

The Herald

February 7, 2010

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

From the Rector

Of Milieu and Meaning

K and I have been living in Mobile now for almost six years, and we have really come to love this quirky place. We love the diversity of architecture...the Greco-Roman revival, the Empire, the creole cottages, the craftsman style, the ghosts of Gothic, the faded influence of the Spanish and French who once inhabited this place, their winding wrought iron singing of past glory, the lavish

Victorian and the brash Colonial, the surprising burst of Rococo...all forming and informing past present and future...emblems of place and time. We love the beauty of the Bay and the Delta...the osprey on the hunt...the ancient pelicans...the salt smell of a sea breeze. The artists here as well...poets and playwrights; musicians and singers; dancers and painters; seamster and seamstress...oysters on the half shell, and a crabmeat omelet sandwich. The Mardi Gras bug has finally bitten us ever so gently...the colors of emotion in the middle of the streets...the glittering beads in the night air, evidence perhaps. Place and time like no other place and time.

And we have our dark side as well. We are a city still divided by racism...the mouldering albatross around our neck...and there's the poverty that breeds violence on the streets in the lost corners of town...agricultural and industrial pollution, the extent of which we'll likely never know...the shamefully regressive system of taxation in our state...illiteracy and ignorance, sometimes willful. Yet, we're no worse nor any better than any other place in any other time. This is still the place that forms and informs us...We, whether newcomers or old timers, are born again and again out of this mysterious stew of cultures and commerce and revelry and disease and invention and love and death; we dance in both its light and beauty, and in the blood brother of darkness...one never exists without the other...a cosmic necessity in all truth...the cosmic dance between dark and light turning to a music whose genius precedes all memory, all place and all time, the music that birthed the stars, set towards a future that is sure to astonish the imagination of both God and humankind.

As people of a peculiar order...the order of the Way...the order of a commonweal whose constituent virtues include mercy and compassion; forgiveness and forbearance; justice and peace; gracious hospitality and welcome; dignity and equality...as people of the Faith, our vocation is to live lives of imaginative repentance...repentance (literally: to turn around) meaning a life long practiced art of turning towards the good, turning towards that which gives life and light in the place and time wherein we live and move...We are to form and inform our world by our lives of sacrifice...to love our place and time...In sacrificial repentance we join the dance of creation, the rhythm of the Truth, turning towards an end whose meaning in part we can only apprehend in the means, a beautiful end in which all is redeemed, past present and future... nothing lost or left behind... not even the dark.

On the Calendar:

Tuesday, February 2

11:30am All Saints serves @ 15 Place
3:30pm Training Choir

Wednesday, February 3

7:30am Race Relations Committee
of Mobile United
12N Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
4pm Girls' Choir rehearsal
7:30pm Parish Choir rehearsal

Thursday, February 4

12N Al-Anon (Smith Rm)
5:30pm AA (Smith Rm)

Saturday, February 6

9am Recovery 2-day (Smith Rm)

Sunday, February 7

8am Holy Eucharist
9am Breakfast
9:25am Christian Education
10:30 am Holy Eucharist
Reception following

Tuesday, February 9

12N Golden Circle
3:30pm Training Choir

Birthday Updates

At the beginning of each month, the Herald publishes names of those parishioners having a birthday in that month, and a card is sent from All Saints to the celebrants. Sometimes, our database 'drops' a birthday, or another birthday does not get listed because it isn't in the database to begin with. If you do not receive a card during your birthday month, or if you think you have not given us your birth date for the computer, please drop us an email or give us a call: asstrector@allsaintsmobile.org or 438-2492. Johnna Rogers' birthday was omitted from the February list; it is Feb. 22.



Golden Circle will be held on Tuesday, February 9, at 12 Noon in Stirling Hall. If you would like to attend, please call Mary Hunter Slaton at 479-2692.

A Flower Guild Luncheon will be held on Saturday, Feb 27 at 11:00am at the home of Katharine and Jim Flowers, 922 Conti Street. If you are interested in joining the guild, give Katharine a call at 644-9887.

Garage Sale Fundraiser

The Girls' Choir is planning to travel to Florence, Italy this summer to sing at the Episcopal Church of St. James, where the Rev. Mark Dunnam is the rector. One of the ways they will raise funds is with a garage sale, to be held March 13 in Stirling Hall. Your donations to the sale are requested (think 'Spring Cleaning!'). Almost any item is acceptable, but please, NO clothing other than children's clothes! Donations may be stored in the youth office of the Parish Hall beginning immediately. More details will be posted, including the time of the event, as we get closer to March. Remember: one person's trash is another's treasure!



The 2010 EYC Mission Trip is to New Orleans, July 18-25. Anyone 14 years or older is eligible to go. The adult sponsors need to know who is going by February 10, and must have a \$50 deposit to reserve your place. This is a firm deadline. If you have not received a form in the mail, call Karen McDonald at 433-1240 or Chris Conte at 604-2073.



The Episcopal Church welcomes you

The Archives Corner

In preparation for our 2009 Centennial Celebration, our archivists, Becky Wilson and Melanie Petithory, 'discovered' and compiled a lot of interesting material about All Saints through the years. The Archives Corner will appear periodically in The Herald to continue to share some of the treasures they found.

The Raising Of The Bell

In 1964, fifty-five years after All Saints was built, a bell was finally hung in the bell tower. The bell was given by Mrs. Edward Lockett Robinson in memory of her husband.

Brought to Mobile from Loughborough, England, it was cast at the bell foundry of John Taylor & Company, "world's oldest bell foundry", which dates back to 1408. The bell was shipped aboard the SS MAGDALENE REITH and was unloaded in Mobile on August 17, 1964.



When the bell arrived at the church, it became apparent that it would be impossible to take it up the narrow stairway of the bell tower. Consequently, a hole was cut in the roof of the bell tower and the bell was raised by a crane and lowered into place.



The bell is made of copper and tin, weighs 1500 pounds, and has a diameter of 40 ½ inches. It rings on the note of "G".

On October 25, 1964, at the 11:00am service, the bell was dedicated to the memory of Mr. Robinson.

Lenten Program begins February 24

“Wednesdays in Lent”

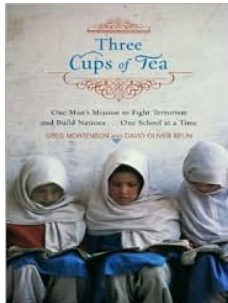
— February 24, March 3, March 10, March 17 and March 24 —
begin at 6:00pm with Evensong in the *chapel*
followed by supper and book discussion in Stirling Hall
from 6:30-7:30pm

Study Book:
Three Cups of Tea:
One Man's Mission to Promote Peace...One School at a Time
by Greg Mortenson

Books will be available in the church office at the end of this week for \$10 each
To reserve one, please call or email the office as soon as possible
(438-2492 or asstrector@allsaintsmobile.org)

[There is also a young reader's edition of the book, intended for readers 8 years and up, available on line or at local bookstores]

Three Cups of Tea is our Lenten study book this year. The title comes from a mountain village chief in Pakistan who said, “Here (in Pakistan and Afghanistan), we drink three cups of tea to do business: the first you are a stranger, the second you become a friend, and the third, you join our family, and for our family we are prepared to do anything—even die.”



There are books in the office available for purchase. Copies are \$10 each. If you would like one, please come by the office or pick one up on Sundays.

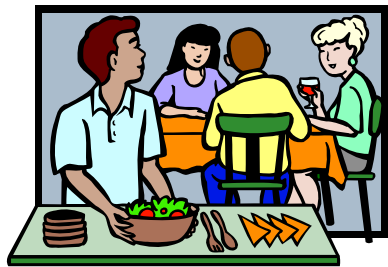
Speaking of a Lenten Program...

we need some information from you! If we offer the following services for the Wednesdays in Lent, would you use them?

- * nursery (infants through 4yrs)
- * a table set aside for doing homework
- * movie time for those not doing homework

If you plan to come to the Lenten Programs and would use any of these for your child(ren), please call or email Mary Robert: 438-2492 or asstrector@allsaintsmobile.org. If we do not get any response, we will not have these services.

Lenten chefs wanted!



Calling all supper clubs, choirs, breakfast teams, youth groups, ushers, altar guild, Sunday School or just plain folks! We need groups of people to cook 5 suppers during Lent: February 24, March 3, March 10, March 17 or March 24 for this

year's Lenten Program. The Thursday Night Supper Club has claimed March 3, and the choir will claim another one. Nothing needs to be fancy—quick and easy does just fine. Please call the church office to reserve your date now (438-2492).



“Join us on Sundays at the reception after the 10:30 service. You can have good snacks, and you'll look cool, too!”

Haiti Response Several people have asked to have the form for sending contributions to Episcopal Relief & Development for Haiti disaster relief printed. They are now available at the back of the church and on the volunteer's desk outside the church office.

A new tax relief law allows people who contributed in 2010 to charities providing earthquake relief in Haiti to take a tax deduction for the contribution on their 2009 tax return instead of their 2010 return. This means you can receive an immediate tax benefit, rather than having to wait until you file next year's return. Please check with the IRS as certain restrictions apply, using the following link: <http://www.irs.gov/newsroom/article/0,,id=218645,00.html?portlet=7>

'There is hope' in Haiti, bishop's aide says

By Mary Frances Schjonberg, January 27, 2010 [Episcopal News Service]

The Episcopal Diocese of Haiti faces at least three to six months of emergency response to survivors of the Jan. 12 earthquake that left a large portion of the diocese and the nation in ruins, according to a priest at the heart of the diocese's response. In the midst of the challenges of aiding nearly 23,000 Haitians who are living in roughly 20 camps run by the diocese, Episcopalians are assessing the damage to their diocese and beginning to decide their rebuilding priorities, said the Rev. Canon Oge Beauvoir.

Beauvoir, a Haitian native and one of four Episcopal Church missionaries assigned to work with the diocese in the impoverished country, spoke to ENS Jan. 27 from a makeshift camp of earthquake survivors that began the night of the quake on a rocky field next to the College St. Pierre, a wrecked diocesan school. He, Bishop Jean Zaché Duracin and other diocesan members are living at the camp that he said contains 3,000 survivors. "Right now we are dealing with the emergency, how to take care of those people who are in our camps for displaced people," he said, adding that "you don't need to be Episcopalian to be assisted."

"The challenge is to feed them, to provide them water and medicine" and shelter, Beauvoir said.

"We think that's something we're going to be doing for between three to six months," he said. "We don't think people would leave the camps before that because they have no place to go. They have lost everything they had."

There have been conflicting reports about the eventual outcome of plans to relocate in much larger camps the thousands of Haitian made homeless by the quake. Beauvoir said that Episcopal Relief & Development and the Montreal-based Center for International Studies and Cooperation have each arranged food shipments to the College Ste. Pierre camp. The Episcopal agency is helping the diocese find tents, he added. "We need tents because people are still sleeping outside," Beauvoir said. "Every night we are praying

that there will be no rain. If it starts raining, then we will be in trouble."

Haiti's rainy season normally starts in February and June is the acknowledged start of hurricane season. When the quake hit, the country had not yet fully recovered from four storms that battered it between mid-August and mid-September 2008. "The diocese is on its knees," Beauvoir said. "Out of that situation, there is hope because of our partners: the Episcopal Church, ERD [Episcopal Relief & Development] and all the Episcopal churches in the states. ERD is doing a very good job to help with what we are doing and to provide the support we need to do the work."

Beauvoir, who is dean of the diocese's seminary, said that most of the damage to the diocese occurred in Port-au-Prince and in and around Léogâne, about 19 miles from the capital and closer to the quake's epicenter. "We have lost every single church in Léogâne and many schools," he said, explaining that each of the seven parishes in the area had many mission congregations as well. The diocese's nursing school, Faculté des Sciences Infirmières de l'Université Episcopale d'Haiti in Léogâne (Faculty of Nursing Science of the Episcopal University of Haiti), was relatively undamaged and its dean and students, joined by various other medical professionals, have been caring for quake survivors.

While the full extent of damage is still being assessed, it is clear, Beauvoir said, that many of the diocese's churches and 254 schools, ranging from preschools to a university and a seminary, were destroyed or heavily damaged. The lost schools include the Holy Trinity complex of primary, music and trade schools adjacent to the demolished diocesan Cathédrale Sainte Trinité (Holy Trinity Cathedral) in Port-au-Prince, the university and the seminary. A portion of the St. Vincent School for Handicapped Children, also in the Haitian capital, collapsed, killing between six and 10 students and staff.

One of the U.S.-based Episcopal Church's 12 overseas dioceses, Haiti is numerically the largest diocese in the church with more than 83,000 Episcopalians in 169 congregations served by just 32 active priests, nine retired priests, six deacons, three nuns and 17 seminarians. Beauvoir said he believes "all the clergy are safe" but many have lost parishioners. "For instance, in

one parish in Léogâne, 15 people were killed," he said.

Helping people find shelter, food, water and medicine is just a beginning, he said. "We're also looking to the psychological side of it," Beauvoir said. "People have been affected not only in terms of what they have lost, but also as a human being. When you have been through that experience, you have been destroyed somewhere or another and you need psychological help to put yourself back together as one piece." He said that Episcopal Relief & Development has also offered the diocese help in counseling clergy who "are so busy thinking of other people."

The diocese is looking beyond the emergency phase of the quake's aftermath, and Duracin has appointed a 15-member special commission to help him in that response. The commission, made up of clergy, laity and one of the Sisters of St. Margaret whose convent was destroyed during the quake, is assessing emergency, health care and education issues, taking "an inventory of what we have lost" and is beginning to look ahead to the rebuilding period, according to Beauvoir, who is coordinating the group. While the members have not set specific priorities and are meeting Jan. 28 to continue that discussion, Beauvoir said "we're going to start looking toward re-building the church properties we have lost." "It's going to be a very long process of rebuilding the diocese," he said.

Beauvoir asked Episcopalians across the church to "pray for us so we can help the strength and courage to carry on" and lend their financial support by way of Episcopal Relief & Development. And, he added, people should only come to Haiti now if they have professional disaster-response or medical training. "It is too early" for anyone else, he said, noting that, among other challenges, "we have no way to give them accommodations."

Beauvoir said the diocese has been buoyed by the support it has received. "We are very grateful to partners all over the Anglican Communion in general, especially for our partners in the U.S., all the dioceses and Trinity Wall Street and ERD and the church center and the presiding bishop," he said, adding that members of the Episcopal Diocese of the Dominican Republic have been with their neighbors in Haiti beginning almost immediately after the initial earthquake. "You know who your friends are when you are in trouble," he said. "We are not alone; you are with us, the Episcopal Church. We feel supported here, so that like Paul said to the Corinthians: we are troubled but not destroyed."



To donate to Episcopal Relief & Development, click [here](#), or call the agency at 1-800-334-7626 ext.5129; or mail a gift to Episcopal

Relief & Development, PO Box 7058, Merrifield, VA 22116-7058.

Please write "Haiti fund" in the memo of all checks.

A Litany for Haiti

God of infinite mercy, who calls forth order out of chaos, peace out of turmoil, calm out of fear, we come before you aching and tender, crying out for Haiti and her people, saying, We lift our prayers to you, O God: You are the hope of all Creation.

We pray for Haiti, land of mountains and sea, where the very earth has shifted. May her tremors cease. May her tumult end. We pray for her people, shattered yet courageous, frightened yet bold, destitute and longing for relief. May their voice be heard. May their need be met. We lift our prayers to you, O God.

You are the hope of all Creation.

We pray for the injured, broken and lost: thirsting for clean water, hungry for food, stripped of shelter, desperate for medical care; they look to the world for hope. May their dry mouths find drink, their empty bellies find food, their families find cover, and their bodies find health. We lift our prayers to you, O God.

You are the hope of all Creation.

We pray for rescuers, those who do the work of recovery, laboring in the midst of agony; for healers, doctors, nurses, and all who tend those wounded in body, mind, or spirit. May their hands be steady. May their resolve be sure. May their work be filled with grace. We lift our prayers to you, O God.

You are the hope of all Creation.

We pray for the dying and those who have died, whose frail bodies now line the city streets. May mercy be abundant. May death have dignity. May they never be forgotten. We lift our prayers to you, O God.

You are the hope of all Creation.

We pray for the global community, grieving and responding in love. May our action be swift. May our purpose be certain. May our devotion endure. We lift our prayers to you, O God.

You are the hope of all Creation.

We pray for the days to come, the future, and the promise of what lies ahead. May new roads be paved; new industry be born; new fortunes rise; and new friendships sustained. We lift our prayers to you, O God.

EYC PAGE

"I'm pushing an elephant up the stairs,
I'm tossing out punch-lines that were never there,
Over my shoulder a piano falls crashing to the ground.
I'm breaking through, I'm bending spoons,
I'm keeping flowers in full bloom,
I'm looking for answers from The Great Beyond."
---R.E.M.---

I love popular music. Rock, rap, pop, country, heavy metal...whatever, I enjoy listening to it all. That isn't to say that I love ALL music, certainly there are some bands and artists that I don't enjoy listening to, but there is no one type of music that I don't enjoy on some level. I love the subjective nature of music. I love how someone can listen to two bands that are very similar in style and love one, but hate the other. Music touches people on some visceral level and almost never fails to evoke some emotional response, be it love, hate, sorrow or excitement.

The quotes I put in the EYC Page every week are almost exclusively from songs and the goal is to try and evoke some message that is symmetric with a Christian ethos. So each week I sit at my computer with I-Tunes open and listen until a particular song strikes me as appropriate for the week. Sometimes it takes ten minutes, sometimes a couple of hours. So far I haven't had the experience of not being able to find anything at all. The quotes are not random, despite the chaotic appearance of it all.

The quote from R.E.M. this week is meant to invoke two things: first, the tackling of the impossible (pushing an elephant up the stairs, bending spoons, which is an allusion to Uri Geller who claimed to be able to bend spoons with his mind) and, second the acknowledging and seeking out of some higher authority for help when trying to do the impossible doesn't work out.

FEBRUARY 7th
THE BIG GAME PARTY !!!!
SAINTS V. COLTS!!!
CHILI and CAKE!!!

The game starts 6:30 and we will watch until 8:30

FEBRUARY 14th
IT'S JOE CAIN DAY AND WE'RE GOING TO THE PARADES!!!

The Joe Cain parade starts at 2:30, so be at the church by 2:00 and we will all walk down together.

We should return to the church by 4:30.

Bring your best Mardi Gras beads.

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Sunday Lectionary: 5th Sunday after Epiphany

[Exodus 3:1-15](#)

[Psalm 63:1-8](#)

[1 Corinthians 10:1-13](#)

[Luke 13:1-9](#)

Lay Ministers for Sunday

Altar Guild: Betty Bentley, Diana Nichols, Lavada Raouf, Paula Reeves, Clayton Ryan

Flower Guild: Suzanne Drew, Becky Wilson

Breakfast: Carol Mackey, Valerie Case, Woody Hannum

Reception: TBA

8:00

Lector: Jeff Clearman

Intercessor: Burl Ratcliffe

Chalice bearer: Mark Taylor

Ushers: Pete Mackey, Harold Dodge

Greeter: Renee Dillard

10:30

Lectors: 1) Albert Lilly 2) Keith Winkler

Intercessor: Valerie Mitchell

Chalice bearers: Michael Morrison, Foy Hannum

Acolytes: Darrel Williams, William Kelly, Bobby Roach, Emily Doyle

Ushers: EYC

Music for Sunday, Feb. 7

Voluntary George Shearing *Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound*

Processional Hymn 381 *Ton-y-Botel*

William Mathias S-278 *Gloria in Excelsis Deo*

Henry Walford Davies *Psalm 138*

Sequence Hymn 661 *Georgetown*

Offertory Anthem Charles H. H. Parry *Prevent Us O Lord*

Presentation Hymn 367 *Rustington*

William Mathias S-128 *Sanctus and Benedictus qui venit*

William Mathias S-165 *Agnus Dei*

Communion Hymn 321 *Rockingham*

Motet Lloyd Pfausch *Seek to Serve*

Post Communion Hymn 779 (*Wonder, Love, and Praise*) *Dunedin*

Processional Alexandre Guilmant *Marche in Ré Majeur*



Lost and Found

Two umbrellas were left in Stirling Hall last Friday night. One is very large and is black and red. The other collapses and is red and white. Please claim them at the church office — you'll need them again, soon!

Please keep in your prayers:

Nancy Lancaster
Clara Leder Lamar
Jean Keyes
Mike McDonald
Erin Dawkins
Shirley Roberds
Larry Hall
Judy McKee
Dick Baade
Diane Petersen
Muriel Cherney
Tim Holston
the White family
Bill & Lida Bowman
Royce Ladnier
Linda Irby
David Reeves
Laura

Serving in the military:

Spencer Abbot
Matt Abbot
Sean Paul Naylor
Joseph Willcox
Christopher Hume
Steven DeWeese
William Wesley Pollard
Daniel Robert

The policy of this church is to keep people on the prayer list for one month. After a month, they will be removed. If you want someone to be on the list longer, please call the office; the request will be updated and s/he will be kept on

Pantry Items

Our cupboards are bare! Can you help us restock the Refugee Pantry? Here are some of the items we need:

Bar soap
Sponges
Paper towels
Dish soap
Toothpaste
Toothbrushes
Laundry soap
Dryer sheets
Toilet paper
Kitchen / bathroom cleaner
Large garbage bags

Bring them to the church office or put them in the basket in the Ann Street narthex. Thanks!



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Return Service Requested

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Matt McDonald
Susan Meztista
Michael Morrison, Junior Warden
Diana Nichols, Clerk
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Darrel Williams

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Adult Christian Education: The Rev. Jim Flowers
Altar Guild: Melanie Petithory
Choirs: Jeff Clearman
Communications: The Rev. Mary Robert
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Golden Circle: Laura Rutherford, Wylly Stirling
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IHN/Family Promise: Henry Brewster
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Nursery: Elizabeth Doyle, Amy Hunter, Jim Ayres
Parish Development: Clark Kelly
Property: Curt Doyle
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Ushers: Bill Evatt, Louie Wood
Stewardship: Joe Basenberg, All Saints Vestry
Youth Christian Education: Renea Greene

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Service Schedule

Sundays	8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 9:00 am Breakfast 9:20 a.m. Christian Education Classes (during school year) 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
Wednesdays	12 Noon Holy Eucharist (Chapel)