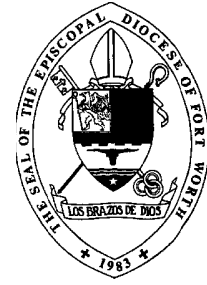


# The Epistle



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

PENTECOST A.D. 2010

## FROM THE DEACON:

LET me begin by thanking all of you for your warm welcome. These past few weeks have been something of a whirlwind. I graduated from Nashotah House in May, and soon thereafter I drove down to Fort Worth from Wisconsin, only to begin learning the ropes at Holy Apostles and planning my ordination to the diaconate. I was pleased to see many of you there on June 5, as well as a nice group from St. Gregory's, Mansfield, my sponsoring parish. You have a lovely building here, and I'm sure you know that and remain grateful for it; I can hardly imagine a better place to have celebrated a solemn liturgy, and certainly I will treasure the memory of that event in my heart for many years to come.

FATHER Chris asked me to use this space to introduce myself to the parish, so here goes. I was born on the gulf coast of Mississippi, but I spent most of my life in Jackson. There I was raised in the Baptist church to love Jesus as my Lord, though I had very little sense of history or tradition. After high school I moved to Virginia to attend the University of Richmond. As an English major I developed my interest in reading and writing, and in the course of study I was able to spend some time in both China and France. Upon graduation I decided to take up an offer to teach English at a public high school in Budapest, Hungary. I stayed there for two years. It is hard to say how much my international experience has affected me, but at the very least it has given me a deep appreciation for food and cooking of all sorts! I think I've also learned, by living as a foreigner, something about the "alien" status of Christianity in the world.

I LEFT Budapest to do graduate work in theology at Duke Divinity School. I hadn't really thought about ordained ministry, but I knew I wanted to study theology. In Budapest,

of all places, I had found this little Anglican chaplaincy (and of a very high, even "papalist" churchmanship), so I had begun to think like an Anglo-Catholic before even knowing it. I was shocked, when I started attending Episcopal churches in North Carolina, to find women priests and protestant theology!

BUT I still knew there was something in the Anglican Church (even in what I knew of the often scandalous Episcopal Church) that attracted me, and it was not that it presented some idyllic compromise between Catholicism and Protestantism, but that, whatever its flaws, it was able to show me the Catholic faith. I didn't keep going to Mass on Sundays because the liturgy or the preaching was good (because at times they certainly weren't), but because I found Jesus there—the same Jesus in whom I had professed faith as a child.

RELATIVELY soon after I began studying theology I realized I felt a call to ordained ministry. To make a long story short, it quickly became clear that North Carolina would not be a hospitable diocese for a conservative catholic-minded aspirant to ministry, and so in a roundabout way I found myself in Bishop Iker's office, two and a half years ago, on the feast of St. Thomas Becket.

FORT Worth then became my church home, and after I graduated from Duke I was sent to Nashotah for a year at an Anglican seminary. I am sorry that my time here will be so brief: in September I begin doctoral studies in historical theology at Boston College. Perhaps this summer my work in the office and in the parish will be a good complement to my more bookish tendencies... In any case, I'm excited about my time here, and I hope I will be able get to know many of you over the next few months.

*Deacon Sam*



*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:

**W**E ARE now into the long season after Pentecost that will continue all the way until the beginning of the new year with Advent I. It's "Ordinary Time," from the word "ordinal," which simply means ordered or numbered time. You'll notice that each Sunday's bulletin throughout this season identifies the day with an ordinal number, such as "The Third Sunday after Pentecost."

**O**RDINARY Time falls outside the seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter that mark particular aspects of the Christian mystery. It's also summertime, school's-out time, and vacation time for many of us.

**S**O THE tendency in many places and among many Christians is to view Ordinary Time as just a little less special and a little less important than those seasons in which we're anticipating or celebrating big events like Christmas and Easter.

**P**ERHAPS one way to overcome this view, though, is to remember two significant events we recently celebrated and that precede this season: the Ascension and Pentecost. In those events we, as disciples and spiritual descendants of the Holy Apostles, are instructed and empowered to live the Christian life throughout the long ordinary seasons of our lives.

**J**UST prior to his Ascension, Jesus instructed his disciples to "go ... and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you." (You'll find this Great Commission inscribed in the beautiful east window of our church.) And, of course, at Pentecost, the Holy Spirit descended on the Apostles, empowering them for mission — just as that same Spirit today inspires, sanctifies, equips and empowers us for our individual roles in continuing that mission.

**T**HROUGHOUT Ordinary Time, the Sunday lectionary readings will largely focus on the Christian life and mission. We are best prepared for that when we are regular in our attendance at the Eucharist and in communion with Christ our Head and with each other as members of the Body of Christ.

**P**LEASE be faithful in your attendance and stewardship throughout the summer months. Make it a point to get to know and to pray for our deacon, Sam Keyes, during these months when he'll be with us. And as always, pray for our parish family — that Ordinary Time may be a time of extraordinary blessing for us.

In Christ,

*Todd Marchand*

### FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

Wednesday, June 9<sup>th</sup> Final **Basic Christianity Class** and **HAY** meetings for the summer.

Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup>  
Fr. Chris at **Saint Michael's Conference** at Camp Crucis. Register now at [www.stmichaelsw.org](http://www.stmichaelsw.org)

Friday, June 18<sup>th</sup> **HAM** (Holy Apostles Men) "Meet Burning" event on church grounds  
5:00 PM

Monday, June 21<sup>st</sup> Stephen Ministers meet in Library  
7-8:30 PM

Thursday, June 24<sup>th</sup> *The Nativity of St. John the Baptist*  
7:00 PM-Low Mass

Tuesday, June 29<sup>th</sup> *Saints Peter and Paul, the Holy Apostles*  
9:00 AM-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 southeast 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.

### HOLY APOSTLES YOUTH

**E**NCOURAGE all youth ages 12-19 to get in their Sait Michael's Conference Registration in as soon as possible. Let Father Cantrell know if you have need of a scholarship.

Yours in Christ,  
*Jim Stubblefield*

### 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 RECTOR:



## BELOVED in Christ,

IT IS good to be home. Really! But it was also good to be away. I had a phenomenal trip, culminating with the National Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham on Monday May 31st. I have always wanted to be there for the event and so I can tick that one off the bucket list. I would go back in a heartbeat, but I can also now say that I have been.

THE Pilgrimage is an amazing affair, taking place on the grounds where the old Medieval Abbey stood. All that is left of the Abbey is the Chancel Arch. It makes for a wonderful setting for an outdoor Mass. We figured 225 priests and about 25 bishops concelebrated the Mass for about 2700 of the faithful, as well as taking part in the Procession to the Shrine for Benediction that happened later in the afternoon. The whole thing was organized by an incredible SSC priest named Fr. Beaumont Brandie. I met Fr. Brandie five years ago when he was organizing the Stand Up For Jesus that took place at the Royal Albert Hall in celebration of 150 years of the Society of the Holy Cross. 5,000 people received Communion that day. He's kind of the Cecil B. DeMille of the Anglo-Catholic wing of the Church of England. If Fr. Brandie is involved it is an extravaganza! Anyway, it was an unforgettable experience. And it was fun too!

I WAS also able to go to Lambeth Palace - not as an invited guest, but as a paying customer for an exhibition of some of the holdings of the Lambeth Library. I saw one of the first Gutenberg Bibles to reach England - it was wonderfully illuminated, King Richard III's private Prayer Book, the Death Warrant for Mary signed by Elizabeth I, and the shell of Archbishop William Laud's pet turtle! (that was quite a surprise!) I have many tales to tell and many pictures - just ask the Sunday School Class.

I WANT to say thank you to everyone who helped with Deacon Sam's ordination service and reception. If you were not here for the service - Sorry, you missed something spectacular - The music was just exquisite. And despite a little bobble or two, the service was very nice.

SAINT Michael's Conference begins this Sunday for its fifth annual session. We have quite a number of our folks participating both as staff as well as Michaelites (*youth participants*). Thank you to those of you who have helped with scholarships, your generosity is very much appreciated by me and the kids.

IN JULY, we will be having a 3 day Healing Mission here in the parish. It will be conducted by a man named Paul Rymniak. Paul is a Roman Catholic layman who has had a 25 year ministry of healing. The dates for the mission are July 11, 12, & 13. So

please mark your calendars, and plan to come check it out. I think you will be glad you did. Paul comes to us highly recommended, he has done these missions in two of my friends' parishes to very good effect. In the mean time, see you in Church.

GOD bless you all,

*Father Chris +*

## MANY THANKS:

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

To our **Sunday School teachers** for faithful service. We and the kids appreciate all you do!

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

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

To all who helped with the **Pentecost Picnic** - especially the HAMS for the grilling and setup!



## CONGRATULATIONS:

To all of our 2010 Graduates - **Hannah Cantrell** from All Saints' Episcopal School, **Sarah Stubblefield** from Texas A&M, and to **Jennifer Wilson** from the OSU School of Nursing. Blessings upon all of you. A bright future awaits you.

## HAM (HOLY APOSTLES MEN) NEWS:

HEY guys, don't forget about the "Men's Meet Burning" coming up in June at the church! (and no, that is not a typo...it's a chance to "meet" with each other while "burning" some food... the perfect male combo!)

ALL the men of Holy Apostles are invited to participate- we need your support.

Please mark your calendar for 5:00pm, Friday, June 18 and plan to join us!

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

HAM questions or suggestions?

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## ANNIVERSARIES:

- June 6 Harold & Peggy Clements  
 7 Fr. Chris' Ordination to Diaconate-1986  
 10 Danny & Jacki Hentz  
 17 Rik & Vicky Marshall  
 26 Fr. Chris & Karen Cantrell



## BIRTHDAYS:

- June 1 Cheryl Farrell, Jada Jones  
 2 Hannah Cantrell, Donna Stubblefield  
 4 Madison Schultz  
 7 Virginia Luptak  
 8 Kathy Simpson  
 10 Helena Cantrell  
 14 Jim Owens, John Upward  
 17 Kenny Goodwin  
 19 Oliver Hiller  
 20 Mary Weber  
 22 Grady Hentz  
 23 Tyler Koschnick  
 27 Sam Keyes

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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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