



# The Epistle

of

## St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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### Living the Transforming Love of Jesus Christ

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#### Make a Joyful Noise

*Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.  
Worship the Lord with gladness;  
come into his presence with singing.  
Psalm 100:1-2*



*Wesley Rogers, Will Metrejean, and Paul Moore built a pergola for the Day School to provide shade on the playground.*

Joyful noises come in different tones, but many a joyful noise can be heard around St. Paul's as the school year has begun and our campus is filled with exuberant children once again. Children singing songs in chapel each morning creates a cacophony of joyful noise! The sound of their sweet prayers, squeals on the playground, and purposeful learning in the classrooms fills the soul.

Other sounds are sparking joy too: a new Sunday afternoon worship service gives us one more opportunity to praise God. Wonderful Wednesday has returned where joy abounds: the Simple Eucharist, a fine meal and fellowship, and of course the programs. King's Club is it's own kind of joy! Young Voices rehearses on Wednesday evenings and the sound of praise fills the choir room.

The restoration of the St. Paul's Casavant organ is ongoing and excitement is growing toward that date when the organ once again plays notes that have been silent for too long. Donations are coming in for the organ as parishioners are giving generously in support of this very important facet of our worship. The organ restored to its full glory will truly be a joyful noise.

There is much activity around campus from contractors and maintenance workers. Doors are being painted, windows cleaned, and even the resealing and protecting of the two stained glass windows are all to preserve this beautiful space where we work for the greater glory of God. The sound of power equipment can be joyful in its own way.

In some cases, it is parishioners, rather than contractors, doing the work, from weeding flower beds to building a pergola for the day school. Parishioners coming together for the greater good is just one way we can show our love for Jesus.

Pat Becker



*The Carillon makes a joyful sound daily throughout the Broadmoor neighborhood.*



## A Message from Fr. Michael

### Make a Joyful Noise

The King James Version of Psalm 100 begins: “Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing.” Indeed, these are some of the happiest words in all the Psalter. But we usually don’t think of noise as being joyful, do we?

At a technical level, all sounds are simply vibrations travelling through media like air and water. When they reach the human ear, the waves move down the ear until they hit the eardrum. The eardrum vibrates and forwards the signal on to small bones in the middle ear, which amplify them. Eventually, hair-like cells in the inner ear pick up these vibrations and transform them into electrical signals that the brain can process. Finally, the sound is processed by the brain, interpreting it. Do we sing along to the music, or do we put our hands over our ears? Is it music or is it sound? Truly we are wonderfully and fearfully made to have such an amazing God-given capacity.

Noise is a sound we think of as unpleasant or cacophonous. To us, noise happens randomly and without a good purpose. The exhortation in our psalm to make a joyful noise, thus sounds like a contradiction. We wonder what the psalmist could mean. For one, I think we are supposed to reevaluate what we think of as noise and focus instead on the joyful part. Around the church property there are many sounds emerging that can sound to us like noise.

The children are back for a new school year, and they are making joyful noises on the playground. Young life has not yet learned to suppress or refine its sounds. It comes out bursty in spontaneous outburst. This reminds us of the reality that God is here, breaking through to meet us. And it makes a sound.

The door and window fixers are scraping and sanding. They are using all kinds of machines and making all kinds of sounds. In chapel as Mrs. Rose is telling the story of Noah building the Ark, the sounds of wood workers making their noises enter through the wall and into the church. It is a joyful noise when it conjures the faithfulness of Noah and God’s covenant to save us. It is a joyful noise knowing how beautiful the restored wood looks.

The clackety clack of chairs and tables being folded makes an awful sound; but it is a sound that signals fellowship. Chairs are going up so that we can gather in His Name. Tables are going up so that we can enjoy sacred meals together. These are just some of the joyful noises that I’m hearing these days.

But, of course, the joyful noise most directed in Psalm 100, is that of our singing. If we take a lesson from the workers and the children, then we will remember that it is not the quality of our sound (as we perceive it) that matters most, but our participation in it. A joyful noise does not mean musical perfection; it means participation. There is certainly a time and place for refined sounds that seek perfection, and silence. But these ought not be a barrier. The psalmist said to make joyful noise. The psalmist is imploring us to sing from our hearts – to generate vibrations from deep with our hearts – not the perfect refined and practice sound, but the sound of authentic spontaneous joy that we feel knowing God loves us and is with us and nothing can change that.

My dear friends in Christ, let’s attune your ears to the joyful noises vibrating all around us, and make some of our own.

Blessings,

Michael+

### Parishioner Spotlight: Jim Wilson



Jim Wilson and his wife Cyndra joined St. Paul’s in 2023 but Jim has wasted no time in becoming involved in the life of the church. He is one of the musicians providing music each Sunday afternoon for The Way, our new worship service, and he serves on the marketing committee. As a former marketing consultant and advertising executive, Jim is well suited to that task! Jim is a former stage and film director and has lent those talents to the St. Paul’s Players in Season 1; he also worked in journalism. Jim is the author of the biography, [Clementine Hunter: American Folk Artist](#) (1988), and a collection of short stories, “The Charm and Other Stories” as well as a series of mystery novels: [Killing Bobby R.](#) (2018) and [Divining Jesse D.](#) (2022).

# Stewardship

Sharing the gifts we have

## Facility Maintenance Update:



*The west window: before and after.*



**Windows:** Both the east and west stained glass windows are undergoing a bit of repair, resealing, and repainting to ensure their protection and longevity. Martin Specialty Coatings has been working for several weeks to repair and replace damaged wood, sand, paint, and then coat the wood for UV and water protection.

To access the east window, a special lift had to be brought into the courtyard through the Parish Hall and then through the Parlor doors. Once completed, both windows will be protected for years to come.

## Organ Restoration:

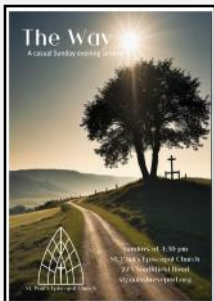
You can be a key player in the organ restoration project! As you know, our Casavant organ is in the process of releathering and restoration by the skilled craftsmen at R. A. Colby Organ Company. This restoration is an expensive endeavor requiring skilled craftsmanship throughout the restoration and reinstallation process. Restoration of the majority of the pipes will be completed by Christmas 2024, however tonal regulation will be ongoing until Easter 2025 when we will hear the organ in its full stature.

This is an expensive endeavor. The cost of this work is in the ballpark of \$600k. We are hopeful we can raise enough money to offset this major expense. We are asking you to be a key player in this historic undertaking by giving it your financial support above your regular tithe. You may want to consider this “Sponsor a Pipe” program:

Soprano Pipes	\$100
Alto Pipes	\$500
Tenor Pipes	\$1000
Bass Pipes	\$5000

Another approach is to give a monthly amount, a buy a pipe a month approach. Donations of any amount are helpful,

## Ministry Spotlight: The Way, a new worship service

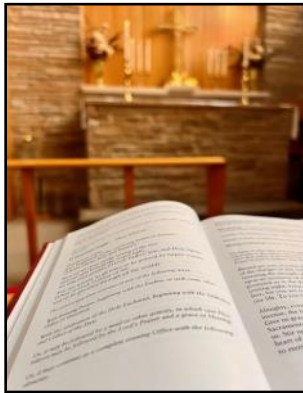


Sometimes we just can't make it to church on Sunday morning; schedules conflict, alarms don't go off, or we just need another hour of sleep. Now there is an option for that: our new Sunday afternoon worship service is called The Way and includes Holy Eucharist. The service is at 4:30 pm each week and seating is in the choir. Music is acoustic and is provided by parishioners Matt Abrams, Jim Wilson, and Jerry Bagwell among others. The service is casual, come as you are, and has a peaceful, restorative vibe. Drawn from the [Enriching our Worship](#) liturgy, which provides additional resources to assist worshipping communities wishing to expand the language, images and metaphors used in worship. Come experience The Way for yourself!

# Worship

## Responsive Reading and Reading in Unison as Part of the Worship Service

In the Episcopal church the practice of responsive reading encourages the congregation to cease being passive spectators and to be active participants in the service itself.



Our time with God is to be un-hurried and so when reading, you will notice the worship leaders set the pace so that the congregation is not rushed, and reads at the rate of comprehension which isn't as fast as one might think. This gives the holy words a chance to sink in.

Similarly, when we read in unison, whether it is the Nicene Creed or the Psalms, or any other prayer, we recite the words aloud, together without rushing through them. The point is to meditate on the words, not to be finished with them. This reinforces the Word in our hearts and minds.

And what a joyful noise that is when all voices are raised together in worship!

## A Service of Healing



The weekly Healing Eucharist with Laying on of Hands and Anointing takes place each Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the Chapel.

Laying hands on the sick was a common practice in the early church. Jesus often laid hands on people before healing them (Mark 6:5; Luke 4:40; 13:13).

Paul laid hands on a sick person and he was healed (Acts 28:8).

The service can be found in the *Episcopal Book of Occasional Services* and includes prayers of healing as well as anointing with oil, and laying on of hands. It is a peaceful, restorative service where we pray for each other's healing.

Whether healing is needed in our spirits, our minds, our emotions, or our relationships, this service may be just what you need.

## Altar Flowers

**September 1:** To the Glory of God and in loving memory of Myra and Christine Corby. Given by Joe Corby.

**September 8:** To the Glory of God and in thanks-giving for our children and grandchildren. Given by Joseph and Terry LeGrand

**September 15:** To the Glory of God and loving memory of my husband, Raymond. Given by Gwen Bowles.

**September 22:** To the Glory of God and in loving memory of our parents, Dr. Gene and Annabelle Slagle and in celebration of their birthdays. Given by Lynda Shelley and Scott Slagle.

**September 29:** To the Glory of God and in loving memory of our parents, Ann and Joseph Reeks. Given by Beverly and Bernie Casso, JoAnn and Chris Rose, and Rebecca and Guy Rials.

## Sunday Lectionary

**September 1: Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
1st Lesson: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9; Psalm 15; 2nd Lesson: James 1:17-27; Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

**September 8: Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
1st Lesson: Isaiah 35:4-7a; Psalm 146; 2nd Lesson: James 2:1-10, [11-13], 14-17; Gospel: Mark 7:24-37

**September 15 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**

1st Lesson: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 116:1-8; 2nd Lesson: James 3:1-12; Gospel: Mark 8:27-38

**September 22: Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
1st Lesson: Wisdom of Solomon 1:16-2:1, 12-22; Psalm 54; 2nd Lesson: James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a; Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

**September 29: Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
1st Lesson: Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29; Psalm 19:7-14; 2nd Lesson: James 5:13-20; Gospel: Mark 9:38-50

# Families, Children, Youth

## Welcome New Members



Welcome to the family of St. Paul's! Fr. Michael welcomed new members Sunday, August 18 and presented each family with a gift. Joining our church family are Adriel Carminate and Brenna Macedo, Randy and Stephanie Chaffee, Renee Coleman, Melody Luce, Buddy Rawls, Ray and Sonia Tindel, Robert, Angela, Christian, Julie, and Will Vinet.

## Parents Supper Club with Clint Davis



Shreveport psychologist and friend of St. Paul's Clint Davis will speak to a special Parents Supper Club about sexuality, gender, and bullying.

It's difficult enough being a kid these days, and these issues that have inundated our culture are confusing for both children and their

parents. Family therapist Clint Davis will help us navigate this complex field while remaining faithful to our Christian values.

This event is open to parents, grandparents, and anyone who would like to learn more about these complex issues. Please **RSVP** to the church office as it is helpful with meal planning. Call 318-865-8469 if you plan to attend.

## EYC News



The EYC has an exciting year planned and kicked things off with an Olympic Lock-In in August. The teenagers competed in various games and events and had fun growing together and learning about Jesus.

On **September 8**, EYC members will make College Care Packages for our young people away at school. Your EYC is asking you to support them by donating gift cards in the amount of \$10-15 by September 8. We currently have eight members away at school. Bring your contributions to the church office or to Kim Duncan. We would love to have cards from Starbucks, Dunkin Donuts, Target, Wal-Mart, Amazon, Chick-Fil-A, Taco Bell, Johnny's Pizza, Door Dash, Uber, Visa Gift Card (gas money), and a movie theatre (study break).



This Fall, the group is participating in a new Wonderful Wednesday Bible Study called "Echo 36" which is a biblical narrative journey designed for youth using a collection of learning styles through a 36-session overview. Each lesson follows a consistent six-part sequence: rewind to previous sessions using The Story So Far video series, prepare to envision the new story with drawing in the Sketch Journal, imagine the narrative as the leader reads the Bible story aloud from the Leader Guide, capture memorable aspects of the story by using the Sketch Journal, Remix! where students complete an activity to creatively retell the Bible story, and finally, connect observations and insights through group sharing.

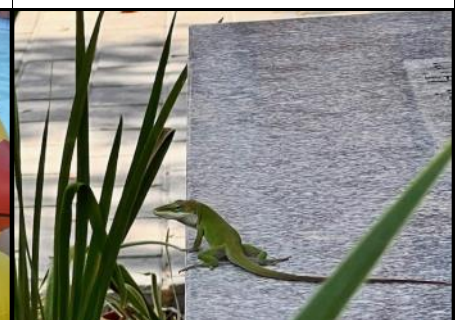
The EYC meets each Wednesday at 6:45 pm and Sundays at 5:30 pm in the McRae Lodge. Youth in grades 6 and up are welcome!

# September

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
<p><b>1</b></p> <p>8 am Holy Eucharist 1            9:30 am Sunday School, all ages            10:30 am Holy Eucharist 2            11:30 am Coffee Hour (Parlor)            12 pm Confirmation Class (Bride's Room)            4:30 pm The Way (Chancel)            5 pm EYC: Bible Journaling (McRae Lodge)            Anniversary: Brittanie and Matthew Carpenter</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>Labor Day: Office Closed</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>1 pm Knitting Group (Wardens' Room)            1:30 pm Matthew 25: Common Ground (Parish Hall)            7 pm Centering Prayer (Wardens' Rm)            Birthday: Kathleen Porter</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>10 am Healing Eucharist            10:30 am Bible Study (Wardens' Room)            5:30 pm Simple Eucharist            6 pm Dinner (Parish Hall)            6:30 pm Adult Study (Parish Hall)            Lodge), King's Club (Earl)            Birthday: Connie Wilkin            Bynum</p>
<p><b>8</b></p> <p>8 am Holy Eucharist 1            9:00 am Fellowship Breakfast (Parish Hall)            10:30 am Holy Eucharist 2            11:30 am Coffee Hour (Parlor)            12 pm Confirmation Class (Bride's Room)            3 pm Holy Eucharist at The Glen            4:30 pm The Way (Chancel)            5 pm EYC: College Care Packages (McRae Lodge)            Birthday: Ray Tindel            Anniversary: Tim and Sarah Tulley</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>12 pm Pastoral Care Team            Birthday: Jim Taliaferro, Robert Vinet,            Sherri Voebel, Anne Garner</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>1 pm Knitting Group (Wardens' Room)            1:30 pm Matthew 25: Common Ground (Parish Hall)            7 pm Centering Prayer (Wardens' Rm)            Birthday: Joanie Kopp</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>10 am Healing Eucharist            10:30 am Bible Study (Wardens' Room)            12 pm Finance Committee            5:30 pm Simple Eucharist            6 pm Dinner (Parish Hall)            6:30 pm Adult Study (Parish Hall)            Lodge), King's Club (Earl)            Birthday: Andrew Adams</p>
<p><b>15</b></p> <p>8 am Holy Eucharist 1            9:30 am Sunday School, all ages            10:30 am Holy Eucharist 2            11:30 am Coffee Hour (Parlor)            12 pm Confirmation Class (Bride's Room)            4:30 pm The Way (Chancel)            5 pm EYC: Water Night (McRae Lodge)            Birthday: Martha Gayle, Taylor Jane Lee, Patti Taliaferro</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>10:30 am St. Catherine's Guild (Parlor)            6 pm Vestry Meeting (Wardens' Room)</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>1 pm Knitting Group (Wardens' Room)            1:30 pm Matthew 25: Common Ground (Parish Hall)            7 pm Centering Prayer (Wardens' Rm)</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>10 am Healing Eucharist            10:30 am Bible Study (Wardens' Room)            5:30 pm Simple Eucharist            6 pm Dinner (Parish Hall)            6:30 pm Adult Study (Parish Hall)            Lodge), King's Club (Earl)            Birthday: Dianne Mullin</p>
<p><b>22</b></p> <p>8 am Holy Eucharist 1            9:30 am Sunday School, all ages            10:30 am Holy Eucharist 2            11:30 am Coffee Hour (Parlor)            12 pm Confirmation Class (Bride's Room)            4:30 pm The Way (Chancel)            5 pm EYC: DIY Sushi (McRae Lodge)            Birthday: Teal Larson, Aaron Broadwell, Erika Cannon</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>Birthday: Walker Hood, Kathy Calhoun, Simon Harold</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>1 pm Knitting Group (Wardens' Room)            1:30 pm Matthew 25: Common Ground (Parish Hall)            7 pm Centering Prayer (Wardens' Rm)            Birthday: Cece Hilliard            Anniversary: David and Laura Collette</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>10 am Healing Eucharist            10:30 am Bible Study (Wardens' Room)            5:30 pm Simple Eucharist            6 pm Dinner (Parish Hall)            6:30 pm Adult Study (Parish Hall)            Lodge), King's Club (Earl)            Birthday: Pat Becker, Mena Sena, Beckett Hilliard</p>
<p><b>29</b></p> <p>8 am Holy Eucharist 1            9:30 am Sunday School, all ages            10:30 am Holy Eucharist 2, Holy Angels Visit            11:30 am Coffee Hour (Parlor)            12 pm Confirmation Class (Bride's Room)            4:30 pm The Way (Chancel)            5 pm EYC: Movie Night (McRae Lodge)            Birthday: Kelli Bynum</p>	<p><b>30 St. Michael and all Angels</b></p>	<p><b>Why didn't anyone tell me about this?</b></p> 	

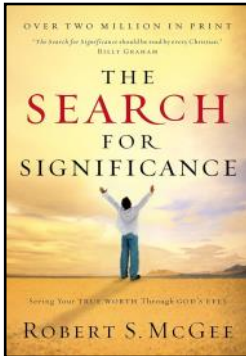
# October 2024

	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>10:30 am Morning Prayer at Riverview            12 pm Men's Bible Study (Bride's Room)            7 pm Choir Practice</p> <p>Anniversary: Adriel Carmenate and Brenna Macedo</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>Birthday: Bennett Bynum</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>2 pm Baby Shower for Heidi Brendle (Parlor)</p>
	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>10:30 am Morning Prayer at Riverview            12 pm Men's Bible Study (Bride's Room)            5:30 pm Guild of Queen Esther (McRae Lodge)            7 pm Choir Practice</p> <p>Birthday: Alan Prater, Crystal Woolley</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>6 pm Parents Supper Club: Clint Davis on Sexuality, Gender, Bullying (McRae Lodge)</p> <p>Birthday: Meghan Griffin</p> <p>Anniversary: Gill and Melissa McElroy</p>	<p><b>14 Holy Cross Day</b></p> <p>8 am Day School Pancake Breakfast (Parish Hall)</p>
	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>10:30 am Morning Prayer at Riverview            12 pm Men's Bible Study (Bride's Room)            7 pm Choir Practice</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>Birthday: Cyndra Wilson</p>	<p><b>21 St. Matthew</b></p> <p>9 am Brotherhood of St. Andrew Breakfast (Parish Hall)</p>
	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>10:30 am Morning Prayer at Riverview            12 pm Men's Bible Study (Bride's Room)            7 pm Choir Practice</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>6:30 pm Cursillo Ultreya, St. James</p> <p>Birthday: Elizabeth Hadwin, Jerry Wilson</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>Birthday: Sue Marler, Janis Kutschbach</p>



# Discipleship & Christian Education

## Women's Sunday Book Study

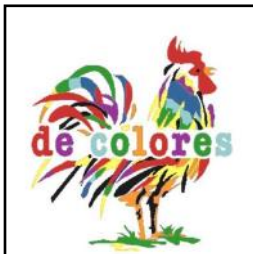


We are all searching for significance to ourselves, to others, to our community, and to our world. In our new Sunday morning women's book study, learn how to be free to enjoy Christ's love while no longer basing your self-worth on your accomplishments or the opinions of others.

Robert S. McGee's book, [\*The Search for Significance\*](#), shows readers how four false beliefs regarding performance, approval, blame, and shame have kept you from the joy of abundant life.

Join us each Sunday in the Bride's Room at 9:30 am for discussion and exploration of this fascinating book.

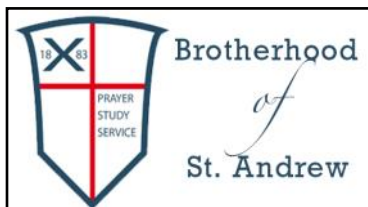
## Cursillo Ultreya at St. James



All Cursillistas are invited to a potluck Ultreya at St. James, Shreveport on **September 27** at 6:30 pm.

We will be planning future Ultreya events with activities, dates, and times.

## Brotherhood of St. Andrew Breakfast

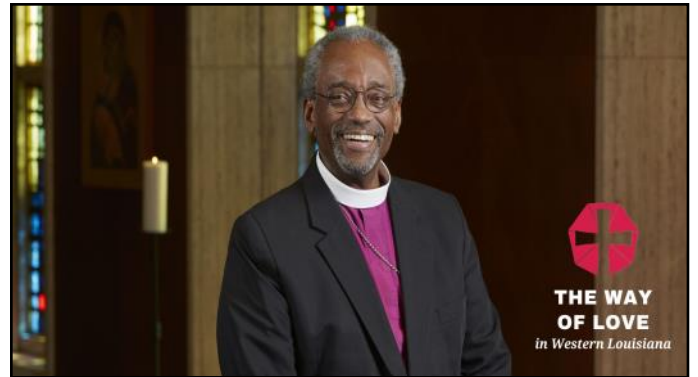


All men of the church are invited to the Brotherhood of St. Andrew Breakfast on Saturday, **September 21** in the Parish Hall at

9 am.

The Brotherhood is the men's group of the church; it pledges to follow the three disciplines of Prayer, Study, and Service. They meet on the third Saturday of each month and meetings are focused on fellowship, scripture reading, and service projects within the local community. Join us!

## Presiding Bishop's Diocesan Visit



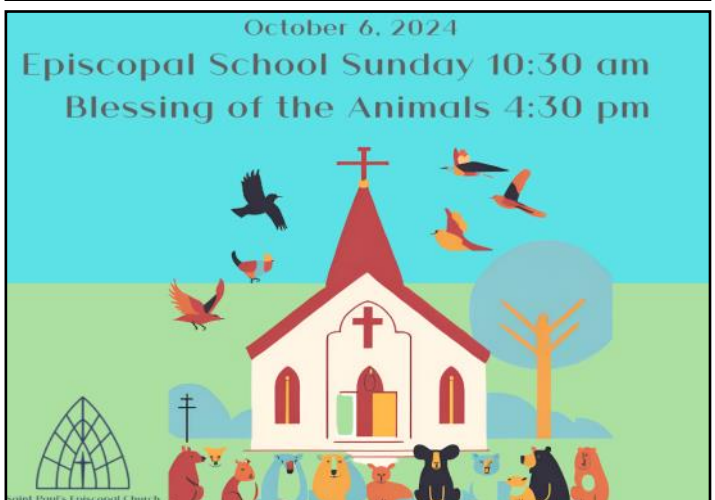
Presiding Bishop Michael Curry will visit our diocese September 21 - 22; his activities will be limited to the Alexandria area.

Saturday morning, September 21, Bishop Curry will join diocesan leaders in a conversation about building Beloved Community, followed by Q&A with the audience. This event will be at St. James, Alexandria, from 10 am to noon. This event will also be [streamed online](#).

Saturday evening there will be a complimentary dinner and an opportunity to experience Bishop Curry's contagious expression of faith. This event is at the Alexandria Convention Hall from 6 - 8 pm and [tickets are required](#) for entry. There is a 450 person limit so if you plan to go, act now to ensure your spot.

Presiding Bishop Curry will preach and preside at the 8:30 am service of Holy Eucharist at St. James, Alexandria Sunday, September 22. [This event will also be live streamed](#).

All information is online at the [Diocese website](#).





# Mission and Outreach

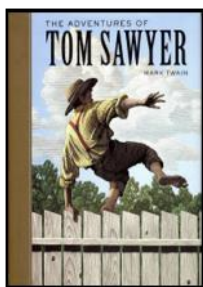
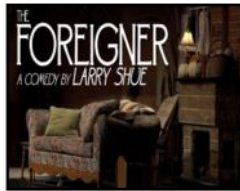
## St. Paul's Players Season 2

St. Paul's Players opens its second season in October and will present three plays throughout the season and two special events.



Opening the season is *The Canterville Ghost* adapted by Tim Kelly from the Oscar Wilde short story. This hilarious play depicts an average American family who acquires historic old Canterville Chase - complete with ghost! Sir Simon, the sporting spirit, succeeds in making life miserable. Then the Americans strike back. Pam and Wendy, daughters of the new owners, attack the poor ghost with cans of hairspray and deodorant. Sir Simon feels this is hardly fair, so he enlists the aid of some friends: Hester the Horrid, Lady Joan the Graveless, the Vampire Duchess, and other things that go bump in the night. Life is hectic and fantastically funny around Canterville Chase until the real solution to the problem of the galloping ghost is discovered.

In February, *The Foreigner* takes the stage. The scene is a fishing lodge in rural Georgia often visited by "Froggy" LeSueur who occasionally runs training sessions at a nearby army base. This time "Froggy" has brought along a friend, a pathologically shy young man named Charlie who is overcome with fear at the thought of making conversation with strangers. So "Froggy," before departing, tells all assembled Charlie is from a foreign country and speaks no English. Once alone the fun really begins, as Charlie overhears more than he should—the evil plans of a sinister, two-faced minister and his redneck associate; the fact that the minister's fiancée is pregnant; and many other revelations made with the thought that Charlie doesn't understand a word being said. That he does fuels the nonstop hilarity of the play and sets up the wildly funny climax in which things go uproariously awry for the "bad guys," and the "good guys" emerge triumphant.



Summer 2025 brings *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* which takes place in a small fictional town in Missouri in the early 1800s. This classic tale follows the mischief of town trouble-maker Tom Sawyer, his friend Huckleberry Finn and first love Becky Thatcher. The play tackles themes of the boundless adventures of childhood, love, mischief and treasure hunting. Imaginative Tom cons his friends and family

to get out of chores and embark on dangerous adventure to find buried treasure and gets into some trouble along the way.

All proceeds from the season will support the St. Paul's 2025 Summer Mission Trip to the Cheyenne River Reservation in South Dakota.

## Holy Angels Ice Cream Social



Holy Angels residents will be our guests on Sunday, **September 29** on the Feast of St. Michael and all Angels.

Holy Angels is an independent residential training facility, serving approximately 185 individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities whose

ages range from newborn to older adults primarily from Louisiana and Texas.

In AngelWorks Enterprises, individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities receive work readiness training and job placement. Meaningful work in everything from creative and culinary arts to business services is offered. Holy Angels' residents and program participants create unique, handmade

products in AngelWorks such as calendars, original art, cutting boards, and cookies which are sold in their gift shop as well as in other gift shop partners in the community.



After church we will be able to enjoy their Howdy Homemade Ice Cream and shop Holy Angels merchandise made by their residents. Make plans to be here!

## Mission Trip Meeting: South Dakota 2025



We are returning to South Dakota in Summer 2025! Come be a part of this rewarding mission experience ministering to Lakota children at the Black Horse Ranch on the Cheyenne River Reservation.

Our first planning meeting will be **Sunday, October 13** during our Fellowship Breakfast: fix a plate and join us in the Memorial Courtyard. We will hand out information and start a sign-up sheet for anyone interested in participating. If you can't make the meeting but want more information, please call the office or contact Fr. Michael.

# Parish Life

## Rally Day and Ministry Fair: Take a Deep Dive



The annual ministry fair took place Sunday, August 11 along with our monthly fellowship breakfast. The Parish Hall was transformed into an undersea landscape and parishioners had the

opportunity to explore the many ministries and activities here at St. Paul's.



Almost forty ministries were represented with leaders from each on hand to answer questions and recruit new members. Guilds, worship leaders, liturgical ministries, and groups such as Kairos and Cursillo were all present. Displays remained in the Parish Hall throughout the week.



Families even had the opportunity to adopt a goldfish to take home; each fish came with a bowl, food, and spring water.

If you missed the event or would like to sign-up for one of the groups, of course you may still do so! If you are unsure who to contact, just call the office and we can point you in the right direction.

Becoming involved in the life of the church is a vital part to diving deeper into our faith, and there are so many fun and rewarding ways to do so.

## Coffee Hour Opportunity



Each Sunday after the second service we come together for a bit of fellowship, coffee, and sometimes cake! Coffee hour is in the Parlor each week and a time we celebrate occasions, welcome new members, or just simply take a moment to say hello.

Marian Tuck is our coffee hour coordinator and is seeking volunteers to "host" coffee hour each week. All that is required in service is just setting up and cleaning up. Making the coffee and lemonade is easy and Marian will show you what to do. If you'd like to provide cookies or snacks, that is optional!

The EYC will be hosting coffee hour Sunday, September 8. If you, your family, or your group would like to host one week, please contact Marian at 318-207-2495.

## Vestry Corner

Highlights from the July Vestry meeting:

- An organ restoration committee has been formed consisting of one Vestry member, one choir member, organist Liz West, and members of the congregation.
- The search for an assistant rector continues.
- The west stained glass window has been repaired where needed, sealed, and painted. Martin Specialty Coatings is now working on the east window.
- Tharpe Construction is repairing and refinishing exterior doors throughout the property.
- St. Paul's Players Season 1 raised \$18,161 for the 2024 mission trip.

# Prayers

**We pray for the Family of St. Paul's. For the sick:** Adam Broadwell, Sandy Fowler, Chris Calhoun, Deacon Lois, Fr, David Greer, The Boyd Family, Clay Calhoun, Alan Prater, John Greer, Paul Tatom, Elizabeth Fertitta, Judy Boogear, Bill and Chris Ostendorff, Mary Virginia Hill, Ron Snelling, Gary Whitener, Nan Colgin, Maggie McElroy, Mike Herriage, Gary Brooks, Emilie Anne Ostendorff, Tom Ostendorff, Joan and Bob Kopp, Gene and Glenda Young, Joe and Ann Fertitta, Ed and Marlyn Monette, Ben Hebert, Stephen Roberts, Tammy Register, Peggy Byerly, Ray and Waynette Lee, Steven Pell, James Lee, Mary Helen Byrum.

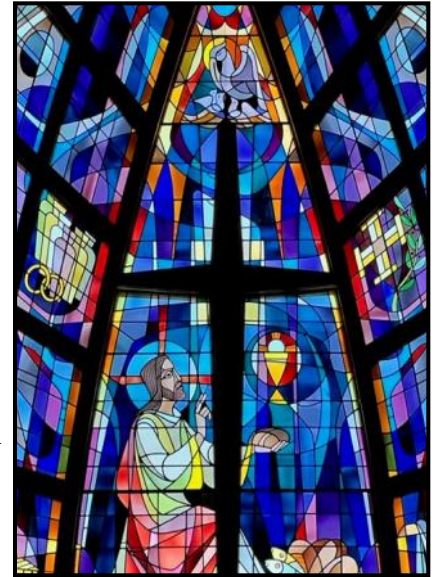
**We pray for our military:** Aaron, Adriel, Chris, Clark, Cody, Cole, JanRay, Jason, Levi, Michael, Nick, Shaun, Steven, Zach

**We pray for our missionaries:** Tom and Robin Wilson

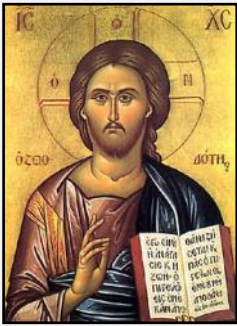
**We pray for the faithfully departed:** Polly Fain, Jerry Robinson, Mike Johnston

**We pray for our expectant mothers:** Heidi Brendle

**We pray for the Anglican Communion and Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church USA; Sean, Presiding Bishop-elect of the Episcopal Church, Bishop Jake Owensby and his wife, Joy; Bishop Moses, Bishop of the Dominican Republic, our companion diocese; St. Matthias, Cherident, Haiti, and Pere 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.**

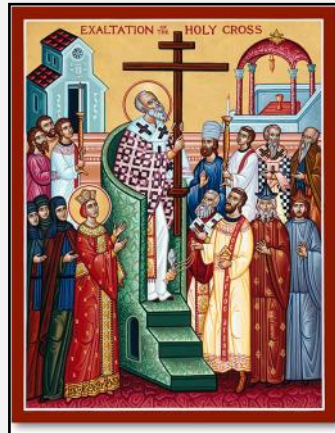


## Collect for September 2: Labor Day



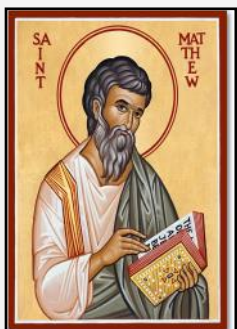
Almighty God, you have so linked our lives one with another that all we do affects, for good or ill, all other lives: So guide us in the work we do, that we may do it not for self alone, but for the common good; and, as we seek a proper return for our own labor, make us mindful of the rightful aspirations of other workers, and arouse our concern for those who are out of work; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## Collect for September 14: Holy Cross Day



Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross that he might draw the whole world to himself: Mercifully grant that we, who glory in the mystery of our redemption, may have grace to take up our cross and follow him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

## Collect for September 21: Saint Matthew



We thank you, heavenly Father, for the witness of your apostle and evangelist Matthew to the Gospel of your Son our Savior; and we pray that, after his example, we may with ready wills and hearts obey the calling of our Lord to follow him; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## Collect for September 30: St. Michael & all Angels



Everlasting God, you have ordained and constituted in a wonderful order the ministries of angels and mortals: Mercifully grant that, as your holy angels always serve and worship you in heaven, so by your appointment they may help and defend us here on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*



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The Rev. Guido Verbeck, Rector Emeritus

Bobby Horne, Senior Warden

Alan Prater, Junior Warden

#### The Vestry

**2022-2024** - Linda Brooks, Alan Prater, JoAnn Rose, Louise Smith

**2023-2025** - Ashley Baker, Louise Broadwell, Lois Fraser, Bruce Shear

**2024-2026** - Stith Bynum, Rebecca Evans, David Langley, Tana Nelson

Pat Becker.....	Parish Secretary
Erika Cannon.....	Parish Administrator
Beverly Casso.....	Hospitality Coordinator
Kimberly Duncan.....	Youth Minister
Bob Maynard.....	Music Minister
JoAnn Rose.....	Day School Principal
Elizabeth West.....	Organist