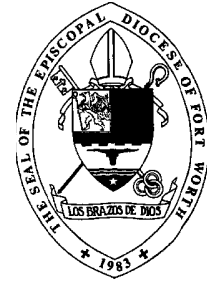


# The Epistle



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

PENTECOST A.D. 2010

## FROM THE RECTOR:

**B**ELOVED in Christ,  
IF SAINT Swithun is on the front page of the Epistle, it must be July. His feast day is July 15<sup>th</sup>. Remember, if it rains on Saint Swithun's day, it will be rainy for the next

40 days. At least that is the way it works in Winchester, England. So what could the harm be in looking for all the help we can get with a little precipitation? Saint Swithun, Ora pro nobis! ("Pray for us," I don't know how up he might be on modern English - I know he understands the Latin!).

**W**E ARE getting into that time of year when things here slow down quite a bit. When that happens, the tendency sometimes can be to let things slide. It is also the time of year to remind everyone of the need to keep up your pledge - That is easier to do if you keep up your Sunday attendance too. And besides, we miss you when you are gone.

**I**CONTINUE to be very grateful to Todd Marchand, our Senior Warden for his gift to us of the mass setting we are currently using. There really are not many parishes that enjoy what we do here. It is yet one more reason for us to make the effort to be present through the summer, we want to give the new setting a good chance to become "at home" with us.

**P**LEASE reserve space in your calendars on the dates July 11, 12, and 13 (Sunday-Tuesday) for the Healing Mission here at Holy Apostles. We have not done this sort of thing before so it is an experiment for all of us. Paul Rymniak, the man leading our Mission comes to us highly recommended. There will be services

all three evenings at 7:00 PM. Sunday and Tuesday evenings will feature the praying of the Rosary and Monday evening will be the Stations of the Cross. He assures me that all three days will be different. Plan to come and see. I would suggest that all of us have areas of our life in need of God's healing touch. It will also be possible for you to make a sacramental Confession on any of the three nights. We will have several priests available for just that purpose. Come see what our Lord has for you. Come and be healed.

**Y**OU may have heard the news that we were the victims, yet again, of the theft of our four small air conditioning units. When our building was designed, these sorts of thefts were just not seen to be a threat, so consequently, they are in a very convenient location to be serviced.... and stolen! The last time this occurred we had a fence built around them and installed a motion sensing light, in the hope that a little deterrence would do the trick. It did for as long as it did. So now we have gone and built a cage around them. The good news is that insurance, after our \$1,000 deductible, will take care of the cost of replacement, but it will not cover the cost of the building and installation of the cage- about \$1,600. If you can help us out with any of these expenses, we could use your assistance. A check made out to Holy Apostles, with "AC" on the memo line would be most appreciated.



**T**HE news of the Appeals Court decision in favor of our request for relief in the lawsuit against the diocese is wonderful. You can read the whole thing online at [www.fwepiscopal.org](http://www.fwepiscopal.org). This helps things tremendously, but have no illusions, this is not the end of the matter. Please continue to keep our legal team in your prayers: Shelby Sharpe and Scott Brister; and the judge John Chupp.

God Bless you all,

*Father Chris +*

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

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## AROUND THE PARISH

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### FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN:

**I**F YOU'VE driven around the west side of the church recently, you've probably noticed a new steel cage around the air conditioning units there. What you may not know is that the A/C units themselves are new.

**E**ARLY in the week of June 13, three of the four existing A/C units were stolen and the fourth was destroyed. At the time, Fr. Chris was at Camp Crucis. Thanks to Deacon Sam, who made phone calls to Franklin Heating & Cooling, to the diocesan offices, to the Fort Worth Police Department, and to our insurance provider, the A/C units were replaced the same evening the theft was reported. The steel cage was installed just five days later.

**T**HE TOTAL cost for the replacement and cage was \$8,100, of which we paid our deductible cost of \$1,000. Certainly, we didn't welcome the theft, but we now have four brand-new A/C units that cost us only \$1,000 — and we have better security surrounding them.

**Y**OUR vestry did not make any special appeal for contributions to cover this unexpected expense, as your faithful stewardship through the first six months of 2010 has enabled us to effectively meet the parish's financial obligations. But as I mentioned in last month's newsletter, during the summer most churches see some decline in attendance due to vacations and other activities. On behalf of the vestry, I ask that you continue to be faithful in your stewardship throughout the summer months. Our parish expenses, of course, don't take any vacation.

**T**HE MEN of the parish had a great time of fellowship on June 18 at our most recent meat burning (steaks and baked potatoes). Thanks to Jim Owens and Collin Andrus for their help in organizing this event. Guys, we are growing closer and stronger as brothers in Christ, and I encourage you to pray for one another and to be part of as many men's events as you can.

**R**EMEMBER the healing mission that will take place July 11-13, and support it with your attendance and prayers. Fr. Chris will have more details in this newsletter and in Sunday morning announcements.

**T**HERE are so many good things happening at Holy Apostles. Give thanks for the blessings we enjoy and continue to support the life of the parish with your prayers, your Sunday attendance, your participation in activities, and your stewardship.

In Christ,  
*Todd Marchand*

### FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

Sunday to Tuesday, July 11-13, 7:00 PM  
**Healing Mission with Paul Rymniak**

Thursday, July 15 *Translation of St. Swithun*  
7:00 PM - Walsingham Mass  
(Father Chris is now a Priest Associate of the Holy House of the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham. As such, he has promised to say Mass on the 15th of each month for the Shrine.)

Saturday, July 17  
8:00 AM - HAMS Breakfast

Thursday, July 22 *Saint Mary Magdalene*  
7:00 PM - Low Mass

### PARISH OUTREACH:

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

**P**LEASE 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.

**T**HE DIOCESE is sponsoring a **Summer Book Drive** for various children's ministries around Granbury. Please donate new children's books of any subject in the box in the narthex.

### ALTAR FLOWERS:

**F**LOWER guild volunteers are needed to help make the weekly floral arrangements and water plants. Experience is helpful, but not necessary, we will provide training as needed. It's a fun and creative way to serve. If you are interested, please contact Leah Lancaster at 817-709-5776 or [lelanc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lelanc@sbcglobal.net).

## FROM THE DEACON:

IT'S THE "Season after Pentecost," as the '79 prayer book calls it, or the "Season of Trinity," in the '28, and either way we can label it like the Roman Catholics do as "Ordinary Time," because we simply count the weeks until Advent. There's something wonderfully tedious about counting. It's got to be done—by the time you get this I will have counted the number of newsletters going to three discrete zip code areas—but it's hard to enjoy it or imagine it to be terribly meaningful.

BUT COUNTING is what Christians do. And I don't mean just the kind of logistical numbering that goes on in a parish registry (phew!). Clocks, after all, arose first not for commerce but for prayer: the medieval monks needed some way to order their days so that they could get in the right balance of office, mass and labor. So while Christians were certainly not the first to *count*, to keep time, or to order their days, the Church arguably revolutionized the common conception of time in the west by suggesting that time was not an endless cycle of seasons but a progressive and ordered movement towards the Kingdom.

SOME of the most tempting heresies, both now and in past ages, are those that declare the arrival of this or that New Age and end of this or that age of darkness. If you want an example of that, just google "Joachim of Fiore" and compare his medieval "Age of the Holy Spirit" to the rhetoric of the contemporary Episcopal Church. Such anti-historical heresies are tempting because they make *us* the heroes of the story rather than Jesus. We should be equally wary, in this season celebrating our national origins, from too closely identifying America with the kind of apocalyptic hope that is only found in the Cross. We are blessed to be where we are, as Anglicans and as Americans, but God help us if we start to think that those identities are the most determining things about us.

NO: Christian identity is a weird sort of glory, for we find ourselves believing, on the one hand, that all time has found its fulfilment in the Cross and Resurrection of Jesus, and on the other hand that we must *wait* for the consummation of his future Kingdom. It is a confusing time. But it is precisely these slow and uneventful moments that Christ came to save.

YOU SEE, Christians do not believe that there is such a thing as "wasted time." It is, of course, possible to waste time, and we do it all the time, but the promise of Resurrection is fundamentally that time itself has been saved from death. It cannot be "lost." And that is at once comforting and disturbing, for it means that both the best and the worst things about us will be remembered. In the Kingdom, however, even those bad things, those scars, those wasted moments, will be transformed for good. That is why the seemingly-endless *counting* after Pentecost is actually hopeful: it is a symbol of the redemption of time. Each moment becomes a gift from God, each week... the sixth,

the seventh, the eighth... is a reminder that God has not called us to be time-conquering heroes but faithful witnesses to his Kingdom. It is a reminder that we don't have to save the world or usher in some perfect new age, because Christ already has.

*Deacon Sam*

## MANY THANKS:

To **Gordon Henry** for tending the Garth so well.

To **Jim McClellan** for keeping things stocked up and refilled.

To **Tim Gauntt** for keeping up with innumerable Junior Warden projects!

To **Paul Simpson** for getting the memorial bricks put in the pavement by the flagpole.

To **Carol Huebner** and the **Altar Guild** for faithful behind-the-scenes service to us all.



## Can you help with the Healing Mission?

We need a couple of guys to volunteer to usher each evening and we need a couple of others to take care of Paul Rymniak's book table. If you are able, please speak to Father Chris as soon as you can.

## HAM (HOLY APOSTLES MEN) NEWS:

THANKS to all who came or helped out at our June "Meet Burnin'", whether with food or donation—it was a great success!

All men of the parish are invited to a HAM breakfast on July 17<sup>th</sup>. We also need volunteers to cook.

Mark your calendar for 8 AM, Saturday, July 17<sup>th</sup> and plan to join us!

*Yours in Christ,*  
**Jim Owens**  
Head HAM

HAM questions or suggestions?

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Richard Weber, *HAMs clerk*: [rfweber3@gmail.com](mailto:rfweber3@gmail.com)



## ANNIVERSARIES:

- July 3 Chris & Rebecca Upward
- 7 Mike & Sharon Sands
- 11 Robert Bohler & Helena Cantrell
- 12 Thomas & Cheryl Farrell
- 17 Dick & Mary Weber
- 19 David & Michele Walker



## BIRTHDAYS:

- July 1 Sandy Van Der Aa
- 3 Roy Wood
- 10 Helon Latimer
- 15 Walter Archey
- 16 Betty Bradley
- 18 Thomas Farrell, Paul Simpson
- 19 Willie McMahon, David Wilson
- 23 Ian Hiller
- 25 Jacki Hentz
- 27 Peggy Bruce
- 31 Anna Clare Bohler, Nancy Eubank

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Debbie Reddick	817 236-9874
Paul Simpson	817 594-0379
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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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<b>Sunday</b>	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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