

# The Herald

November 13, 2011

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

## From the Rector: Of All the Saints Rector's report to the parish 2011

I have been with y'all, with All saints, for seven years now....a year as Curate, a year as the interim Rector and five years as Rector. I still believe as I did when I accepted the call to be your rector, that All Saints is special in Mobile, and that All Saints has a special calling in Mobile. We are known for our being out in the community, "enacting the gospel," (my words) or as many others say to me, we are consistently involved in organizations that help the least fortunate of our community.

People are always telling me that.... and often they go on to say, "you know I really quit going to church a long while ago, but if I did go, I'd go to All Saints"...oh, if I had a dollar for everyone who's said that to me! But we're not a churchy church....and by that I mean we have an inquiring and, dare I say, skeptical (in a good way) ethos here regarding our life of faith, and I think that is very healthy. One who doesn't question the faith has an inert faith. Our lives of faith should be ones of discovery, not a simplistic ascription to dogma.

Such a predisposition is not included in George Barna's church growth formula, however. Barna has made millions and notoriety marketing church growth around the country....For a fee he guarantees exponential growth, if you'll just follow the formula: praise bands, gyms and spas, non-liturgical worship, preaching on the prosperity that being a Christian brings....and most of all an insistence on developing a community of certainty and answers. But that's not who we are as Episcopalians, as Anglicans, as members of All Saints parish. All Saints has a uniqueness even among Episcopal Churches in town. We believe, as Episcopalians and practice such a belief at All Saints, that we are duty bound to question matters of faith; though we hold fast to our creedal heritage, again, we are about discovery, not prescribed -isms. And we are duty bound to first and foremost serve our world...and that means imaginative critique as well as imaginative service and support within the world in which we live, locally and globally....we are to be agents of change, co-creators with our God....Our grandparents' old, comfortable church, the proverbial hospital for sinners, is dying across denominational lines. We can no longer live for ourselves...we must live for the good of our world. I believe we are working hard at that here.

I believe All Saints continues to emerge as a church that will attract doing and thinking Christians, which means we won't attract everybody.... We will attract those who want to address the questions of life with integrity.... We will attract those who don't want easy answers, but are willing to do the hard work of faith, and discover that God is indeed with us in our pain and in our joy...unfortunately, that is a not-so-large demographic in our culture, because such a faith takes committed engagement...so our growth is and will be slow, but it is and will be solid. I'm preaching to the proverbial choir here, of course....but each of you knows of someone who belongs here...don't you? Tell them about all that goes on here. Many of these folks

### On the Calendar:

**Tuesday, November 8**  
3:30pm St Michael Choir  
5pm Murray House Bd meeting

**Wednesday, November 9**  
9:15am L'Arche (Chapel)  
12N Holy Eucharist (chapel)  
4pm St Cecilia Choir  
6pm Rector's Forum  
6pm 15 Place Board Meeting  
7pm Adult Choir

**Thursday, November 10**  
12N Al-Anon  
7pm AA

**Saturday, November 12**  
10:30am PFLAG  
**6-10pm BAYOU BASH!!!!!!**

**Sunday, November 13**  
8am Holy Eucharist  
9am Breakfast  
9:20am Sunday School  
10am Holy Eucharist  
Reception following

**Tuesday, November 15**  
3:30pm St Michael choir rehearsal

**Wednesday, November 16**  
8am Race Relations meeting  
9:15am L'Arche (Chapel)  
12N Holy Eucharist (chapel)  
4pm St Cecilia Choir rehearsal  
7pm Adult Choir rehearsal

**Thursday, November 17**  
9am Food Share prep  
12N Al-Anon  
7pm AA

**Friday, November 18**  
5:30pm Food Share packing

**Saturday, November 19**  
8am Food Share distribution

**Sunday, November 20**  
8am Holy Eucharist  
9am Breakfast  
9:20am Sunday School  
10am Holy Eucharist  
Reception following

**All Saints' Sunday** was a great day for our annual parish meeting, wonderful liturgy and a fabulous lunch!

New Vestry members elected to serve 3-year terms are: Joe Basenberg, Ricky Bradford, Elizabeth Doyle, James Hamilton and Don Mosley. Emily Kelley was elected to fill an unexpired 2-year term.

New delegates to Diocesan Convention are: Andi Barrett, Joe Basenberg, Martha Harris and Darrel Williams; Bruce Barrett is the alternate.



The Rector's address appears on page one of *The Herald*. The Treasurer's report is available by clicking here.

Please be sure to turn in your pledge card if you have not done so yet. It is hard for the Finance Committee to make a balanced budget if they don't know how much money to expect.

Thanks to all those who processed and played and sang and served and listened during the Eucharist. And many thanks to Jean Tucker and her crew of terrific cooks who provided such a great meal, as usual.

[FYI, the staff acknowledges that the timing of the meeting and the rehearsals for the service were not the most conducive for participation in both areas. We are already discussing ways to improve that for next year.]

**Warning for all you** Sunday breakfast eaters:

There will be light fare only for breakfast this Sunday, so if you need something hot and hearty, eat your oatmeal at home before you come!

Two of the agencies we help support with proceeds from the Bayou Bash, South Alabama CARES and 15 Place, are asking for our participation in two events following the Bash. Please read below.

**South Alabama CARES**, an agency providing Community AIDS Resources, Education and Support, (has put a Ribbon Tree on the table in the office foyer. Christmas wishes for some of their clients are written on the backs of the tree ornaments; please take one or more if you can to fill these modest wishes. Return them, wrapped, to either the South Alabama CARES office at 2054 Dauphin Street, or to the All Saints' office by Dec. 8. For more information, call Tiffany Collins at 251-471-5277, ext. 11.

**Our prayers are offered** for Barbara Brewster and family at the death of her mother, Pat White, on Monday, Nov. 7. *Let light perpetual shine upon her.*

**The breakfast teams need 2 people**

to join so that each team has at least 4 people. This would help cover the work when someone on a team is out of town or ill, etc. If you are interested, please call the church office and leave a message (438-2492).

**The Rector's Forum** meets this Wednesday, Nov 9. Potluck dinner begins at 6, followed by conversation from 6:30-7:30. Everyone is welcome!

**Food Share schedule for November:**

\* Thursday, Nov 17, 9am—meet the Food Bank truck and help receive the food and set it up for packing.

\* Friday, Nov 18, 5:30pm—packing the food into bags for the families; takes about 30 minutes.

\* Saturday, Nov 19, 7:30am—arrival time to help bag up any food that is frozen; distribution begins at 8am; takes about 30-45 minutes.



**A Tudor Christmas** Once again, The Episcopal Church of the Redeemer in Mobile will present *A Tudor Christmas* evening as part of our holiday calendar on Friday, December 16th. Actors and actresses are needed for this delightful pageant. For information on tickets to the event as well as signing up to portray a character in the play, please call the church office at 251-639-1948. Tickets are on sale now.

**Art Soup** takes place on Friday, Nov. 18, from 6-9pm at Christ Church Cathedral. A \$40 ticket buys you your choice of bowls, made by local potters, to fill with delicious soup, great music by Bay Runners, a silent art auction, a live auction and a raffle. All proceeds benefit 15 Place, Mobile's multi-service center for the homeless.

For tickets, go to [brownpapertickets.com](http://brownpapertickets.com) or call 432-7227. The cathedral is located at 116 Conception Street in downtown Mobile.



## **Bayou Bash 2011: Live from All Saints, it's Saturday night!!!!**

### **Tickets!**

\$30 each, available from the church office or at the gate

### **Volunteers!**

Carol Mackey at 251-402-9448 or [carolmackey@gmail.com](mailto:carolmackey@gmail.com)  
Pete Mackey at 251-510-6905 or [psmackey@bcmlawyers.com](mailto:psmackey@bcmlawyers.com)

### **Silent and live auctions!**

Bring your checkbooks

### **Music, food, friends, 6-10pm!**

### **Bayou Bash T-shirts are here!**

The Bash t-shirts are being delivered to the church office today (Tuesday)! Give us a chance to sort and tag them, and those who pre-ordered shirts will be notified to come and pick them up.

There will be plenty of extra shirts available at the office during the rest of the week, or at the gate Saturday night.

Cost is \$15 per shirt.

**The Bayou Bash Auction Committee is proud to present some of the fabulous live auction items available at next weekend's Bash!!!**

1/2-day sail on Mobile Bay with former racing champion, Bill Case



*Vessel of Opportunity*  
Acrylic on canvas by local talent Devlin Wilson

Giant Cypress 21-speed bicycle,  
donated by Cadence 120





Retro is in! You'll look sweet upon the seat of this vintage 1963 Ford Ranchero, fuzzy dice included!



Two giclee prints by internationally-known artist Nall



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you know already know...tell them we have one of the finest choirs in the city....tell them our worship is beautiful...our burials, our marriages...our high feasts like the one this past Sunday...from Sunday to Sunday we take most seriously that our worship is beautiful....perhaps because I've got enough English Major left in me to still believe that beauty changes things. So we are a church that also calls forth the multitude of talents that exist among our people here to create such beauty. And tell them that we are a genuinely welcoming and warm community.

You've heard over the months Clark Kelly's financial assessment of the church....we've managed to do a whole lot here on a shoestring. For the past several years our finances have been quite literally a balancing act....and unfortunately that has been balanced to a great extent on the back of our giving to the diocese...that's improving slowly as our finances improve slowly....but we have never turned our back to our neighbor, nor shall we. We will continue to be known as that beautiful church across from Griffith Shell that cares for her neighbors and who welcomes with open arms all who would come. I'm terribly proud of that...and I hope you are too. Let's don't keep what we've got to ourselves. Let's let this year be the one when the friends we've been waiting on to make the leap to All Saints, make the leap....you may just have to give them more of a push.... they'll come. Know once more that I am honored and proud to be your rector. God bless All Saints....may our work and worship and life together bear fruit beyond our knowing....and may the world we serve be better for it.

## MOBILE COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS

# Greenery Sale

Mobile County Master Gardeners are now taking orders for their annual Christmas Greenery Sale. This year the offerings will include 24" wreaths of Noble Fir with juniper accents; one-of-a-kind "toppers" for mailboxes, mantels, or tabletops; cedar garlands; bows; and unique bundles of greenery for do-it-yourself decorators.

Wreaths and garlands must be pre-ordered and pre-paid, and orders must be received by November 21. Items pre-ordered must be picked up at the Master Gardener sale site at the Mobile Botanical Gardens on Friday, December 2, or Saturday, December 3. Sale hours those days are Friday, 9-4, and Saturday, 9-3.

Toppers may be pre-ordered (and pre-paid) to ensure availability. They are very popular and often sell out at the sale. All items will also be available for spontaneous purchase on the days of the sale, while supplies last.

Repeat customers (those who have purchased greenery in previous years) will receive a 10% discount.

Proceeds from the sale benefit Master Gardener educational programs for the community as well as a scholarship for a local horticulture student at Auburn. The order form with prices and details is available at [http://www.aces.edu/counties/Mobile/documents/ChristmasGreenerySaleFlyer\\_2011.pdf](http://www.aces.edu/counties/Mobile/documents/ChristmasGreenerySaleFlyer_2011.pdf)



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### The Lessons

[Judges 4:1-7](#)

[1 Thessalonians 5:1-11](#)

[Psalm 123](#)

[Matthew 25:14-30](#)

### The Collect of the Day

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### Those Who Serve

#### 8:00

Lector: Burl Ratcliffe  
Intercessor: Jeff Clearman  
Chalice: Albert Lilly  
Ushers: Joe Basenberg, Bill Case  
Greeter: Renee Dillard

#### 10:30

Lectors: Lillian Carsten, Hays Thompson  
Intercessor: Hank Caddell  
Chalices: TBA, Lister Thomas  
Acolytes: Darrel Williams, Hannah Williams, Laura Hampton Greene, Wieu Kuot  
Ushers: Doug Greene, Curt Doyle, Ray Pappas  
  
Altar Guild: Suzanne Drew, LaVada Raouf, Burl Ratcliffe, Johnna Rogers, Margaret Winkler  
Bread bakers: Bruce Rockstad, Lillian Carsten  
Flower Guild: Carol Mackey, Ricky Bradford  
Breakfast: Carol Mackey, Valerie Case, Betsy Schneider, Woody Hannum  
Reception: Beth Hardaway, Kim Gray

### Music for Sunday

Voluntary Johann Sebastian Bach *Adagio, BWV 564*  
Processional Hymn 632 *Munich*  
William Mathias S-278 *Gloria in excelsis Deo*  
Henry Walford Davies *Psalm 123*  
Sequence Hymn 617 *Song I*  
Offertory Ralph Vaughan Williams *O How Amiable*  
Presentation Hymn 9 *Morning Song*  
William Mathias S-128 *Sanctus and Benedictus*  
Mason Martens S-152 *Christ our Passover*  
Communion Hymn 312 *Malabar*  
Motet C. Hubert H. Parry *Crossing the Bar*  
Post Communion Hymn 326 *St. Keverne*  
Processional Percy Whitlock *Hymn Prelude 'St. Denio'*

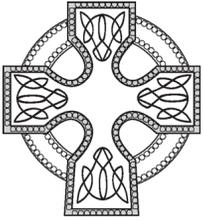
Please keep in your prayers

✚ For healing:

Taylor Merry  
Scott Podstata  
Abraham Kuol  
Terry Godwin  
Ethan Fisher  
Kathy Davis  
Harriet Schofield  
Logan Barnhart  
Fran Reed  
Becky Boulter  
Neil Cumming  
Joy Russ  
Katie Hammond  
Roy Muth  
Jim Gray  
Jane Arnau  
Joanne & Dan Young  
Taylor Parton  
Jean Dodge  
Jessica Montalvo-Lopez  
Butch Boyington  
Steve Hicks  
Gregg Pounds  
Evina Valera  
Ed Givhan  
Iris Prosch  
Jerry  
Martha Mason  
Richard Melton  
Martha Murdock  
LaNiece Bland  
Lamar Elledge  
Sharon Cleverdon  
Mike Downing  
Cheryl Peach  
Patsy Childress  
Laura

✚ For those who serve in the armed forces:

Spencer Abbot  
Matt Abbot  
Daniel Taylor  
Wes Parks  
Jonathan Carter  
Scott Tanos  
Kyle Metcalf  
DeMario Snead  
Randy Johnson  
Robert Carter  
Matt Robertson



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## Clergy

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## All Saints 2011 Vestry

Henry Callaway  
Valerie Case  
Harold Dodge  
Marion Elledge  
Rob Gray  
Renea Greene  
Woody Hannum  
Amy Hunter  
Clark Kelly, Treasurer  
Pete Mackey  
Susan Meztista  
Michael Morrison, Junior Warden  
Diana Nichols, Clerk  
Jean Tucker, Senior Warden  
Darrel Williams

## All Saints Committee Chairs

Acolytes: The Rev. Mary Robert  
Addiction & Recovery: Becky Wilson  
Adult Christian Education: The Rev. Jim Flowers  
Altar Guild: Betty Bentley, Melanie Petithory  
Choirs: Jeff Clearman  
Communications: The Rev. Mary Robert  
Community Ministries: Matt McDonald  
Constitution & By Laws: Pete Mackey  
Episcopal Youth (EYC): Liz & Scott Kirby  
Finance Committee: Clark Kelly, treasurer  
Flower Guild: Katharine Flowers  
Food Share: Mark Taylor, Burl Ratcliffe  
Golden Circle: Laura Rutherford, Wylly Stirling  
Hospitality & Events: Jean Tucker  
IHN/Family Promise: Henry Brewster  
Lay Eucharistic Visitors: Bill Evatt  
Lectors, Intercessors & Chalice Ministers: The Rev. Mary Robert  
Long-Range Planning: Curt Doyle  
Nursery: Elizabeth Doyle, Amy Hunter, Jim Ayres  
Parish Development: Clark Kelly  
Property: Michael Morrison  
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Ushers: Harold Dodge, Louie Wood  
Stewardship: Woody Hannum, All Saints Vestry  
Youth Christian Education: The Rev. Mary Robert

## All Saints Episcopal Church

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## Service Schedule

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