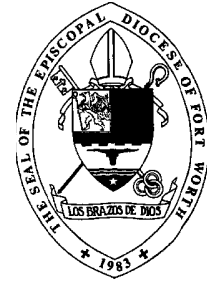


# The Epistle



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

LENT A.D. 2010

## From the Rector:



**BELOVED** in Christ,

**W**E are now into the Gesimas, that three week period before Lent begins. I hope you are giving some thought to your Lenten Rule.

**T**HE three traditional Lenten disciplines are **prayer, fasting, and almsgiving**. Giving up something is the fasting part. Traditionally, Wednesdays and Fridays are meatless days in Lent. What do you intend to give up for Lent? This can either be something good that you enjoy and would miss, like cheesecake, or a bad habit that you need to break. The most successful that I have ever been at breaking a bad habit was the year that I quit smoking for Lent. If you are breaking a bad habit, the trick is to keep it broken after Lent is over. The real key to breaking a bad habit is to pray your way through it. Lent is a great time to take on a new prayer devotion. We walk the Stations of the Cross on Wednesdays, plan to come and get in on that. It might be that you also decide to spend some intentional time every day in prayer and Bible reading. Praying one of the Daily Offices is a good way to do that. The almsgiving part is akin to fasting. It involves giving money we might spend on ourselves to help those in need. Certainly the needs of the Haitian people are great and there are a number of well publicized ways to contribute to help in the relief efforts there - Anglican Relief & Development is but one agency that could use our dollars. The Malawi Centurion Project (that green box on the table in the narthex) is another vehicle for almsgiving. We will secure a supply of mite boxes for your use by the time Lent gets here.

**K**aren and I are very grateful to all of you for all your recent expressions of love, support, and food (oh, the food!). Thank you very, very much indeed.

God bless you all,

*Father Chris +*



## The Rector's Annual Report

January 24, 2010

**A**Lmighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the Light of the world: Grant that thy people, illumined by thy Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**O**N BEHALF of all of us, I want to begin by expressing our appreciation for the service on the Vestry of Tony Hiller, Michael Pinnau, and Collin Andrus. All three of them have served well - above and beyond the usual regular vestry service - Tony stepped in to fill the unexpired term of Jack Fry, who transferred to Saint John's last spring. Nikki Wilson has served well as our Vestry Clerk, Jim Owens has been our Junior Warden, and Collin has done tremendous yeoman service as our Senior Warden for the past two years. Collin has my deep gratitude for the job he has done these past two years. I have a very small gift for you, it is a diptych portraying Our Lord and his Blessed Mother. I got it in England at the shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham sev-

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*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 SENIOR WARDEN:

**T**HANK you to everyone who attended the annual parish meeting on January 24, to the newly elected vestry members, and to all who volunteer their time and talents to service at Holy Apostles.

**C**ONGRATULATIONS to Bruce Trahey, Tim Gauntt, and Susan Henry for their election to the vestry, and thanks also to Katy Walker for standing for election. Our slate of candidates was strong, and the vestry looks forward to working together for the good of the parish.

**O**UR parish is also strong. Our parishioners have made a financial commitment that enabled the vestry to present a balanced budget that addresses our fundamental obligations throughout the year. Thank you for your stewardship commitment.

**W**E ARE also strong in the talents possessed by our parishioners. I'm pleased that Tim Gauntt has agreed to be our junior warden for the next year, as Tim has contributed significantly of his time and talents in many projects around the parish. He will be aided greatly by the many others in our parish who possess particular knowledge and skills and have contributed those to the maintenance and enhancement of our facilities.

**S**PECIAL thanks to Charra Wright, who has agreed to continue as treasurer. Charra has brought great clarity to the financial reports to the vestry, which has helped us make knowledgeable, confident decisions about our finances on behalf of the parish.

**F**INALLY, thanks to Collin Andrus for his leadership as senior warden over the past two years. Collin has done an especially effective job in bringing people together to accomplish good things, and he has communicated openly and regularly with the parish. I appreciate Fr. Chris's confidence in asking me to now serve as senior warden. I ask your prayers for the vestry and for each other. As we have been reminded in the readings from the Sunday lectionary recently, we are not simply an organization, but a living organism, part of one Body and vitally connected to one another. When one member suffers or struggles, we all do. Likewise, when one member rejoices, we all do. So let's intercede for one another in our struggles and infirmities, and let's give thanks for the blessings and successes we enjoy individually and corporately.

**P**lease be faithful in your prayers, in your attendance and participation in the life of the parish, and in your stewardship.

*Peace and blessings,  
Todd Marchand*

### FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

February 3<sup>rd</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Wednesday  
6:45 PM Evening Prayer  
7:00 PM HAY; Basic Christianity

February 15<sup>th</sup> Monday  
7:00 PM Evening Prayer  
Stephen Ministers training;  
Vestry Meeting in the Library

February 16<sup>th</sup> Shrove Tuesday  
5:00 PM Confessions  
6:00 PM Pancake Supper

February 17<sup>th</sup> Ash Wednesday **FAST TODAY**  
9:00 AM & 6:00 PM Mass  
*Imposition of Ashes at both Services*

February 21<sup>st</sup>  
**St. Michael's Conference Reunion** 4-6 pm  
at St. Alban's Church in Arlington

February 22<sup>nd</sup> Monday  
7:00 PM Stephen Ministers

February 24<sup>th</sup> Wednesday, **St. Matthias the Apostle**  
5:00 PM Mass  
6:00 PM Stations of the Cross  
6:30 PM Supper  
7:00 PM Lenten Program "Behold, thy Mother"  
The Very Rev. Ryan Reed, SSC

### MANY THANKS:

To **Karen Gauntt** for helping fold the Sunday Bulletins as well as the Epistle!

To **Jim McClellan** for keeping things stocked up and refilled!

To **Carole Huebner** for helping fold the Epistle!

To **Collin Andrus, Michael Pinnau, and Tony Hiller** for their service on the Vestry.

To **Tim Gauntt, Tony Hiller, Jim Owens, and Rich Weber** of the Sacred and Noble Order of the Golden Plunger!

**W**ELCOME to Geoffrey Crewe who is now officially a member of Holy Apostles. He transferred to us from All Saints', Fort Worth. Welcome Geoffrey!



## FROM THE RECTOR, *continued.*

eral years ago. I know of your devotion to her and so I thought this was something you might like to carry with you whether to the office or to the Deer Lease. Our Treasurer for most of this past year was Sabrina Caudill. And unfortunately for us the Caudills moved back to their beloved North Carolina this past Fall. So I am most grateful to Charra Wright who was coerced.... I mean, er... consented to step in and take over the Treasurer's duties – she has been a real Godsend to our parish. We owe them all our hearty thanks! I have a gift for the three of you who are rotating off the Vestry. It is a Saint Augustine's Prayer Book. If you already have one, you can pass this one on, or keep it in your glove compartment. It never hurts to say a prayer or to learn a new one.

**V**ESTRY members serve a three-year term and then must wait a year before they are eligible for reelection. The Rector appoints the Senior Warden from the Vestry for a one-year term. The Vestry elects the Junior Warden, Treasurer and Clerk. The Junior Warden must be a member of the Vestry, the requirement for Treasurer and Clerk is only that they be communicants in good standing. All serve annual terms. We make those elections at a brief meeting immediately following this one this morning –so, if you are on the Vestry already, or are elected today – please stay after this meeting for just a couple of minutes. I am happy to announce that Todd Marchand has again agreed to accept my appointment as Senior Warden for the coming year. I say again because Todd has been our Senior Warden before – I look forward to working together with him in the coming year.

**Y**OUR packet contains the reports of our various guilds, groups and organizations as well as the statistics the canons require we share with you today, both the memberships stats as well as the financial information. I'm going to leave the financial stewardship discussion to Collin as he makes his report to you after mine – Not to steal his thunder, but I will say that it is good news – I hope he will also say a word about the HAMS.

**A**LL of the improvements and the beautification of this place over the past year have born testimony to our desire to glorify God in all that we do.

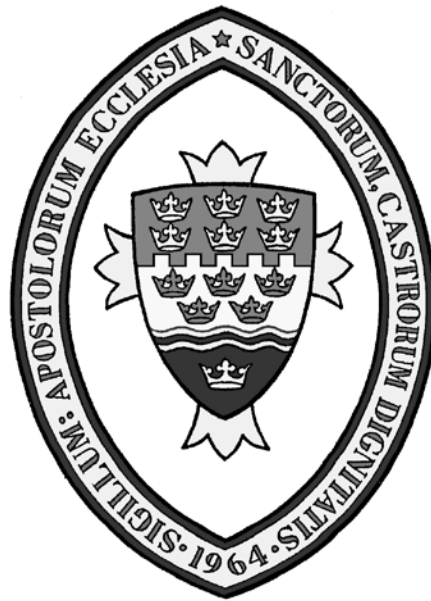
**O**UR newly renovated spaces around the Garth: including the new library is a combination of insurance money and a gift courtesy of the generosity of an anonymous benefactor. As I have told you before, our benefactor's motive is to give glory to God and their only request is to remain anonymous. I think

we can continue to honor that request by doing likewise – by giving glory to God and practicing a similar generosity. In the near term, through more of that same generosity, we will see the replacement of the old modular building on the north side of our parish campus with a brand spanking new one – four feet longer and four feet wider. It will have two classrooms, one for the New Tweens class and the other for the youth group. (They now want to be known as the HAY – Holy Apostles' Youth, by the way). Both of the rooms in the new building will each have their own bathroom.

**A** GENEROUS check enough to feed over 900 needy people was delivered to the Union Gospel Mission by me in your name this past Thanksgiving. Over the past year we have been collecting non-perishable food for the Pantry run by our brothers and sisters at Iglesia San Miguel over on the East side of Fort Worth. And that outreach too, gives glory to God. Thanks are also due to David Huebner for his stewardship of our own Angel Tree project – and thanks to you also for your support of this annual effort. We were able to significantly help four needy families from the Western Hills Elementary School.

**T**HE past year has also seen continued development in the musical aspect of our worship. The new organ is a continued blessing and we have been delighted to enjoy the increased offerings of our choir. All of the performances at Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve were splendid. In spite of the horrendous weather, we

who were here got to enjoy Kelly Henry's marvelous solo. What a treat – it just means that she must sing something on a Sunday morning. Todd Marchand's musical contributions are also very much appreciated. This past year saw the unveiling of his new mass setting. And we all discovered we could do something new – and like it! We will return to singing Todd's setting this summer on the Sundays after Pentecost. Tony & Jack and the members of our choir are all to be thanked for leading us in giving glory to God through our worship.



**S**AIN'T Michael's Conference this past summer was a continued success, the size of the conference was 61 teenagers from our parish and from around the diocese spending a week at Camp Crucis immersed in the worship of God and the study of the Catholic Faith. Michaela Kelly, and Dakota Foster were both prepared for Confirmation there. Our expectation for Saint Mike's this coming June is to continue at the same level. I am confident we will make it – and God will be glorified through the discipleship of our kids.

**A**ND in that same vein we need to express our gratitude to Karen Hiller and Alice Brown for their teaching of the Godly Play Class through most of the past year. We are also grateful to my daughter Lydia, and to Sharon Trahey, Michele & Katy Walker, Susan Henry & Lisa Self for now taking on the Sunday School enterprise for our young kids.

**T**HIS is an appeal for volunteers. We could use some more help with Sunday school, if you are interested, please speak to any of our teachers or to me.

**W**E ARE also to glorify God through our love. I am very excited about the development of a Stephen Ministry here. It is a ministry of care and love. We need to thank Dr. Joe Rubin for getting this ministry organized. We are still in the formation stage, but will soon be commissioning our first class of Holy Apostles' Stephen Ministers. Stay tuned.

**I**WILL leave the subject of Global Anglican Issues to the question period later in the meeting.

**I**F YOU look at the statistics in your packets you will see that we have indeed experienced some significant growth in numbers this past year. Our Sunday attendance has risen nicely. And we have been truly blessed by the folks who have joined us. If you are new to Holy Apostles in the past year please stand – welcome.

**A**SPECIAL word of thanks needs to be said to three guys who very quietly and unobtrusively have done a great deal around here and you may not have consciously noticed it. I am talking about Tim Gauntt, Andrew Martin and Gordon Henry. Gordon has been keeping the Garth in wonderful “tune.” And Tim has among many other little chores, changed the light bulbs when they have gone out. And Andrew has, also among other things, policed the grounds week after week picking up the litter thrown from the road onto our campus. We are grateful to the three of you for your quiet service among us!

**L**ENT will soon be upon us. Shrove Tuesday is the sixteenth of February and Ash Wednesday the seventeenth. As we have traditionally done here, I am looking for the men of the parish, the HAMs, to handle the Pancake Supper on Shrove Tuesday. And then Lent begins. It is the perfect opportunity for us all to

gather closer to one another and to our Lord. You should start thinking about your Lenten rule now. That is what those funny named Sundays are all about, preparation – you know, the Gessimas, Septuagesima, Sexagesima, and my favorite, Quinquagesima! I hope you will all plan to be with us each Wednesday in Lent for the Stations of the Cross, Soup Supper and the program. This year the theme will be “Behold thy mother!” from John 19:27. It will be a look at the person and place of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the life of the Church from five different perspectives. I am working on lining up our speakers right now. There will be a sign up sheet on which you can volunteer to help with the suppers. Plan to make it each week.

**G**ROWTH presents us with some good challenges. In a congregation like ours there is always much to be done and seemingly never enough of us to do it all. The Altar Guild, the Flower Guild, our Teachers, , those who cut the grass, those who serve, the Ushers, are all faithful, and deserve our gratitude, but they are few. If you are not already involved in one of these areas, I want to encourage you this morning to consider coming to the aid of those who are. The Lord did say, where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

**I**WANT to extend our welcome to our newest member, Mr. Geoffrey Crewe, who has just transferred to us from All Saints'. We are very glad you are with us.

**M**Y ANNUAL reminder - You and I are called to be ambassadors for Christ as Saint Paul said – It is our privilege and our solemn duty to extend the Lord's invitation, just as Philip did to Nathanael - “Come & See” is what we need to be about. We have something very good here and we need to share it.

**I**T IS MY honor to serve here as your priest, and I am grateful for your love.

Respectfully submitted,

*The Very Rev. Christopher T. Cantrell, SSC*  
Rector



Paul Simpson congratulates Jim Owens on his award.



“Behold, thy mother.”

**O**UR Lord, as he hung dying on the Cross, commended the care of his blessed mother into the hands of Saint John the beloved disciple. (Saint John 19:26, 27) Ever since then the Church has understood the Blessed Virgin Mary to be our mother as well. We will spend the **Wednesdays of Lent** looking at this marvelous woman.

6:00 pm Stations of the Cross  
Soup, Salad, and Bread Supper  
Clergy Presentation

**February 24th**

The Blessed Mother seen through the Scriptures -

The Very Rev. Ryan Reed, SSC, Dean of Saint Vincent's Cathedral

**March 3rd**

The Blessed Mother seen through the Tradition -

The Rev. Canon Richard A Cantrell, SSC, Assistant, Saint Vincent's Cathedral

**March 10th**

The Blessed Mother seen through the Devotion of the Church -

The Rev. Jonathan Duncan, SSC, Curate, Saint Alban's Church, Arlington

**March 17th**

The Blessed Mother seen by the Church -

The Rev. G. Will Brown, Rector, The Church of the Holy Cross, Dallas

**March 24th**

The Blessed Mother seen by Us -

The Very Rev. Christopher T. Cantrell, SSC

**Very Important!** Please sign up in the Parish Hall or call Leslie in the Parish Office, (817) 560-7187, to help with food for the Suppers.



## ANNIVERSARIES:

February

- 2 The Browns
- 7 The Sneads
- 9 The Latimers
- 13 Fr. Cantrell's Ordination to Priesthood 1987
- 16 The Judsons
- 17 The Henrys



## BIRTHDAYS:

February

- 5 Peggy Clements
- 6 Jeffrey Bartlett
- 7 Brant Stovall
- 10 Terry Culpepper
- 11 Elaine Bailey
- 18 Braden Trahey
- 19 Linda Farris
- 22 Sara Simpson
- 23 Karen Hiller
- 24 Victor Heinz
- 25 Jeanette McGee
- 26 Renee Claffey
- 28 David Walker and Sharon Sands

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Bruce Trahey	817 271-6204
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Debbie Reddick	817 236-9874
Paul Simpson	817 594-0379
Jim Owens	817 925-2611


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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