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We Look Forward to Seeing You Sunday!

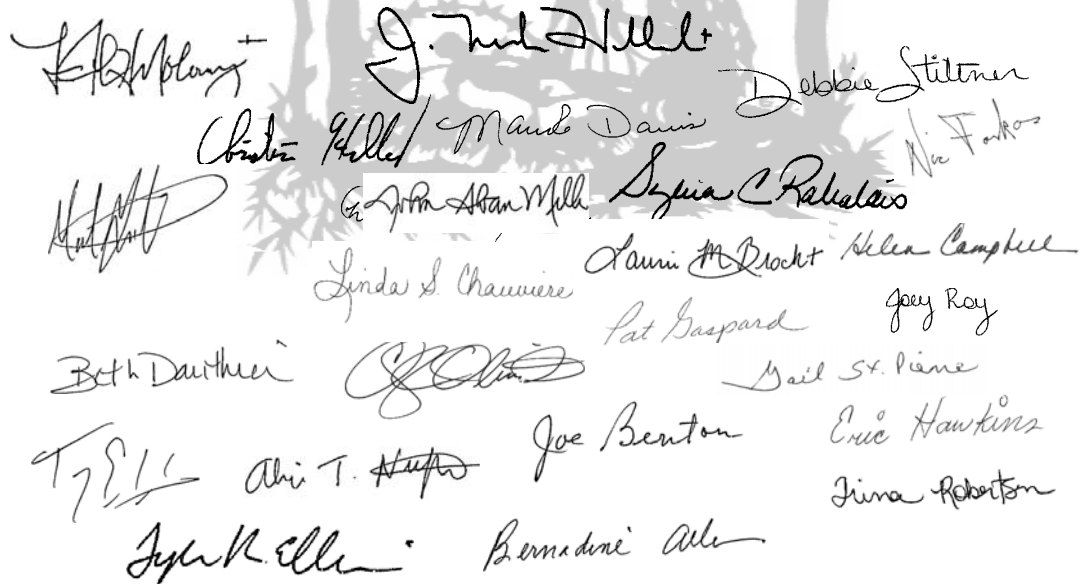
- 7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I
 - 8:45 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in the Chapel*
 - 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II*
 - 10:00 a.m. Christian Education for all ages*
 - 11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II* with choir
 - 5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II in the Chapel
- *Nursery available

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

The Lectionary — The Fourth Sunday of Advent: *First Lesson:* 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16; *The Psalm* 89:1-4, 19-26; *Second Lesson:* Romans 16:25-27; *The Gospel:* Luke 1:26-38.

THE CLERGY AND STAFF OF ST. JAMES

WISH YOU AND YOURS A
BLESSED CHRISTMAS
AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR



CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- Wednesday, December 24** 3:00 p.m. - Participants in pageant arrive to costume
4:00 p.m. - Christmas Pageant and Eucharist (nursery available)
7:00 p.m. - The Christ Mass with organ and soloists
10:15 p.m. - Musical Prelude
11:00 p.m. - The Christ Mass
- Thursday, December 25** 10:00 a.m. - The Feast of the Nativity -The Christ Mass

The Christmas Offering this year has been designated for the St. James Outreach Fund.

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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.*

St. James Staff

The Rt. Rev. Charles E. Jenkins -
Bishop of Louisiana
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Associate Rector
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Associate Rector
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Bishop-in-Residence
XX Rector of St. James

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www.stjamesbr.org

St. James Vestry

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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.*

Christmas Pageant Announcements

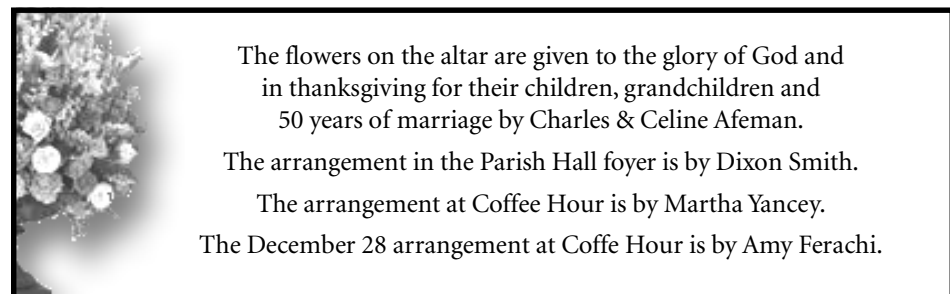
Alison Nikitopoulos advises some items are needed for this year's pageant: Hay for manger, baby Jesus doll and blanket.

Volunteers are needed to help with: creating Prophet costumes and scrolls, and a birthday cake for Jesus afterwards. Reach Alison at anikitopoulos@stjamesbr.org, if you can help.

Remember that Dress Rehearsal is **Tuesday, December 23, from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m.** Come to the parlor for costumes and then into church for rehearsal with organ. Nursery care will be available.

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!



The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for their children, grandchildren and 50 years of marriage by Charles & Celine Afeman.

The arrangement in the Parish Hall foyer is by Dixon Smith.

The arrangement at Coffee Hour is by Martha Yancey.

The December 28 arrangement at Coffee Hour is by Amy Ferachi.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers ...

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, Pat Lyle

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

Bishop Jenkins Announces 2009 Retirement Plans

Bishop Charles Jenkins announced on December 4 his plans to retire as Tenth Bishop of the Diocese on December 31, 2009. Until that time, "I shall do all in my power to see that we stay on the path of biblical justice ...," he wrote.

Noting health and other issues, Bishop Jenkins said, "I am of the mind that a healthy bishop, fully engaged with the needs of the diocese and one who has the confidence of the clergy of the diocese, will better lead us through this challenge and into the future."

Jenkins considered other alternatives to retirement, such as a medical leave or a sabbatical. But he could not offer assurance that he could return to lead the diocese.

Since Hurricane Katrina devastated New Orleans in 2005, Bishop Jenkins has led the

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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 19-31

- 19 Wendi Poirrier, Chaile Bowman
20 Charlotte Ray, Nordy Redhead, Katherine Creech, Laura Boyce, Curtis Heroman, Tré Gildersleeve, Eleanor Scott, Henry Hanks
21 Curtis Stephens, Paige Gagliano
22 Betty Richardson, Buddy Ohmstede, Ronald Ray, Katherine Prutz, Mary Oliver, Carlie Schenk, Evan Shaneyfelt
23 Ferrill Ann Coates, Susan Spillman, Scottie McKnight, John Stirling
24 Ruth Macmurdo, Joy Werth, Charles Gladney
25 Vida Broussard, Steve Broyles
26 Russell Fish, Jim Simpson, George Kurz, Mark Smith
27 Warren Green, Linda Spiller, Alice O'Neal, Emma Pellegrin, Jack Campbell, Hannah McQuiddy
28 Chris McCanless, Barbin Graham, Rennie Carter, Boot Hanks, Jared Shank, Caldwell Carter
29 Jesse Coates, Fred Kroenke, Trez Watkins, Scott Arbour, Sandy Sadler, Kathy Spillman, Chase Smithburg
30 Joy Wicker, Janet Andrus, Danielle Munro, Catherine Hall, Katherine Kimble, Julia Power, William Creech
31 Martha Trask, Sarah Bowman, Marshall Elliott

Jenkins Retirement

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diocese into more deeply mission-oriented ministry such as building low cost housing in the Central City area near Christ Church Cathedral and establishing a mission church in the lower Ninth Ward.

The process to find the eleventh bishop for the diocese will begin in January and will be a lengthy matter, perhaps taking most of the coming year.

Warm Hands, Warmed Hearts

The Day School children and families are collecting hats, scarves, mittens and gloves to share with those in our community who are in need. We will have a tree in the sanctuary to collect these gifts. If your family would like to participate, please send your warm items with your child and we will add them to our tree. There will be collection bags in each classroom.

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.

Angel Tree Ministry

It is that time again ... For over 20 years, St. James parishioners have participated in the **Angel Tree Ministry**, a project of Prison Fellowship. We have the opportunity to "adopt" a child of an indigent prisoner, and purchase a toy and an item of clothing. Please call Nancy Penn, 926-2122 if you are interested in adopting a child this year.



From left: Candace Brownfield and Alison Kaple

Alison Kaple, Teacher of the Year

Alison Kaple, a parishioner and second grade teacher at St. James Day School, has been named the State Elementary Teacher of the Year by the Louisiana Association of Computer Using Educators (LACUE).

Alison was selected by the national association's board based on her innovative use of technology in the classroom. She had previously been named Region II Teacher of the Year.

Candace Brownfield, Day School technology instructor, nominated Alison for the award.

December Vestry Highlights

November revenues were above budget but YTD revenues are thousands under budget and below last year at this time. A status letter is going out to each pledging person.

Father Mark Holland is being sponsored by our neighbors, St. James Masonic Lodge, for a 10-day trip to the Holy Land, February 9-19. This will be his first trip beyond the North American continent.

Pastoral care formerly provided by Father Blount Grant is being shared by all clergy. One will also be rotating each Tuesday, the usual staff day off, for Eucharist, hospital visits, nursing home ministry, and personal sharing.

Mtr. Laurie reports attendance is growing at monthly meetings of the Bad Girls Book Club meetings, and she will be on staff at the Diocesan Youth Event occurring January 16-18 at the Conference Center.

The next "Fifth Sunday Celebration" will be on March 29, 2009. Prior John Moloney announced the guest preacher and lecturer will be Phyllis Tickle, a nationally known author and speaker. She will also meet with the youth in the afternoon and have an adult lecture in the evening.

Fr. John Miller said Jesse Trees will adorn the church the next two weeks of Advent. They will also serve as collection points for donations of hats, gloves, and scarves to be given to the needy. (*See related story, across.*)

Web Sites to Visit during Advent and Christmas



Visit www.edow.org/spirituality/advent/2008.html for a beautiful, interactive Advent Calendar





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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 19, 2008
8:15 a.m. Day School Eucharist
Saturday, December 20, 2008
10:00 a.m. Diocesan Executive Board
Sunday, December 21, 2008 - *The Fourth Sunday of Advent*
7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I
8:45 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service (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
5:00 p.m. Christmas Lessons & Carols
Monday, December 22, 2008
7:30 p.m. Choir Christmas Dress Rehearsal
Tuesday, December 23, 2008
8:00 a.m. Decorate for Christmas!
9:00 a.m. Pageant Dress Rehearsal
Noon Holy Eucharist
Wednesday, December 24, 2008 - *Office closes at noon*
See service schedule on front page
Thursday, December 25, 2008 - *Office closed*
10:00 a.m. The Christ Mass
Friday, December 26, 2008 - *Office closed*
5:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal
Saturday, December 27, 2008
7:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal
Sunday, December 28, 2008 - *The First Sunday of Christmas*
7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I
8:45 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service (Chapel)*
9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II*
10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall
11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II
5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II - Chapel
Monday, December 29, 2008
Noon O'Brien House Board
Tuesday, December 30, 2008
Noon Holy Eucharist
Wednesday, December 31, 2008 - *New Year's Eve*
Thursday, January 1, 2009 - *New Year's Day; Office closed*

* Indicates Child Care Provided

Lay Ministry - Sunday, December 21, 2008

7:30 a.m. John Bilisoly, Stiles Kennedy
8:45 a.m. John Cadwallader
Ushers 9:00 a.m. Laurance W. Brooks Jr., Rip Collins, Ben Reiser, Mike Fontenot
11:00 a.m. Chip Middleton, Rickey Ainsworth, John Compton, Neal Elliott Jr.
Acolytes 9:00 a.m. Sarabrent McCoy, Benjamin White, William White
11:00 a.m. Mallory Holland, William Harrell, Emma Jane Pellegrin
Lay Eucharistic Ministers 7:30 a.m. John Ozier
8:45 a.m. Lazette Phillips, B Phillips
9:00 a.m. Betty Romero
11:00 a.m. Scott Westbrook
5:00 p.m. TBA
Verger 9:00 a.m. David Warrington
11:00 a.m. Joan McCaskill
Lectors 7:30 a.m. Barbara Sims
8:45 a.m. BB Stirling, B Phillips (P), Susie Furr
9:00 a.m. Beverly Walker, David Walker
11:00 a.m. Ruth Martinusen, Charles Matherne
Intercessor 7:30 a.m. John Ozier
8:45 a.m. Honey East
9:00 a.m. Michael Ferachi
11:00 a.m. Warren Green
Welcome Committee 9:00 a.m. Margaret & Pat Culbertson, Manette Sammons, Susie & Buzzy Heroman
11:00 a.m. Memrie & Mike McDonald
Altar Guild 7:30 a.m. Cathy McHugh
8:45 a.m. BB Stirling
9:00 a.m. Sue Larisey, Janet Rowan
11:00 a.m. Carolyn Bishop, Ashley Frey, Ruth Martinusen, Frances Garland
5:00 p.m. Sheila Feigley, Jeannie Frey Rhodes