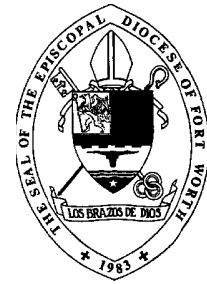


The Epistle



A PUBLICATION FOR THE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY APOSTLES

EASTER A.D. 2010

From the Rector:

BELOVED in Christ,

(Jumping the gun only slightly)

ALLELUIA, CHRIST IS RISEN! The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!! Psalm 89, verse 15 in the '79 Prayer Book reads - "Happy are the people who know the fes-

tal shout! * they walk, O LORD, in the light of your presence." I realize that it is technically imprecise to connect these two expressions, but I have always done so. If, "Alleluia, Christ is risen" is not a festal shout, I don't know what is, or what it is! The news that death has been defeated for us by God in the crucifixion, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ is marvelous good news. And the word "gospel" means "Good News."

THE illustration in the center of this page is a depiction of the "Harrowing of Hell" by the artist Albrecht Dürer. (1471-1528) It is a reference to Jesus' descent into Hell between his death on Friday and resurrection on Sunday in order to free those held in captivity. (I Peter 3:19) Hopefully, that is when you will be receiving this edition of the Epistle, sometime between Friday and Sunday. If it works out that way, I encourage you to join us for the Great Vigil on Saturday night at 8:00 PM. It will enrich your celebration of this the Queen of Feasts.



WE WILL soon be into the Easter season. It needs to be said - Easter lasts for 50 days until the feast of Pentecost (this year May 23rd). And we do plan this year to have our an-

nual Parish Pentecost Picnic then - mark your calendars. We are all pretty good about keeping Lent in preparation for Easter - But we tend to slack off when it comes to maintaining the festival nature of the season. Certainly we will do what we can in church by the way in which the liturgy is celebrated - lots of Alleluias all around. What happens in your life is up to you. Do your neighbors, co-workers, friends and acquaintances know you are celebrating?

I CANNOT say often enough how much I appreciate all of the effort of the entire parish that goes into the observance of the holy days of Holy Week and Easter Sunday. The Altar Guild puts in wonderful service. We have good participation from our acolytes for all the services of this very busy week. The Flower Guild does wonderfully. The pitch-in-and-get-it-done folks did wonderfully in getting the place cleaned up last Saturday. Thank you to everyone who is helping in whatever way you are involved, especially, *in advance*, to the Paschal Rabbit!

THE HAMS - Holy Apostles' Men need to get together to see what we can do together. So, on Saturday, April 24th we are going to have another HAMS Breakfast meeting for the purposes of building up the fellowship of the parish brethren and making some plans for the future. We will be meeting generally from here on out on the fourth Saturday of each month.

WE ARE in the planning stages for a newcomer's dinner in the near future to welcome all those who are new to our parish (and there are quite a few of you!). If you are a recent

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*The purpose of the Church of the Holy Apostles
is to glorify God through worship, discipleship, stewardship, fellowship, and love.*

AROUND THE PARISH

FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN:

Dear Parish Family:

*Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain,
Wheat that in the dark earth many days has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.*

IT'S springtime, it's Eastertide (or soon will be, depending on when you receive this newsletter), and it's time for many activities in the life of the parish.

WE had a great turnout for a HAMs (Holy Apostles Men) breakfast on Saturday, March 27 and agreed to get together monthly for fellowship and to develop activities for service to the parish and community.

THAT same morning, the parish was full of folks helping with our annual spring clean-up. Thank you, everyone, for your service.

THE Parish Life Commission has set April 25 at 5 p.m. as the date and time for a newcomers dinner for the vestry to welcome individuals and families who have joined our parish family in the past year. We are also hoping to set a date in May to repeat the crawfish boil that was so successful last year. This time around, it will be a parish-organized event—a great opportunity to introduce friends and neighbors to Holy Apostles. More to come. Please consider becoming part of the Parish Life Commission—we meet the third Thursday of the month, with the next two meetings set for 7 p.m. April 15 and May 20.

THERE'S a readily apparent enthusiasm about Holy Apostles that's a product of our devotion "to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers." Please continue to be faithful in worship, discipleship, stewardship, fellowship, and love for God and one another. Thank you for your participation in the life of the parish.

*Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
He that for three days in the grave had lain.
Quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen:
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.*

Peace and blessings,
Todd Marchand

FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

April 2nd GOOD FRIDAY

Noon Watch ends with Stations of the Cross
6:00 PM Mass of the Pre-sanctified

April 3rd HOLY SATURDAY

9:00 AM Holy Saturday Liturgy
8:00 PM Great Vigil

April 4th EASTER SUNDAY

8:00 Low Mass
10:00 Solemn Procession & Sung Mass with incense

April 7th Wednesday

6:45 PM Evening Prayer,
7:00 PM HAY & Basic Christianity Resume on
Wednesdays

April 12th Monday

7:00 pm Vestry Meeting beginning with Evening
Prayer

April 15th Thursday

Parish Life Commission meeting 7:00 PM

April 16th-17th - Rector's Day's off

April 24th Saturday

HAMs breakfast 8:00 AM in the Parish Hall. All men
are welcome. Please contact Jim Owens or Richard
Weber for details!

April 26th Monday ST. MARK THE EVANGELIST

Transferred from 4/25/10
6:00 PM Mass
7:00 PM Deanery Convocation

ALTAR FLOWERS:

WITH the arrival of the Easter Season we return to the practice of decorating the altar with flowers. We have quite a number of open Sundays with no one signed up to give Altar flowers. The flowers are given as an offering to the Glory of God. Simply put, **if you don't give them, we won't have them.**

WE ASK a donation of \$40 dollars to provide the flowers for a given Sunday. Flowers may be donated in thanksgiving for someone, in memory of someone, in honor of someone, or simply to the Glory of God. Just sign up in the parish hall and then drop a check in the mail or the offering plate. Make your check out to **The Church of the Holy Apostles** and then write "flowers" and the date you are giving them for on the memo line.

FROM THE RECTOR, *continued*

arrival to Holy Apostles', we will soon be in touch to have you over for dinner. We are glad you are here and we look forward to getting to know you even better.

THANKS also to everyone who helped to make our Lenten Series the best one yet! After Easter Sunday we will begin to incorporate some Marian devotion into our Sunday worship - the Regina Coeli in Eastertide, and then the Angelus afterwards.

Happy Easter!!
God bless you all,

Father Chris +



MANY THANKS:

To all the folks that showed up to clean-up the Church, you are much appreciated!

To the Altar Guild for all their help during Holy Week!

To Gordon Henry for tending the Garth so well.

To Dave Wilson & Tim Gauntt for working on the sound system in the Church.

To Jim McClellan for keeping things stocked up and refilled.

HOLY APOSTLES YOUTH

THE Holy Apostles Youth (HAY) is happy to welcome two new sponsors, Katy Walker and Gina Gallutia. The addition of these sponsors will allow the HAY to do more planning of service projects and social events, increase communications, and infuse a whole lot of energy into our youth ministry.

WE WILL be able to give deeper focus to the core components of an effective youth ministry; catechesis, worship, service, and fellowship. One of our first projects, on the heels of the Lenten series on the Blessed Virgin Mary, will be to make sure all of the prayer books have the Angelus and the Regina Coeli in the covers.

WE WILL soon have a new calendar of events for the end of the year and the summer, so keep a look out.

WHEN you see Katy and Gina, please offer them a great big thank you for committing to our youth. And please keep all of us and the youth ministry in your prayers.

Yours in Christ,
Jim Stubblefield

Sewage Plant Update

THE Fort Worth Water Department is conducting a "Mary's Creek Basin Water Recycling Center Site Selection Study". The study's purpose is to identify the best possible locations for a new wastewater treatment/water recycling facility. As part of the process, a Community Advisory Committee was formed to provide input and guidance to the utility.

AN Open House to educate community members about the Site Selection Study is scheduled for Wednesday, April 7 from 6 PM to 8 PM at All Saints' Episcopal School, 9700 Saints Circle - the entrance is off Alameda by the Diocesan Center. We need to turn out in force for this event and clearly communicate that we do not want the plant built in our backyard - Two of the three finalist sites are just that - In our immediate neighborhood. **Please plan to put in an appearance** - It is a come and go affair - It would be great for there to be a lot of coming and going of our people, consistently voicing disapproval for their finalist sites.

HAM NEWS:

MANY thanks to all the folks that showed for the Church Clean-up on Saturday, March 27th. Special "Kudos" to Todd Marchand for a great breakfast! Our next HAMs meeting is scheduled for 8:00 am on Saturday, April 24th in the Parish Hall. The breakfast crew will be Jim Owens, Collin Andrus and Shorty Mendoza. Now that we are semi-organized, both Richard and I need your input. We as an organization want to better serve our Church and community.

Please email your suggestions to Jim Owens:
softextplus@sbcglobal.net or
Richard Weber, HAMs clerk: rfweber3@gmail.com

WE INVITE the men of Holy Apostles to visit our next meeting. Please mark your calendar for 8:00 am, Saturday, April 24th, 2010. Together we can make a difference.

Yours in Christ,

Jim Owens

Newly Elected Head HAM

PARISH OUTREACH:

OUR present project is to help supply the food pantry run by **Iglesia San Miguel**, our Hispanic mission on the southeast side of Fort Worth. We are collecting non-perishable food items & canned goods. Place them in the basket in the narthex

PLEASE remember that green box sitting on the table in the narthex. It costs about \$100 a month to support a priest in Northern Malawi. Please be generous.



ANNIVERSARIES:

April

- 7 Marie & Leo Erne
- 8 Craig & Mary Beth Nicholson
- 14 Denis & Barbara Greer
- 26 Paul & Kellye Boyd
- 29 Robert & Lisa Schultz

BIRTHDAYS:

April

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|----|---------------------|----|------------------|
| 2 | Susan Henry | | |
| 4 | Sherry Roof | | |
| 5 | Barbara Frey | | |
| | Jim Norton | | |
| 8 | Randy Groombridge | | |
| | Samantha Roof | | |
| 9 | Richard Fenoglio | | |
| 10 | Darrell Hanson | | |
| 11 | Jane Stevens | 23 | Darlene Foster |
| 14 | Eleanor Malloy | 24 | Colt Bradley |
| | Wesley Thomas | | Jennifer Wilson |
| | Leslie Holder | | Sandy Ross |
| 17 | John Sweeney | 25 | Alice Brown |
| 19 | Sharon Stubblefield | | Jack Noble White |
| 20 | Mary Lynn Haines | 26 | Brendan Marchand |
| | Lauren Novak | 27 | LaRita Parks |
| 22 | Karen Cantrell | | Rodney Caudill |
| | Dehn Wilson | 30 | Craig Nicholson |
| | Daniel Roof | | |



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Bruce Trahey	817 271-6204
Susan Henry	817 926-0376
Debbie Reddick	817 236-9874
Paul Simpson	817 594-0379
Jim Owens	817 925-2611


The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available at announced times and by appointment.
 Holy Day Services are as announced.
 A Nursery is provided 9:30 - 11:30 on Sundays.
 The Parish Office is open 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM, Monday - Friday

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Sunday
 8:00 AM. Holy Eucharist (Rite I)
 9:00 AM. Sunday School
 9:30 AM. Choir Practice
 10:00 AM. Holy Eucharist (Rite I)
 11:15 AM. Coffee Hour

Mon-Thursday 8:30 AM Morning Prayer
 Tuesday 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist
 Friday Rector's Day Off

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