of freed slaves and major philanthropist in New Orleans at the turn of the century.

Gala ticket sales will allow this vital ministry to expand and address the needs of the larger community.

Tickets are now on sale and can be purchased through the Columbia Theatre in Hammond box office by calling 985-543-4371. General admission tickets are \$45. Patron tickets, which include premium seating during the performance and an invitation to a cocktail reception and meeting with Fr. Guido Sarducci, are \$150.



Vampires, Werewolves, and Louisiana – Oh My!

The inaugural gathering of the *Bad Girls Book Club* be Thursday, September 18 from 6:00 to 8:00 at the home of Alison Nikitopoulos. We will be discuss the book *Dead Until Dark* by Charlai



Harris. If you would like to attend and have not yet notified Mother Laurie, please do so by Monday, September 15. To respond, or for more information, email Mother Laurie at lbrock@stjamesbr.org.



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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, September 12, 2008
 8:15 a.m. Day School Eucharist
 Saturday, September 13, 2008
 10:00 a.m. Diocesan Executive Board
 Sunday, September 14, 2008 - 18th Pentecost
 7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I
 8:45 a.m. Contemporary Worship (Chapel)
 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II*
 10:00 a.m. Christian Ed for all ages begins!*
 11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II
 3:00 p.m. Youth Kick-off at Circle Bowl
 5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II* (Chapel)
 Monday, September 15, 2008 - Holy Cross Day
 8:15 a.m. Day School Chapel
 Noon Finance Committee
 5:30 p.m. Vestry
 Tuesday, September 16, 2008
 Noon Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
 Noon Day School Executive/Finance Comm.
 5:30 p.m. Associate Vestry
 5:30 p.m. Vestry Nominating Committee
 Wednesday, September 17, 2008
 7:00 a.m. Bible Study Group
 8:00 a.m. Food Bank Distribution
 Noon Diocesan Youth Council
 3:30 p.m. MeTime with Fr. John
 11:00 a.m. Seniors Luncheon in the Parlor
 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
 Thursday, September 18, 2008
 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist and Healing Service
 Noon EFM
 Noon EFM Graduates Meeting

** Indicates Child Care Provided*

Lay Ministry - Sunday, September 14, 2008

7:30 a.m. Mary Jarnagin, John Bilisoly
 8:45 a.m. John Cadwallader
Ushers 9:00 a.m. Laurence W. Brooks Jr., Rip Collins, Ben Reiser, Mike Fontenot
 11:00 a.m. Randall Peterson, Scott Westbrook, Scott Garver, Todd Garver, Bill Lee
Acolytes 9:00 a.m. Sarabrent McCoy, Mary Oliver, Kate Oliver
 11:00 a.m. Luke Peever, Jack Hearin
Lay Eucharistic Ministers 7:30 a.m. Tony Carter
 8:45 a.m. Claudia Black, Liz Treppendahl
 9:00 a.m. Betty Romero
 11:00 a.m. Charles Matherne
 5:00 p.m. TBD
Verger 9:00 a.m. Joan McCaskill
 11:00 a.m. David Warrington
Lectors 7:30 a.m. Sharon Hoffeld
 8:45 a.m. Kent Caldwell, Shawn Fleming, Claudia Black
 9:00 a.m. Jim Ruble, Ann Ruble
 11:00 a.m. Ann Holmes, Chuck Munro
Intercessor 7:30 a.m. Tony Carter
 8:45 a.m. BB Stirling
 9:00 a.m. Cade Stapleton
 11:00 a.m. Wendell Holmes
Welcome Committee 9:00 a.m. Claudia & Allen Black, Catherine & Jim Van Hook
 11:00 a.m. Fannie & John Compton, Shanna & John Ray
Altar Guild 7:30 a.m. Dodie Edmonds, Mildred Taylor
 8:45 a.m. BB Stirling
 9:00 a.m. Linda Bowsher, Margaret Culbertson
 11:00 a.m. Pauline Barrow, Laura Collet, Gay Middleton, Nancy Penn
 5:00 p.m. Betty Phillips