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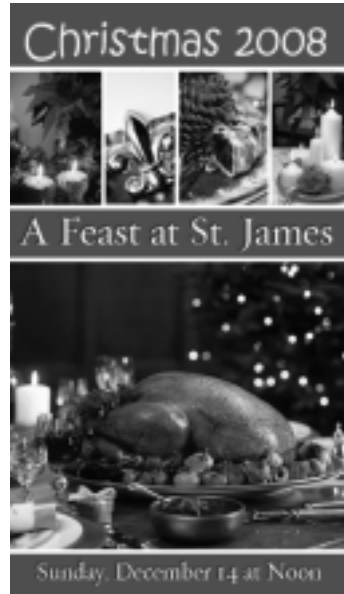
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December 12, 2008

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
 - Noon Second Annual Christmas Dinner
 - 5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II in the Chapel
- *Nursery available

Second Annual Christmas Dinner for Homeless next Sunday



Volunteers are needed as we prepare to host our Second Annual Christmas Dinner for the Homeless this Sunday, December 14. There are a variety of ways you, as a parishioner and supporter of this ministry, can be of assistance.

Collect travel-size toiletries

As part of our dinner for those less fortunate in our community, we are distributing backpacks with essential personal care items. We need hotel sized soap, shampoo, conditioner, and body lotion. We also could use warm socks, combs, warm caps, travel sized deodorant and mouthwash, toothbrushes and toothpaste. We will be gathering donations in bins marked "Christmas Dinner for the Homeless" in the church foyer.

Volunteers needed for the dinner

Anyone wishing to volunteer for this truly rewarding ministry, before or during; behind the scenes or out in front, should contact Jane Woods at 816-806-1376 or by email at janezwoods@hotmail.com.

Sunday Lectionary: Year B,
Revised Common Lectionary
Daily Office: Year ONE

The Lectionary — The Third Sunday of Advent: First Lesson: Isaiah 35:1-10; **The Psalm** 146:4-9; **Second Lesson:** James 5:7-10; **The Gospel:** Matthew 11:2-11.

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THE FOOD PANTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP

Please be generous in your donations to the St. James Food Pantry. The reminder in the box at the bottom of this page runs in most issues of *The Messenger*, but this holiday season has seen a drop in donations to the Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank and, thus, in their shipments to us, yet the need is ever greater.

Donations may be placed in the foyer of the church, or in the lobby of the Ministry Center during weekday morning hours.

To help insure a balance of donated goods, it is suggested that parishioners with last names beginning with A-F bring canned vegetables; G-L canned fruit; M-R canned tuna, stew, or chili; and, S-Z donate dry boxed goods.

For more information, please contact Allen Paterson at (225) 819-6041 or email at ahpcsp@cox.net.



The Food Bank is always in need. If every family in our parish would bring just *one* can of food *every* week, our cup (or pantry) would surely runneth over. Just *ONE* item, *EVERY* week. *Volunteers needed first and third Wednesdays at 8:00 a.m. for distribution assistance.*

Advent Quiet Day

An Americana Advent Camp will take place on Saturday, December 13, from 8:30 until 4:30 p.m. Pre-K through fifth grade kids will take a look at what American saints have to say about Advent. The day will include arts and crafts, story times, games, and snacks.

Adults are invited the adult Advent programming this Saturday morning from 8:30 'til noon.

Contact Prior John Moloney at 225-387-5141 or via email at jmoloney@stjamesbr.org for more information.

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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.


Decorating for Christmas

Anyone interested in helping decorate the church for the Christmas season, please join

us on Tuesday, December 23, beginning at 8:00 a.m. The more, the merrier!



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The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of her father, *Stephen B. McNair*, by Emalie LaNasa; and, in loving memory of *Julia McCall Hightower* by her husband, Jack, and their daughter, Kara and her husband, Derek Mathews

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

The arrangement at Coffee Hour is by Connie Schneider.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers ...

For the dear departed: Mary Belle Chisholm Young, mother of Jack Young and mother-in-law of Shirley Young

Prayers are asked for: Anne Howe, Louibelle Grantham, Henry Werth, Michael Chittom, Louise Chittom, Bill, Susan, Betty Romero, Scottie Thomas, Tom Raggio, Camille Raggio, Gabrielle, Anne Inge, Dan Hudson, Steve Cummings, Jane, Chip Middleton, Lillian Shipes, Sela Marie Basso

Our continuing prayers are offered for: O.B. Romero, Estelle Copes, Michael Matassarin, Marguerite Matassarin, Nicholas Yiannopoulos, Bessie Stockton, Bill, Thomas, John and Kathy Gummersell, Brooke Hardin, Sue Tweedy, Laura and Trent Griggs, Donoghue, Perry Gaither, Nancy, Mary Sunny McCoy, Sallie, Katherine Gant, Cameron Mott, Linda Lee, Luci Cobb, Glen Stockton, Angie Denny,

Kevin Stockton, Dottie McCornack, Marina Pinell, Mary Lou and Gordon Loudon, Kathryn Daggett, Kelsey Favrot, Mary Betts, Kenlie Jackson, Ila Cooper, David Bertrand, John & Fritz Dehlbert, Blair, Colleen Colquette, Carole, Anne and Wayne Williams, Prentiss McClendon, Berta Mayer, Virginia Kroenke Sweet, Jim Bogan, Laura Haywood, Sammie Jackson, Ava Jet Blencke, Pennye, Caleb Hutchins, Margaret Blades, Fred Frey Jr., Rubye Harris, Effie Burton, Carolyn Glusman

For those in the Armed Forces: Rob Hutchins, PFC Hal Town, Captain John Lyford V, Captain Allison Laine Lyford, LCpl William Martin, Capt. Kyle Randall, PFC Don Ellen, Lt. Col Michael Benson, Pvt Stephen Arnold USMC, SPC Benjamin Agnew, Captain K. Joshua Calmes

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 December 12-18

- 12 Allie Pogue, William McKnight, Ben Kurz, George Holmes, Fielding Woolf
13 Anne Howe, Pat Bacot, Anne Wilson, Tom Hoyt
14 Ben Agnew
15 Ruth Vordenbaumen, Dottie McCornack, Sharon Bergeron, Catherine Saurage, Anna Frey, Anna Johnson
16 May Baynard, Sara Slocum, J. King Woolf, Jennifer Oliver, Louise Hines, Adkins Davison
18 Max Shaneyfelt, Brian Werth, Andre Bagur

Coming Events at the Solomon Episcopal Conference Center

Diocesan Women's Recovery Retreat

January 9-11, 2009

Our theme will be based on the book *Life of the Beloved* written by Henri Nouwen. "You are my Beloved; on you my favor rests." It certainly is not easy to hear that voice in a world filled with voices that shout, "You are no good, you are ugly, you are worthless, you are nobody." Many of us keep running around in large or small circles, always looking for someone or something able to convince us of our Belovedness. Why is this so? Join us for reflection and lively discussion as we retreat together.

Diocesan Youth Event

January 16-18, 2009

This event is a new offering for youth from sixth to twelfth grade. At this retreat, we will explore our dreams, the world's expectations for us, and God's dream for us. We will spend time in prayer and having fun! What is your dream? See *Youth News*, above.

Diocesan Father/Son Retreat

January 30-February 1, 2009

Make your plans now to join us at the Solomon Episcopal Conference Center for our annual Father and Son Weekend now sponsored by Christ Church, Covington. This event is open to sons in grade two through six and their dads. Theme to be announced.

A SERVICE OF CHRISTMAS LESSONS & CAROLS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2008 5:00 P.M.

Let us read and mark in Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days of our disobedience unto the glorious Redemption brought us by this Holy Child; and let us make this church glad with our carols of praise.

Youth & Parents: Dates to Save from Mother Laurie

Sunday, January 4 — No EYC — Happy New Year!

Sunday, January 11 — An EYC Parents meeting at 10:15 in the Chapel; at 5:00 p.m. EYC resumes Sunday evening meetings

Friday, January 16-Sunday, January 18 — A Diocesan Youth Event for those in grades six through twelve, *Our Dream of God*, at the Solomon Episcopal Conference Center in Robert. Cost is \$86 per person. Scholarships are available. To register, email Mother Laurie. Make checks payable to St. James. No 5:00 p.m. EYC meeting this day.

Sunday, January 25 — Join us from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. for an EYC Eucharist and Dinner

Advent and Pageant News from Alison Nikitopoulos

Advent Wreath Making Truly a Joyous Success

Sunday, November 30, certainly was a day of wonderful fellowship. We are very grateful to our volunteers who made Advent Wreath Making such a joyous success. Donna and Kyle Landrem, Barbara and Rob Outland, Annie Jung, and Chet Carter made the event run without a hitch. All of their children (Katherine, Olivia, Robby, Mary, Helene, Micaiah, and Destiny) also helped open candles and organize supplies. We were sorry to run out of wreath forms and will certainly order more next year. Everyone worked up an appetite that was well sated by the fifth Sunday feast hamburgers!

Don't Forget Pageant Practice on Friday, December 12, at 3:45 p.m.

Rehearsal will begin in the choir room and then continue in church for a preliminary walk-through. Parents may collect children in the church at 4:30. Come a little early if you'd like to take a sneak peek! Day School children may go to aftercare until 3:45 with proper notification.

Costumes are available in the lemonade room on Sundays. Please mark one with your child's name. Contact Alison Nikitopoulos (email anikitopoulos@stjamesbr.org or 387-5141, ext. 222) with questions, or to help.

Christmas Flowers

We are now compiling the Christmas poinsettia listing. If you would like to place poinsettias as a memorial or thank offering during the Christmas season, please complete this form and place it in the offering plate, or drop it by the church office on or before Wednesday, December 17. The usual donation is \$35.

Donor _____

Exact wording of listing (please print): _____



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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, December 12, 2008

- 8:15 a.m. Day School Eucharist
- 10:00 a.m. VOA Church Service
- 10:30 a.m. City-Year with speaker, John Noland
- Noon *We Care Bags Project*
- 3:45 p.m. Christmas Pageant Rehearsal

Saturday, December 13, 2008

- 8:30 a.m. Advent Quiet Time for Adults
- 8:30 a.m. Americana Advent Camp, until 4:30 p.m.
- 5:30 p.m. Downtown Baton Rouge Christmas Parade

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- 5:00 p.m. Mastersingers Rehearsal

Monday, December 15, 2008

- 8:15 a.m. Day School Chapel
- 5:30 p.m. Day School Board Meeting

Tuesday, December 16, 2008

- Noon Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
- 6:00 p.m. Day School Christmas Program

Wednesday, December 17, 2008

- 7:00 a.m. Bible Study Group
- 8:00 a.m. Food Bank Distribution**

Thursday, December 18, 2008

- 10:00 a.m. Day School Christmas Luncheons
- 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist & Healing Service
- Noon EFM
- 6:00 p.m. EFM

** Indicates Child Care Provided*

Lay Ministry - Sunday, December 14, 2008

- 7:30 a.m. Philip T. Martin, Ken Kahao Jr., John Bilisoly
 - 8:45 a.m. Mimi Riché
 - 9:00 a.m. Bob Bowsher, Tom Wade, Randy Lamont, Bill Hines, Chris McCannless
 - 11:00 a.m. Phillip Wright, D.J. Richard, Jim Bogan, Norman Martinusen, Brian Sheely
- Ushers**
- 9:00 a.m. Marshall Stewart, John Wesley Stewart, Hatcher Garland
 - 11:00 a.m. Tori Schenk, Carlie Schenk, Mason Sheely
- Acolytes**
- 7:30 a.m. Mickey Christensen
 - 8:45 a.m. Gordon Ellis, Honey East
 - 9:00 a.m. Ben Larisey
 - 11:00 a.m. Sancy McCool
 - 5:00 p.m. Hays Town III
- Lay Eucharistic Ministers**
- 9:00 a.m. Joan McCaskill
 - 11:00 a.m. Katherine Martin
- Verger**
- 7:30 a.m. Karen Kennedy
 - 8:45 a.m. Kent Caldwell, Mimi Riché (P), Pat Colquette
 - 9:00 a.m. B Phillips, Christine Smith
 - 11:00 a.m. Frances Garland, Deborah Matherne
- Lectors**
- 7:30 a.m. Mickey Christensen
 - 8:45 a.m. BB Stirling
 - 9:00 a.m. Melanie Clark
 - 11:00 a.m. Chris Frink
- Intercessor**
- 9:00 a.m. Claudia & Allen Black, Catherine & Jim Van Hook
 - 11:00 a.m. Fannie & John Compton
- Welcome Committee**
- 7:30 a.m. Mary Jarnagin, Karen Kennedy
 - 8:45 a.m. BB Stirling
 - 9:00 a.m. Rieta Reiser, Maretta Creveling
 - 11:00 a.m. Sally Fenet, Elizabeth Libbers, Carole Wright
 - 5:00 p.m. Sheila Feigley
- Altar Guild**