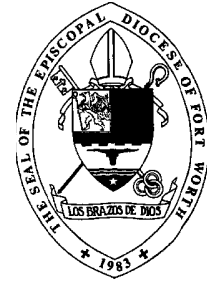


The Epistle



A PUBLICATION FOR THE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY APOSTLES

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From the Rector:



BELOVED in Christ,

August! It is August... already. Amazing how that has happened. School will soon be starting. Which means we are going to be getting geared back up for the Fall in very short order. In fact, we have already begun. It has always struck me as curious how we in the Church order our lives around the school year and not around the Church Kalendar. Curious, but not surprising, really - Our children are our responsibility and they do mean so much to us, so school and it's demands loom large in our list of priorities. Hold that thought, I'll come back to it in a minute.

YES, it is August. The Church keeps three major feast days this month. The Feast of the **Transfiguration** on Thursday the 6th, the feast of the **Blessed Virgin Mary** on Saturday the 15th, and the feast of **Saint Bartholomew the Apostle** on Monday the 24th. All three are significant days (*that is why they are called "major" feast days*).

The Transfiguration remembers the tremendous revelation of our Lord in all of his glory on the mountain to Saints Peter, James, and John. Moses and Elijah also appear to consult with him about his Exodus as the very embodiment of the Law and the Prophets. We will keep this feast on its eve, Wednesday the 5th at 7:00 PM.

The Virgin Mary is the one whom "all generations shall call ...blessed." (*Luke 1:48*) The Church through the ages has held Mary in a place of special prominence and honor. This feast remembers especially that God "hast taken to [him]self

the Blessed Virgin Mary, mother of [his] incarnate Son." (*BCP, p.192*). The Church in the East (*the Orthodox*) keeps the day as the Feast of her Dormition - Her "*Falling Asleep*." The Western Church (*the Roman Catholic*) observes the day as that of her Assumption into Heaven. We will celebrate the occasion with the Eucharist at 10:00 AM in the Lady Chapel - Of course!

SAIN**T** Bartholomew the Apostle is obviously significant for us because our parish is under the patronage of the Apostles. Saint John does not name Saint Bartholomew in his Gospel, instead he speaks of Nathaniel, whom Jesus characterizes as "an Israelite indeed in whom is no guile." (*John 1:45-51*) Bartholomew is a patronymic which means "son of Tolmai." So it makes sense that he would also have another name. I can remember, as a boy, my friends and classmates used to refer to me by my surname, "Cantrell." My brothers got the same treatment from their peers. We will commemorate this Apostle with a celebration of the Eucharist on Monday the 24th at 7:00 PM.



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THIS year we will round out the month with our Rally Day on Sunday the 30th. For those of you new to the parish, Rally Day is the opportunity we make for everyone in the parish to consider their level of involvement in the life of our parish family. We certainly

hope that everyone will want to increase their level of participation. But we also understand that because of changed circumstances you might need to reassess what you are doing. Either way, Rally Day is the time to make those sorts of commitments

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*Please remember to keep your pledge current,
God does not take the summer off,
neither do the utility companies!*

*The purpose of the Church of the Holy Apostles
is to glorify God through worship, discipleship, stewardship, fellowship, and love.*

AROUND THE PARISH

FROM THE SR. WARDEN:

I HOPE everyone is having a great summer as we wind down to the start of school! If you haven't noticed we have made great progress on our sign and it will continue to be worked on in the near future; all this is due to the expert supervision and hard work of Paul Simpson, please shake his hand and say thanks. Also we need to thank Darrell Hanson for the mowing he has done for us doing this hot weather; he is tireless and does a great job, thanks Darrell.

PLEASE keep in mind that the flowers and Altar are prepared by some wonderful ladies behind the scenes, they too need to be thanked for all their efforts and dedication. These are two areas that really need some additional folks to step up and help, please consider looking into one or the other and joining.

AS SCHOOL approaches and folks settle in from summer vacations, we will see more and more visitors; please go out of your way to make them feel comfortable and welcome them to our Church and our Parish family.

WE WILL be having a "Rally Day" the last Sunday of August. Please plan on attending and please look into taking part in whatever committee, guild, or club you would like to be involved with. I know firsthand that they all have fun when they work, and it is never boring. I am sure there will be plenty of food at the Rally; I look forward to seeing you there.

*Peace be with you,
Collin Andrus*

WELCOME:

TO Renée Claffey and to Mike & Sharon Sands, transferring to us from All Saints' Church, Fort Worth. We are glad to have you with us!

MEMORIAL BRICKS:

IS THERE someone that you would like to memorialize or to honor? We are gathering orders to add bricks to the pavement out at the flagpole in front of the church. If you haven't seen it, take a look. We will have order inserts in the Sunday bulletin throughout the month of August so that we can place a good order in September. The suggested donation for a brick is \$50.

ALTAR GUILD:

THE Altar Guild is in need of more members to take turns setting the Altar each week. No experience needed, just a willing heart. Please contact Carole Huebner if you have the desire to help or if you have any questions @ 817-244-1463.

FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

The Parish Life Commission will meet on Monday the 3rd at 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall.

The Eve of the Feast of the Transfiguration, Wednesday the 5th - Mass will be celebrated at 7:00 PM.

The Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saturday the 15th - Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 AM in the Lady Chapel.

Those interested in being Stephen Ministers will meet with Dr. Rubin on Sunday, August 16th at 11:30 AM.

Fr. Chris will be away on retreat the 17th-19th - Mass will not be celebrated either Tuesday or Wednesday that week.

The Feast of Saint Bartholomew the Apostle, Monday the 24th - Mass will be celebrated at 7:00 PM.

Rally Day is Sunday the 30th. Time to sign up to get involved.

Christ the Redeemer Mission Dinner on the 30th from 5-7:00 PM in the Parish Hall. Covered dish supper - Everyone is invited. RSVP to martynorman@gmail.com.

The Fort Worth West Deanery Convocation is Monday the 31st at 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall. Parish delegates and alternates need to attend.

THANKS:

To Darrell Hanson for seeing to the mowing in the heat!
To Gordon Henry for quietly caring for the vegetation in and around the church.
To Leah Lancaster for wedding support, above and beyond the call of duty.

PARISH OUTREACH:

OUR present project is to help supply the food pantry run by Iglesia San Miguel, our Hispanic mission on the southeast side of Fort Worth. We are collecting non-perishable food items & canned goods. Place them in the basket in the narthex

PLEASE remember that green box sitting on the table in the narthex. It costs about \$100 a month to support a priest in Northern Malawi. Please be generous.



FROM THE RECTOR, *continued.*

of our time and talents. There are a whole host of ways that you can be of service at Holy Apostles. Commit the subject to your prayers and ask God to show you where he wants you serving him here, and then at Rally Day - Sign up.

IWROTE earlier that our children are our responsibility. They most definitely are! Their formation as Christians is a duty we all share. A very pressing need that we have is for Sunday School teachers. The Sunday School meets during the first part of the 10:00 service. We would like to kickoff Sunday School on Sunday, September 13th, but, quite honestly, that will not happen without some willing adults. Karen Hiller and Alice Brown bore most of the teaching burden last year; but our need is greater than just two people can meet. We have to have expand our corps of teachers. It would be great if we had enough teachers to be able to offer two kid's classes - The Godly Play class for the younger kids and another class for the older kids (*under 12*). So it seems to me that we need at least eight volunteers. That would presume two teams of two for each class. You need not be a teaching professional or even have a school-aged child. So if you are interested in assisting with this important ministry, please speak to me as soon as you can.

WE HAVE received a couple of invitations from other congregations in our deanery - the one from the ladies of Saint Anne's is in the column to the right. The other is from Christ the Redeemer, our new diocesan mission, meeting at the Lockheed Martin Recreational facility. They are having a Mission Dinner to hear about Summer Twyman's upcoming mission work in Cambodia. Many of you may remember Summer from years ago, when her father, Fr. John Twyman, helped out here at Holy Apostles'. Summer has grown into a wonderful articulate witness for the Lord. And soon she will be leaving to do missionary work in Cambodia. The dinner is potluck and will be held in our parish hall from 5-7:00 on the afternoon of Rally Day. If you are interested in attending, RSVP to martynorman@gmail.com. She can give you the details about what you will need to bring.

YOU need to know that the clergy of our deanery in charge of congregations get together every Thursday to consult and pray together. Our commitment is to work together for the spread of the Gospel and the building up of the Body of Christ on this side of Fort Worth.

God bless you all,

Father Chris +

A WORD OF THANKS

When I accepted the position of Parish Secretary I had no idea of the overwhelming outpouring of kindness I was to receive. I would like to say a special thank you to Father Cantrell for his patience as well as ALL the Parishioners for all their appreciation and warm welcomes. This just reassures me that this is the place I am supposed to be. Once again if I may be of assistance to any of you, please don't hesitate to ask.

May God continue to bless you all,

Leslie



AN INVITATION:

Dear Ladies of Holy Apostles,

YOU are invited to St. Anne's Church for the fall Bible Study beginning on Tuesday, September 15 and ending on November 17. The day class meeting from 1 to 3 PM will study Beth Moore's "To Live as Christ." This study is a journey into the life and heart of Paul the apostle. With this in-depth study guide you will discover Paul to be a man who formed many close friendships with both men and women, served faithfully, loved heartily, and understood what it means to die daily, "crucified with Christ". You will gain a new appreciation of servanthood and how to live fully as a bond slave to Christ. As you study the Book of Acts and the Epistles of Paul, you will feel the challenge to follow Paul's example just as he followed the example of Christ (1 Cor. 11:1).

NIGHT Class, meeting from 6 to 8 pm will study Esther, "It's Tough Being a Woman." This is an in-depth and very personal examination of a great story of threat and deliverance. This study shows how very contemporary and applicable the story of Esther is to our lives. If you've ever felt inadequate, threatened, or pushed into situations that seemed overpowering, this is the study for you. Just as it was tough being a woman in Esther's day, it's tough today. This portion of God's Word contains treasures to aid us in our hurried, harried, and pressured lives.

BOTH classes will meet in the parish hall at Saint Anne's. You may purchase your study guide at Lifeway or order it online. Please be sure to give yourself plenty of time to complete the first week's lessons by our first meeting on September 15th. If you need more information? Call or email Kim Ingram at 817-988-2094; mrsingram@charter.net

The ladies of St. Anne's would love to have you join them.



ANNIVERSARIES:

September

- 2 Bruce & Sharon Trahey
- 20 Fr. Richard & Margaret Cantrell
- 24 John & Lannie McHugh
- 25 Brian & Kelee Strong
- 29 Collin & Jane Andrus



BIRTHDAYS:

September

- 3 Ruth Smith
- 4 Debbie Snead and Ann Wilson
- 7 Robert Bohler and Adelynn Stro
- 8 Sean Wilson
- 9 Carla Kaufman
- 10 Jack Judson
- 13 Mack Snead
- 14 Pam Upward
- 15 Sandra Magnusson
- 16 Milton Parker
- 17 Lauren Bailey
- 22 Linda Hentz and Margaret Pinnau
- 23 Will Wilson
- 25 Jimmy McClellan
- 26 Collin Andrus and Becky Marchand
- 27 Lydia Cantrell

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The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available at announced times and by appointment.
 Holy Day Services are as announced.
 A Nursery is provided 9:30 - 11:30 on Sundays.
 The Parish Office is open 9:00 AM.- 4:00 PM. Monday - Friday

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Sunday
 8:00 AM. Holy Eucharist (Rite I)
 9:00 AM. Sunday School
 9:30 AM. Choir Practice
 10:00 AM. Holy Eucharist (Rite I)
 11:15 AM. Coffee Hour

Mon-Thursday 8:30 AM Morning Prayer
Tuesday 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist
Wednesday 10:00 AM Healing Mass
 6:45 PM Evening Prayer
Friday Rector's Day Off



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