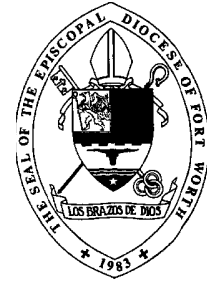


The Epistle



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

EASTER A.D. 2009

From the Rector:

BELOVED in Christ,

Here we are in the very midst of the Easter season. The month of May will complete the season with the observance of Pentecost on the 31st. Easter always seems to me to be easier to sustain than the Christmas season. It is probably because the Texas climate cooperates so wonderfully. This year, in particular, the weather has done much to help bring about the transformation that is Spring. The resurrection of Our Lord just sings with the background support of the chorus of Creation. Life bursts out all around us and lifts our spirits. Rain in relative abundance never hurts either! Good stuff, all of it. But let's not get confused over what Easter is all about.

OUR part in this is to make the connection between the Provider of all of this new life and the triumph that has been won for us through the sacrifice of the Cross. The Church celebrates at Easter the victory of our Lord over sin and death. And rightly in support of this celebration we read of the life of the Early Church as recounted in the book of the Acts of the Apostles. That life was nothing less than a manifestation of the Holy Spirit animating the Church. The witness of the Church is to the fulfillment of the promise of God to pour out His Spirit upon her.

ON SATURDAY, May 16th we will be about the business of celebrating the Easter season...as a deanery. The Fort Worth West Deanery is having an "Evening on the Bayou" out in our front yard - Mary's Creek being the closest thing we've got around here to a bayou. One definition I found of the word "bayou" was "a sluggish or slow moving body of water." Well,

Mary's Creek is running pretty well right now, but there are certainly times of the year when "sluggish" is right apt. So "bayou" works for us. We will be enjoying authentic Cajun faire - I am looking forward to discovering the delights of crawdads. (I don't recall ever having had any before - how I've missed out I cannot say.) We really do want to see if we can gather the parishioners of the churches of our deanery - St. Anne's, All Saints', Christ the King, Christ the Redeemer and Holy Apostles'. We are selling tickets to the event in order to cover our costs. This is a cooperative effort of the whole deanery and the party is for us to get better acquainted. I hope that you will plan to come and take part in the fun.



MAY 21st is the Feast of the Ascension. Ascension Day is always a Thursday (being 40 days after Easter Sunday). Bishop Iker will be with us for a 7:00 p.m. celebration of the Eucharist. At that Mass we will be dedicating the Elizabethan Settlement stained glass window in honor of Gloria Wood. I hope you will plan to be with us for the celebration.

FINALLY, Pentecost is Sunday the 31st of this month. We will be having our annual Pentecost Patronal Parish Picnic following the 10:00 service. Dress casually, wear red, bring your sunscreen and lawn chairs. We will provide iced-tea and water, the hamburgers, hotdogs, and buns, if you will bring the side dishes and desserts we will have a fine feast. If you haven't done it yet, we need kids to be registered for St. Michael's Conference. Forms are on the table in the narthex, or registration can be done online at www.stmichaelsw.org.

SAY a special Thank You to Karen Hiller and Alice Brown for their fine work with the Sunday School this year!!

God bless you all!,

Father Chris +

*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

WOW!! What a great Easter Service and what a good time at the reception!! A lot of hard work and effort went into getting our church ready for the Celebration of the Resurrection of Christ, thank you to all who helped. The church looked great from the flowers to the Parish hall to Garth and Narthex. Thank you to the Altar Guild and Flower Guild for making the Church so outstandingly beautiful; and thanks to Parish Life and all the folks who helped paint the kitchen.. what a difference it makes!!

THERE are several people who stand out for their efforts among the many who worked so hard. Please give a thank you to Andrew Martin for all the touch up work, painting, and patching he did for us, it looks great and I know he spent many days in the process. We also need to thank Darrell Hanson for the great job in hanging the panels in the Narthex; he overcame a tremendous obstacle in completing it since someone tried to help, and caused him more work...sorry Darrell, next time I'll listen better to your advice!! Gordon Henry has made the Garth his personal project; it really shows, thanks Gordon (and Susan!). We also need to say thanks to Sheri Owens, she has donated her expertise and time in graphic design and printing to our Church on several projects, what a professional job she does...thanks Sheri.

LASTLY, please thank Father Chris for his untiring efforts and leadership, and his family for tolerating his long hours/work week and the time they miss spending with him.

AS WE approach summer please continue to welcome our guests into our Parish Family . as always, please wear your nametags.....Don't forget the Evening on the Bayou on the 16th - get your tickets now.

Peace Be With You,

Collin Andrus

PARISH PICNIC MAY 31ST

THE Parish Picnic will be on Sunday, May 31st after the 10:00 am mass. Please sign up sheet in the Parish Hall to help set up and clean up. We will also be having our Parish Picture taken. Please all plan to attend.

Hope to see you there!

Next Month: **Stephen Ministers!**

FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

- **HAGs** will be meeting on Thursday May 7th at 7:00 pm.
- The monthly **Vestry** meeting will return to Monday on the 11th at 7:00 pm.
- **Evening on the Bayou** Saturday May 16th at 4:00 pm. Tickets on sale now.
- Sunday the 17th Sunday School year ends.
- **SSC Chapter** meeting and Mass will be held on Monday the 18th at 11:00 am.
- On May 21st the new stained glass window in memory of Gloria Wood will be blessed by Bishop Iker at the Ascension Day Mass at 7:00 pm.
- Parish Patronal Pentecost Picnic on Sunday, May 31st following the 10:00 service.



THE BISHOP IKER CHALLENGE GOLF TOURNAMENT

THE DATE for the 9th Annual Bishop Iker Challenge Golf Tournament has been set for **Friday, June 5** and will be played once again at Squaw Valley Golf Course in Glen Rose. The format will be a 4-person scramble.



WE URGE you to mark this important date on your calendars and begin putting your team together now. This will enable you to get your entry in early. If anyone needs help finding a team, contact Zack Wood. See Zack also for Drawing Tickets even if you are not a golfer!

PLEASE NOTE: Anyone may make a cash donation to further help Camp Crucis and the wonderful work being done there.

THIS YEAR'S proceeds will be used to provide 40 scholarships for summer camp at Camp Crucis for those who need financial aid, as well as to enhance the existing facility to keep it competitive with other camps. In this way we can continue to further God's work through our children.

CALLING COMMITTEE

IN AN effort to make the calling committee work more efficiently, we need your help. I have heard from some members of Holy Apostles' that they would rather receive an e-mail notifying them of upcoming events. Also, some prefer to have their cell phone called while others want their home phone numbers used. Beginning Sunday, May 3, there will be a sheet in the Parish Hall for you to let us know the method in which you prefer to be contacted. All we want is your name and either a phone number listed or your e-mail address.

Thank you for taking the time to do this.

Linda Hentz

ALTAR FLOWERS/ FLOWER GUILD

IF YOU would like to dedicate the altar flowers to the glory of God, to honor special occasions, or in memory of loved ones, there are special donation envelopes in the pews. See the sign up sheet in the parish hall for open dates (more than one person can sign up each week). The suggested donation amount is \$40.

THE FLOWER GUILD could still use some more volunteers to make flower arrangements for the altar, and to water the plants each week. No experience necessary, training can be provided as needed. If you are interested, please contact Leah Lancaster. 817-249-4854 or 817-709-5776
lelanc@sbcglobal.net

Leah Lancaster

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN RETREAT

SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2009

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

FEATURED speaker will be Deacon Lana K. Farley of St. Peter and St. Paul Episcopal Church of Arlington. She will present a talk on "Forgiveness," with a focus on "What it is," "What it is not," "Why," and "How."

PRE-REGISTRATION is required. You can download a brochure and registration form by going to the Diocesan web site and click on Episcopal Church Women. The cost for registration and lunch is \$12.00 per person.

IT WOULD be nice to see a lot of faces from Holy Apostles. If you have any questions, feel free to call me at 817-244-5759.

Linda Hentz

ECW, Fort Worth West Deanery

FROM OUR SEMINARIAN

DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF HOLY APOSTLES,

THE LAST month has been among one of the strangest in my seminary career. It was strange, not least, because I somehow managed to get all (and I really mean all) of my written assignments done a week before the end of classes, I have no exams, and the usual end-of-year scramble to get everything done simply never needed to happen. So, I played croquet instead. It's a very odd feeling to see seminary fade out in a whisper, amidst the clack of croquet balls, and the "huzzahs" of Seniors trying their hardest to flaunt their leisure in front of harried Juniors.

BUT it's also strange to think that finishing seminary and taking a cure means that I have to leave Holy Apostles. Croquet at the end of school is a good kind of strange; leaving Holy Apostles is not. For the last four years, this parish has been home - home in a way that even the parish where I was reared can't compare. It's a profoundly strange, sad feeling, to know that I have to leave. Despite that sadness, I am simultaneously filled with a deep sense of gratitude for all the prayers, support, kindness, and love that I have received from all of you over the years. It strikes me that Holy Apostles has a strong sense of how to foster vocations to the priesthood, and I encourage you all to keep doing that. It may be a scary thought, but one day I'll be an old priest, and some young whipper-snapper will have to take my place. I won't be surprised at all to find that young man came from Holy Apostles.

FINALLY, I have to add this addendum to my original letter. I have been called to serve as Diocesan Curate at Good Shepherd, Granbury. I know last month I said that I was still "without cure" (a nice way of saying "unemployed"), but due to the diligent and creative work of Bishop Iker and Canon Hough, along with the grace and providence of Almighty God, I will begin my ministry in Granbury on July 1st. Good Shepherd is a parish that has seen a powerful upsurge in evangelism and ministry in the last 6 months or so, and has received many blessings from Our Lord to help their work in Granbury. It's remotely possible that I might be one of them. Who knows? We'll see.

MY BELOVED family, it is with great sadness that I now absent myself from the Epistle for a while. None of you, however, will be absent from my prayers or my affection. And though I won't be writing for a while, that doesn't mean I won't be in touch. I love you all, very much. May God bless and keep all of you.

*Your Servant in Christ,
Dcn. Chris*



ANNIVERSARIES:

May	7	Joel & Elaine Bailey
	13	Darrell & Alice Hanson
	16	Chuck & Betty Bradley
	28	Jeff & Cindy Bartlett

BIRTHDAYS:

May	1	Jane Beste
	1	Wayne Hendon
	6	Taylor Burgett
	10	Travis Wilson
	11	Joshua Hutcheson
	14	Ann Heinz
	15	Robert Curtis
	21	Fr. Christopher Cantrell
	21	William Lancaster
	22	Jane Andrus
	22	Tom Kelly
	22	Maryanne Judson
	22	Lisa Schultz
	23	Chris Cornwall
	25	Adin Culpepper
	25	Donna Parker
	25	Zachary White-Hablas
	27	Roby Henry Sr.
	28	Rachel Lancaster Hutcheson



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FROM OUR PARISH MUSICIANS:

THE CHOIR practices on
Sundays at 9:30. Come
join us.

Jack & Tony


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 Clergy Day Off

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