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All Saints Episcopal Church
Jackson, MS

March, 2011

The Lenten Call

Another Lenten call goes forth in God's unending effort to inviting us to "turn to him with all our heart, with fasting, weeping, and mourning. Tearing our hearts, not just our clothes, and return to the Lord our God for He is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger, rich in faithful love..." We are being called to "...sanctify a fast..., to sanctify the congregation, to assemble the elders, to gather the children, and let the ministers of the Lord weep between the porch and the alter..." [asking for forgiveness]. (Joel 2:12-13, 15-17). Lent is about mortality and transformation. Lent is a time in which we prepare our hearts and our minds to receive the gift of Easter into our lives. To put it somewhat abstractly, this means dying to an old identity, the identity conferred by culture, by tradition, by parents, perhaps, and being born into a new identity, an identity centered in the Spirit of God. Thus, the apostle Paul says, thus, "if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!"(II Cor 5:17).

We have forty precious days to open ourselves up most particu-

larly to God, to examine ourselves in the presence of one who created us, knows us, and loves us. We begin the season of Lent on Ash Wednesday with the sign of the cross smeared on our foreheads with ashes as the words "Dust thou art, and to dust thou wilt return." are spoken over us. Ash Wednesday hits us squarely between the eyes, forcing us to face mortality and sinfulness. It reminds us that we are mortals. We are human beings, dust, beloved, shaped, molded, caressed, and nurtured by the Loving God who made the stars and the moon, and all the creatures of this world. Putting it more concretely, this path of death and resurrection, of radical centering in God, may mean for some of us that we need to die to specific things in our lives, perhaps to a behavior or a pattern of behavior that has become destructive or dysfunctional; perhaps to a relationship that has ended or gone bad; perhaps to an unresolved grief that needs to be let go of; perhaps to a career or job that has either been taken from us or that no longer nourishes us; or perhaps even we need to die to a deadness in our lives.

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**The Vestry meets after the
10:30 service on the
3rd Sunday of each month.**

Our Mission

"We strive through prayer, worship, study, and fellowship to be a people, individually and corporately, in whom and through whom Christ lives and changes the world with his Love."

Sunday Services

8:00 A.M. - Holy Eucharist
9:30 A.M. - Sunday School
10:30 A.M. - Holy Eucharist

**Healing is offered on the 2nd
Sunday of each month.**

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The Lenten call, calls us for repentance! Repentance is more than a thrill, and it is more than a mental judgment. It is an act! It begins in the humiliation of the heart, the heart being broken for sin and from sin and ends in the reformation of life. It produces fruits, if it is real. We must give up evil ways. We all have them. John, in his epistle to the Gentile congregation, warns us that "If we say that we have not sinned, we make him (God) a liar, and his truth is not in us" (1 John 1:8-9); and Paul reminds us that, "All of us [no better and no worse than our brothers and sisters] have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23). Thus, if these words make us resentful, we must cast out that feeling too. If we have thought evil, we must root out that habit. If we are yielding to lust and appetite, we must put those things under our feet. If we have been dishonest, we must make straight our ways. If we have been neglecting prayer, Bible Study, the Church and sacraments, we must feel remorse of our inactive participation. There is no compromise in this business. Nothing sears the conscience like duty known and not done. Only that is the hardener of hearts. Sin and punishment are wedded, in nature and in spirit. Every willful sin brings its certain penalty of atrophy, hardening, and death. This is serious business that engages us now, important enough to make all else secondary. As a member of the family of God, the season of Lent urges us to slow down our lives. We as individuals, not the Church as an institution, must humble ourselves and not make excuses. We must abase ourselves to the dust; and we will, when we see what this condition means. We must cry out of broken hearts, God, be merciful to me, the sinner! It is only the blood of Jesus Christ, our Savior that can cleanse hearts like ours from their deep guilt and awful sins. It requires the very Cross of Christ to save us, and we cannot grasp that with careless thoughtless hands. We must come as little children, without explanation or defense, sorrowing over our disobedience and endless wrong-doing, anxious that God should love us still. We must come in the spirit of the hymn, "*Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to thy Cross I cling.*" I wish all of you a fruitful Lenten season!

William+

Prayers of the People

Please remember to pray for Connie, Joan, Mac, Bettye, the Farr family, Andy, Brenda, Johnny, Hollan, Edward, Scott, Lissa, Marion, Vicki, Jennifer, Adelaide, Betty, Mary Jane, Janis, Mary Lane, Stephen, Lela, Lori, Betty, Solomon, Betsy, & Word;

For Adam Pastor and Marc Hines, serving in the active military;

For Christy and Danielle during their pregnancy;

For those who have died - Berry Farr and Elaine,

For our ongoing stewardship of our time, gifts, and monies,

For God's help in our commitment to our personal Lenten disciplines .





All Saints Mardi Gras
Celebration

March 5 at 6:30 pm



Upcoming Cursillo Weekends

April 28 - May 1
October 13 - 16

Cursillo #120
Cursillo #121

We will again have a Mardi Gras mask making station this year at our social. If you can assist in supplying some of the items below, please let Greta Lovell know.

- **Mask forms for decorating**
- **Paint pens**
- **Permanent markers (various colors)**
- **Double sided glue dots**

Opportunities from the Center for Formation & Mission

March 11-13

2nd Annual Men's Weekend: Does God Really Have a Dream for You...or is Destiny Overrated?
The Rev. Patrick Gahan, Rector, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, TX
Co-sponsored with the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, Chapel of the Cross, Madison

March 18-20

Women's Retreat: Sanctuary
The Rev. Rwth Ashton, Chaplain, Millsaps College
The Rev. Jennifer Deaton, Chaplain, St. Andrew's School

March 24-26

Silent Retreat
Co-sponsored with the Center for Ministry, Millsaps College

Junior Warden Report

I have very good news to report in this month's newsletter. There is no news....no plea for assistance....no plea for funds.

Have a great month!

Tim Ryan





From the Senior Warden:

The vestry nominated delegates and alternates for the 2012 Annual Convention to be held in Vicksburg next year. The delegates are Jason Kelly, Lissa Nelson and Greta Lovell. The alternates are Christine Nelson, Tori Myers and Anna Langafor. Being as the term of Senior Warden will change next year, the new senior warden will take Greta Lovell's place as a delegate. If anyone is interested in being a delegate or alternate, please let either Greta or William know. If any delegate or alternate cannot serve, the vestry will need names to fulfill any open positions.

Our annual Mardi Gras Social is scheduled for Saturday, March 5 beginning at 6:30. Tickets are available in the office. Please purchase your tickets as soon as possible. If you intend to purchase your ticket at the door, please contact the church office, leaving your name and the number of tickets you wish to buy.

We are working to update the priest photo wall in the parish hall. We will need some donations to have the pictures framed to match those already hanging.

The 2011 Bishop's Barbeque is scheduled for May 27 - 29, 2011 at Gray Center. Tickets will be available in the coming months. The events will include the Bishop's Hog Jog (5K Run), the Cardboard Regatta, Silent Auction and Live Music. Please plan to attend.

If you would like to volunteer for this event, please contact them at TheBishopsBarbeque@gmail.com

More information about this can be found at:
<http://www.dioms.org/meetings/bidhops-bbq.html>

As with previous Bishop's Barbeques, they are accepting donations for the silent auction. If you have something to donate, please make a copy of the donation form on the parish hall bulletin board and submit your item as requested.

Day of Repentance and Reconciliation is scheduled for May 21, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. at St. Andrews Cathedral, Jackson, MS

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Lay Eucharistic Minister and Lay Eucharistic Visitor

If you are interested in becoming a Lay Eucharistic Minister or Visitor, or are already licensed and need to renew your licensure, please pick up applications in the office, or you may download the forms from the [All Saints Website](#).





LENTEN SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR 2011

Date	Service	Time	Place
Wednesday, March 09	Ash-Wednesday Service	6:30 p.m.	Church
Tuesday, March 15	Lenten Devotion Service	5:45 p.m.	Church
Tuesday, March 22	Lenten Devotion Service	5:45 p.m.	Church
Tuesday, March 29	Lenten Devotion Service	5:45 p.m.	Church
Tuesday, April 05	Lenten Devotion Service	5:45 p.m.	Church
Tuesday, April 12	Lenten Devotion Service	5:45 p.m.	Church

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 17	PALM SUNDAY	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Church
Thursday, April 21	Maundy Thursday/Last Supper	6:30 p.m.	Church
Good Friday, April 22	(Reserved Sacrament)	6:30 p.m.	Church
EASTER SUNDAY, April 24	(The Resurrection of our Lord)		

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We will have the Easter egg hunt at 9:30 am on the 24th.

The Lenten devotions will start at 5:45 and include soup and bread and end prior to 7:00 when the choir meets.

#### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Scott Essex - March 1  
 Donald Charmonnet - March 6  
 Bill Hanna - March 13  
 Christy McCullough - March 31

#### MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

none



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*Expect a Miracle!*



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Altar Guild for March:

|                             | March 6<br>Last Sunday<br>After<br>The Epiphany | March 13<br>1st Sunday<br>In<br>Lent | March 20<br>2nd Sunday<br>In<br>Lent | March 27<br>3rd Sunday<br>In<br>Lent | April 3<br>4th Sunday<br>In<br>Lent |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Crucifer                    | Pam Turner                                      | Tori Meyers                          | Emily Saucier                        | Kinsey Namour                        | Pam Turner                          |
| Server                      | Ross Turner                                     | Christine Nelson                     | Vicki Stuart                         | Melissa Stuart                       | Ross Turner                         |
| Layreader:<br>8:00<br>10:30 | Jolinda C.<br>Cindy G.                          | Emma M.<br>Jolinda C.                | Jolinda C.<br>Cindy G.               | Emma M.<br>Jolinda C.                | Jolinda C.<br>Cindy G.              |
| Chalice Bearer              | Ross Turner                                     | Tori Meyers                          | Greta Lovell                         | Melissa Stuart                       | Hank Holmes                         |
| Lectors                     | Greta Lovell<br>Jolinda C.                      | Stephen Stuart<br>James Ethridge     | Vicki Miles<br>Lissa Nelson          | Alec Valentine<br>Lisa Saucier       | Kenny Hall<br>Hank Holmes           |
| Host Family                 | Nancy<br>Henderson                              | Polly Blakeney                       | Connie Taylor                        | Lisa Saucier                         | Lissa Nelson                        |
| Coffee Host                 | Dish &<br>Donation                              | Greta Lovell                         | Pam Turner                           | Vanessa & Jason<br>Kelly             | Dish &<br>Donation                  |
| Nursery Worker              | Dorothy N.<br>Naomi N.                          | Dorothy N.                           | Dorothy N.<br>Kinsey N.              | Dorothy N.<br>Cindy G.               | Dorothy N.                          |

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