



The Epistle

of

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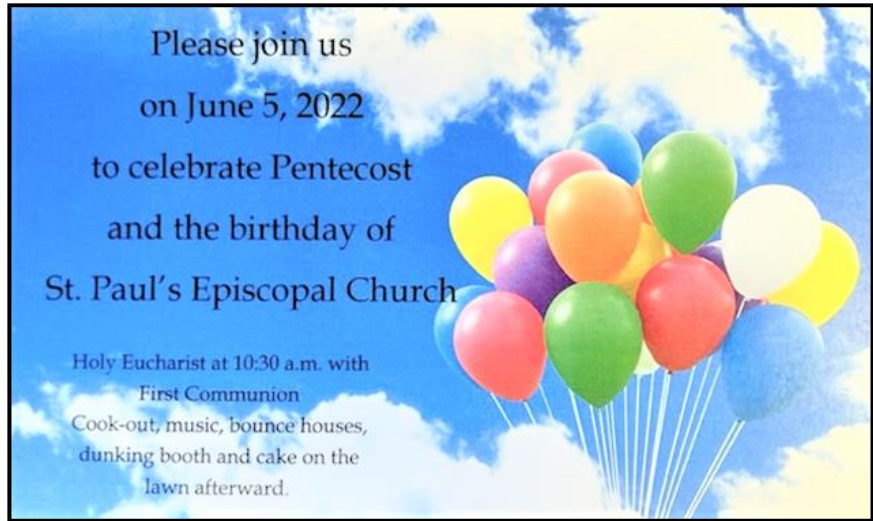
June 2022

Living the Transforming Love of Jesus Christ

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Day of Pentecost: Baptisms, First Communion, and St. Paul's Birthday Bash



Collect for the Day of Pentecost

Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The term Pentecost means “the fiftieth day,” and Pentecost this year falls on **June 5**. In the Old Testament, Pentecost refers to a feast of seven weeks known as the Feast of Weeks. It was an agricultural event that focused on the harvesting of first fruits. In the New Testament, Pentecost refers to the coming of the Spirit on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:1), shortly after Jesus' death, resurrection, and ascension. Pentecost was the fulfillment of a promise which Jesus gave concerning the return of the Holy Spirit.

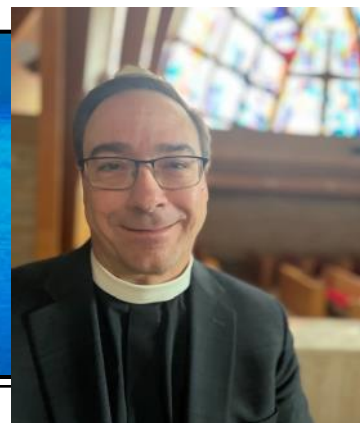
In the Christian tradition, Pentecost is now the seventh Sunday after Easter. It emphasizes that the church is understood as the body of Christ which is drawn together and given life by the Holy Spirit. The Day of Pentecost is identified by the BCP as one of the feasts that is “especially appropriate” for baptism and so on that day we will celebrate six baptisms at St. Paul's.

June 5 is also the 72nd birthday of St. Paul's and the day of First Communion for some in our church family.

Plan to stay after the 10:30 service for a celebration which will include a lunch of hot dogs, hamburgers, and pulled pork sliders. We will have cake, cookies, and an ice cream truck. There will be bounce houses for the children, a dunking booth, an obstacle course, face-painting, and fantastic live music!

This is an ideal time to kick off summer, enjoy fellowship, meet new members, and is the perfect opportunity to bring a friend or family member to church.

A Message from Fr. Michael



Celebrate!

As Christians we are meant to celebrate! To celebrate is to express joy and thanksgiving for what God has done. Celebration is good and necessary. Without occasions for celebrations our lives would be unbearable. Joy is a gift from God – and celebrations are one important way that we exercise our joy. Celebrations are breaks from the regular grind of work calls away from our grief. So, we put on our party clothes. We turn up the music, raise our voices and our glasses, and eat the decorated cake. We smile and we laugh and sometimes we even shed happy tears. The wonder of it all – in the midst of a world filled with troubles and sin – yet God has been so good to us.

I have been feeling the celebratory mood lately. There is so much to be thankful for at St. Paul's. Some of it is seasonal like the St. Paul's Day School graduations and my own daughter's graduation from college, and nature bursting forth into a beautiful Spring. There are signs of new life are everywhere. This new life we see in the world mirrors our Easter faith in our own new life with Christ. Indeed, there is much to celebrate. Baptisms, first communions, new friendships, and ministries growing. Wonderful Wednesdays and the fellowship of our Bishop restored. And my institution service was so joyous. All these and many more are causes for celebration.

Our liturgy not only affirms and encourages celebration – it demands it! It demands we celebrate because to celebrate is to renew our hope. This hope is what we desperately need. So, we celebrate the Holy Eucharist every Sunday and other occasions. Even in the penitential season of Lent we exempt Sundays from the penitential shroud in order to celebrate. Only on Good Friday do we refrain. In ritual celebration we remind ourselves that no matter what has happened or what may befall us in the future, that we acknowledge and celebrate the salvation we have from God through Jesus and the abundant life that flows from it. This is the most enduring celebration of all because it does not depend on any achievement of ours, but the grace and love that we have in Him.

Our lives are not one continuous celebration – there is more to life and worship than celebration. But celebration is a pillar of our life together in Christ. Sing a shout of praise! Make a joyful sound! Dance a little jig! Or just smile. God has been very good to us – let us not forget to celebrate!

Michael +

Al Cannon: New Treasurer



St. Paul's is grateful for the appointment of Al Cannon as our new Treasurer. Al is a businessman with extensive experience that will be a benefit to St. Paul's in his work as Treasurer. As stated in our by-laws, the responsibility of the Treasurer "shall keep full and accurate accounts of receipts and disbursements" and "shall disburse the funds of the Parish as may be ordered by the Vestry." In addition, the Treasurer presents a financial report for the annual meeting.

Al is married to Barbie, and has been a faithful member of our congregation. We are grateful for his service.

Safe Church Reminder



As we prepare for VBS and other Christian Ed programs, remember that Safe Church training, or renewal, is required.

Erika Cannon is working to ensure everyone who needs Safe Church has been notified, but if you are unsure of your status, or if you need training, please contact her at

admin@stpaulsshreveport.org.

Training needs to be renewed every three years.

Stewardship

Sharing the gifts we have

What is our call as Episcopalians to care for and protect our planet and our environment? God has given us this beautiful gift; the life on this planet is great in abundance, complexity, and diversity. We have an obligation to care for the gifts we have been given including the earth, our water, our produce.



In modernity, we have learned that much of our productivity has come at a cost to our environment in the form of pollution. We have a new awareness and we must care for all of creation. Our very lives depend upon it. Not just our lives, but all life on earth depend on it, which harkens back to Genesis and God giving us stewardship over the earth.

To that end, St. Paul's is conducting a study to determine whether moving to solar power as its energy source is feasible. Solar power is renewable, sustainable, and cleaner. There are many ways we can care for our environment, such as recycling or even carpooling. There are recycling bins for paper and cardboard in the office and in the holding hall west of the Parlor.

The Episcopal Church has a Covenant for the Care of Creation which states: "In Jesus, God so loved the whole world. We follow Jesus, so we love the world God loves. Concerned for the global climate emergency, drawing on diverse approaches for our diverse contexts, we commit to form and restore loving, liberating, life-giving relationships with all of Creation." You can learn more about this Covenant at <https://episcopalchurch.org>.

Call for Volunteers

Sunday School Teachers: We urgently need adults to teach children's Sunday School.

As we plan our fall programs we see a critical need for more teachers. Our membership is growing and new children are coming into our congregation eager to learn. This is a joyful ministry and a very important one. The curriculum is provided and your time commitment is not onerous. You need to be able to commit to a few Sundays throughout the year.

Children meet to learn stories of the Bible, creeds and traditions of the church, and how to incorporate Christian principals into their everyday lives. Please contact Fr. Michael if you are able to help.

Ministry Spotlight:

Sally Knox Caring for Humanity



Actively putting "Care of Creation" into practice is Sally Knox.

Sally has placed bins around the St. Paul's campus where she collects paper and cardboard for recycling. She picks these up each week and carries it all to a recycling center.

Caring for all of God's creation is something Sally takes truly to heart. Whether she is feeding feral cats, giving time as part of the Matthew 25 group, or serving on Altar Guild, Sally has a generous of heart and clearly cares for all of humanity.

Calendar

Important Dates

Sunday, June 5	Pentecost; Baptisms, First Communion, and St. Paul's birthday celebration
Thursday, June 9	5:30 p.m. Guild of Queen Esther, McRae Lodge
Sunday, June 12	Trinity Sunday
Monday, June 20	10:00 a.m. St. Catherine's Guild, Warden's Room
Sunday, July 3	10:30 a.m. Special Service: Independence Day
Mon.-Fri., July 11-15	Vacation Bible School
Sunday, July 31	Backpack Sunday
Saturday, August 6	Ministry MASH
Sunday, August 7	Rally Day
Sunday, August 14	Sunday School begins
Monday, August 15	Holy Eucharist: Observance of St. Mary
Sunday, August 21	Confirmation Class begins Pastoral Care Team commission
Wed., August 24	Wonderful Wednesday Returns
Sunday, Sept. 11	First "Second Sunday Parish Breakfast

Institution Services



Two of our sister churches will install rectors in June.

Church of the Holy Cross will host an Institution ceremony for Fr. Garrett Boyte at 6:00 p.m. on June 1, and St. James Episcopal Church will host an Institution ceremony for their new rector, Fr. James Yazell.

All are invited to attend these very special ceremonies.

Epistle Publication Notes



Beginning July 1, *The Epistle* will be published once a month rather than every two weeks and will include more pages, features, and sections.

We will not publish an Epistle on June 15; the next edition will be July 1.

An expanded newsletter will allow for more in depth articles on a wider variety of topics, guest columnists, and there will be several exciting new features which we hope you will enjoy.

The newsletter will continue to be available in both email and regular mail format.

Please contact the office if you have a prayer request, photos, or if there is other content you'd like to see in your newsletter.

Episcopal Support for Ukraine



Episcopal Relief & Development

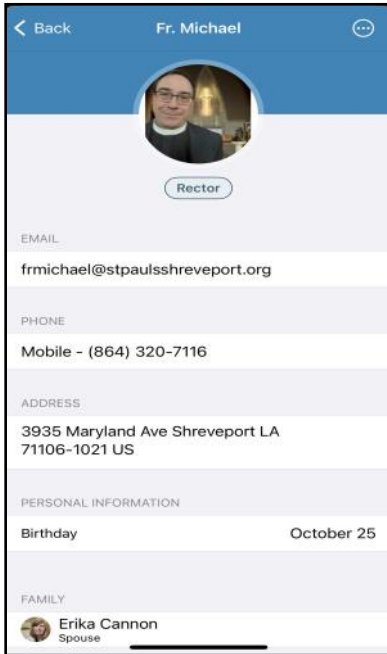
Episcopal congregations continue to show support for Ukraine in a variety of ways including prayer vigils and fundraising.

One of the easiest ways to help is through donations to the [Episcopal Relief & Development's Ukraine Response Fund](#). In partnership with the Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe the agency helps provide cash, blankets, hygiene supplies and other needed assistance to refugees and families from Ukraine.

We want to continue to keep the region in our prayers, to pray for peace and for all those affected by the violence.

Parish Life

Get on to Realm



Parishioners have been successfully using Realm, our new online database and directory; when you download the app to your phone, you have the directory right in your pocket!

You should have received an invitation via email with a link to Realm. Once you click on the link and set your password, you should confirm or edit your information, and you can upload your picture. Realm is totally secure, password protected, and your information will not

be shared. If you received, but deleted, your invitation, let the office know and we can resend it.

Wonderful Wednesday Wraps Up in Style



Wonderful Wednesday for this program year was an extraordinary event.

Bishop Jake was with us for a special Rogation prayer service in the

Chapel followed by a fabulous Cajun dinner prepared by Beverly Casso. The Parish Hall was filled as we dined on Boudin Stuffed Pork Tenderloin, Red Beans & Rice, and Shrimp Remoulade Pasta Salad. The evening wrapped up with Bishop Jake teaching from his book, *A Resurrection Shaped Life*, which has been the focus of the Adult Study group over the past five weeks.

Many thanks to all of our volunteers who make this all happen. Our King's Club and EYC leaders as well as the Hospitality team and so many others working together make St. Paul's such a wonderful place to be.

Parish Hall Gets New Tech



The next time you are in the Parish Hall be sure to notice the new monitor mounted over the coffee bar.

We will use this monitor to scroll photos, news, and announcements, as a teaching tool for classes, and for fellowship events.

A second, smaller monitor will soon be placed in the hallway outside the Bride's Room which will also scroll announcements and photos. If you have any photos you have taken at our events that you would like to share, feel free to email them to the office.

Welcome the Abrams Family



We are so happy to welcome the Abrams family to St. Paul's. Matt and Angie are new members along with their two precious children, Lottie, 10 and Abe, 7 both of whom will be baptized on Pentecost.

We are glad they've chosen St. Paul's.

Worship and Christian Education

Collect for Trinity Sunday: June 12



The Blessed Trinity with Crown, oil on panel, Max Fürst (1846-1917)

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Sunday Services and Christian Ed

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I

9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School, Isaiah (Parlor)

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Wednesday

10:30 a.m. Bible Study, Ezekiel, (Warden's Room)

Readings & Flowers

June 5, 2022: The Day of Pentecost

1st Lesson: Genesis 11:1-9

Psalm: 33:12-22

2nd Lesson: Acts 2:1-11

Gospel: John 7:37-39a

June 12, 2022: Trinity Sunday

1st Lesson: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

Psalm: 8

2nd Lesson: Romans 5:1-5

Gospel: John 16: 12-15

June 19, 2022

1st Lesson: Isaiah 65: 1-9

Psalm: 22: 18-27

2nd Lesson: Galatians 3: 23-29

Gospel: Luke 8: 26-39

June 26, 2022

1st Lesson: 1 Kings 19: 15-16, 19-21; 2 Kings 2: 1-2, 6,14

Psalm: 16

2nd Lesson: Galatians 5: 1, 13-25

Gospel: Luke 9: 51-62

Altar Flowers

June 5, 2022

In celebration of Pentecost and the birthday of St. Paul's and in loving memory of Linda Verbeck and Caroldeen Verbeck. Given by Father Guido Verbeck III.

June 12, 2022

To the Glory of God and in love and honor of our children and grandchildren. Given by Stith and Nancy Bynum.

June 19, 2022

To the Glory of God and in honor of our dad, Aaron Broadwell. Given by George and Elizabeth Broadwell.

June 26, 2022

To the Glory of God and in loving memory of our parents Jerry and George Wray and Bea and Woody Hill. Given by Kevin and Mary Virginia Hill.

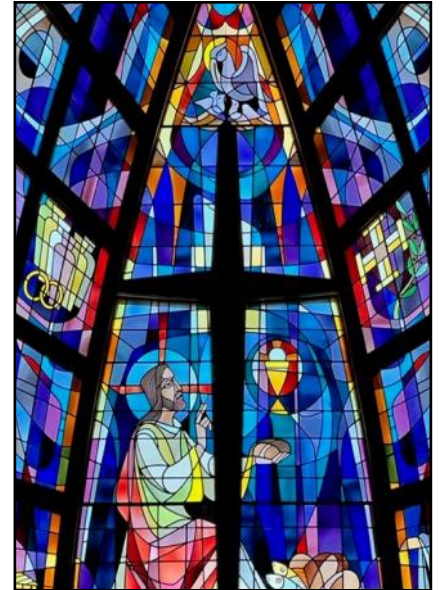
Prayers

We pray for the Family of St. Paul's. For the sick: Jamie Hill, Emma McFarland, Don Butler, Gail Monsour, Haley Pederson, Connie Blondin, Glenda Young, Ed Monette, Larry Broadwell, Robbie Smith, Sam Waghalter, Ashley Wiggins, Jacqueline Durand, Harold and Peggy Byerly, Di, Monica, Jack, Jean, Dot, Charles, Eve, Andreah, Diane, Sarah, Tina, Kelsey, Simeon, Gil, Becky, Tracey, Richard, Spencer, Mike, Barbara, Tammy, Kay, David, Kim, Linda, Melissa, Dale, Debbie, Yuki, Tom, Sondra, Michael, Ray, Waynette, Lois, Kinsley, Elizabeth, Rozelle, Marlyn, Karen, David, Jane, Steven, Edwin, Donna, Charla, Emmie Sue, Shelbi, Peggy, Lisa, Ann, Twyla, Omega, Joan, Mike, Bob, Deedy, Hallie, Irene, Ford, Holden, Camille, Sarah, James, Brian, James, Hope, June, Randy, Brandon, Laura, Rebecca, Michael, Betsy, Luke, Mary Helen, Pat, Sarah, Lee, Donna, Beth, Martha, Tara, Marilyn, Grace, Jimmy

We pray for our military: Cody, Nick, Todd, Cole.

We pray for the faithfully departed: Niven Morgan

We pray for the Anglican Communion and Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church USA; Bishop Jake Owensby and his wife, Joy; Bishop Moises, Bishop of the Dominican Republic, our companion diocese; St. Matthias, Cherident, Haiti, and Father Jacob; the President of the United States, Joseph, and we pray for Fr. Michael, our Rector, the clergy, the people, and the ministries of St. Paul's.



Happy Birthday

02 Dorothy Rivers	17 John Hilton Ferguson
06 Edie Waghalter, Yvonne Lockley	20 Laura Kirspel
07 Gia Spinks	21 Dixey Thornton
09 Bill McCullar, Marshall Johnston	22 Gwen Bowles, Michael Miller
10 Corey Gabler, Mike Johnston	23 Ron Smith
13 Tim Tully, Margaret DePingre'	25 Malcolm Stadtlander, Mondo Vazquez, Tanner Wynn
14 Mark Ferrant	26 Mike Nichols
15 Jane Pell, Larry McCaskill	28 Philip Baker
16 Pam Langley	30 Bonnie Barnes

Happy Anniversary

01 Matt & Crystal Woolley	16 Jason & Stephanie Bell
03 Arnold & Betty Cannon, Joseph & Terry LeGrand	26 Josh & Emily Maier, Bert & Andrea Babington
09 Jim & Janet Taliaferro	29 Bobby & Emily Horne
13 Chris & Mandy Metrejean	



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The Family of St. Paul's ~ Living the Transforming Love of Jesus Christ

JESUS CHRIST IS HEAD OF THE CHURCH

The Right Rev. Jacob W. Owensby, PhD, DD ~ Bishop of the Diocese of Western Louisiana

The Rev. Michael Cannon, Rector

Bobby Horne, Senior Warden

Joe Corby, Junior Warden

The Vestry

2020-2022- Joe Corby, Terry LeGrand, Mickey Quinlan, Gene Young,

2021-2023 - Julie Broadwell, Emily Maier, Amy Prather, Ron Smith

2022-2024- Linda Brooks, Alan Prater, JoAnn Rose, Matt Woolley

- Erika Cannon.....Parish Administrator
- Bob Maynard.....Music Minister
- Elizabeth West.....Organist
- Pat Becker.....Church Secretary
- Debbey Mire.....Church Accountant
- John Phillips.....Facility Manager
- Tim Tully.....Sexton
- JoAnn Rose.....Day School Principal
- Kimberly Duncan.....Youth Minister
- Beverly Casso.....Hospitality Coordinator