



The Magnificat

Newsletter of
St. Mary's Episcopal Church
El Dorado, Arkansas
September 2017

A Word from Fr. Michael Millard

Greetings All:

I'm sure that many of you reading this article have, very recently, wondered, "What is really going on in that Old Testament book about the Hebrew woman who became a queen and ended up saving all the Hebrews in the whole world?" On the off chance that this thought has not crossed your mind of late, I pose this to all: When was the last time you read the Book of Esther?

If you answered, "Who's Esther?" then we need to have a talk. Or rather, what you should do is come to Adult Bible Study, which will meet every Sunday at 9:00 am beginning September 10. Now, I know that you know about Esther, but if you come to Bible Study, you will learn all about the history which surrounds the story of Esther and the Hebrews in exile. You will learn about the origins of the story and about the characters in more depth. You will learn about the Jewish Feast of Purim, and maybe, just maybe, I will make my world famous hamantaschen *.



See you there!

* noun, plural hamantaschen [hah-muh n-tah-shuh n, huhm-uh n-, hoo m-] (Show IPA). Jewish Cookery.

1. a small triangular cake often made with yeast and filled with a mixture of poppy seeds and honey or with prune paste, prepared especially for the festival of Purim.

Your brother in Christ,
Fr. Michael+

Rally **September 10**
Day
Two Services - 8 and 10 am
Potluck Lunch following 10 am service
Bubba Robertson's World Famous Smoked Chicken

**Sunday Readings for September
Year A
Revised Common Lectionary (RCL)**

Sunday	Psalm	Readings
September 3 Proper 17	Ps 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c	Exodus 3:1-15 Romans 12:9-21 Matthew 16:21-28
September 10 Proper 18	Psalm 149	Exodus 12:1-14 Romans 13:8-14 Matthew 18:15-20
September 17 Proper 19	Psalm 114	Exodus 14:19-31 Romans 14:1-12 Matthew 18:21-35
September 24 Proper 20	Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45	Exodus 16:2-15 Philippians 1:21-30 Matthew 20:1-16



The Daughters of the King will pray for every family in the Parish during the course of the year.

September Prayer List:

Marsha & Bubba Robertson
Dennis Robinson
Laura & Kevin Roussel
and Madison Brown
Peppermint & Robert Rushing,
and Joshua and Kinley
Suzy & Drew Sheppard
Cecile & Jim Sheppard
Kelly & Tom Sheppard
Ann Shipp
Patti & Scott Simpson
Camille Sinyard

MEMORIALS

Albert Hanna: Mr. & Mrs. Eric Richardson,
Rosanne Morris, Mr. & Mrs. Clefton
Vaughan, Candice Mattocks

Melinda Barrow: Stone and Bill Benson



Holy Days in September

- 1 Bl David Pendleton Oakerhater, Deacon & Missionary, 1931
- 2 The Martyrs of New Guinea, 1942
- 4 Bl Paul Jones, 1941
- 9 Bl Constance, Nun, & her Companions, 1878
- 10 Bl Alexander Crummell, 1898
- 12 Bl John Henry Hobart, Bishop of New York, 1830
- 13 St. Cyprian, Bishop and Martyr of Carthage, 258
- 14 Holy Cross Day**
- 16 St. Ninian, Bishop of Galloway, c. 430
- 17 St. Hildegard, 1179
- 18 Bl Edward Bouverie Pusey, Priest, 1882
- 19 St. Theodore of Tarsus, Archbishop of Canterbury, 690
- 20 Bl John Coleridge Patterson, Bishop of Melanesia, &
his Companions, Martyrs, 1871
- 21 St. Matthew, Apostle**
- 25 St. Sergius, Abbot of Holy Trinity, Moscow, 1392
- 26 Bl Lancelot Andrewes, Bishop of Winchester, 1626
- 29 St. Michael and All Angels**
- 30 St. Jerome, Priest, and Monk of Bethelam, 420

September Birthdays

- 1 Cameron Deal
- 2 Trey Bechtelheimer
- 3 Kinley Rushing
- 4 Maxine Canterberry
- 7 Jo Machen
Caroline Ridinger
- 10 Melissa Inman
- 11 Aubra Anthony, Jr.
Kelly Sheppard
- 12 Hunter Brown
Benjamin Marino
- 14 Lisa Vickery
- 19 Joy Olivier
- 20 Eric Richardson
- 21 Jack Reynolds
- 22 Jan Lawson
Carol Garrett
- 25 Marc Parnell
Nathanael Marino
- 26 Ethan Burroff
- 27 Susan Harper
- 28 Sandra Pugh
- 30 Beege Bilo

If your birthday has been omitted or listed incorrectly, please call the Parish Office.

St. Mary's needs any new or used 8 oz. straight sided Mason Jars. No lids needed. Please bring them to the Church office ASAP.



IHS Donation Baskets will now be in Church EVERY SUNDAY Please bring donations any or every week! This month, they are in need of **Peanut Butter.**

St. Mary's Voted 3rd Best Place to Worship in El Dorado



St. Mary's was voted the 3rd best place to worship in the El Dorado News Times Best of the Best Readers' Choice Awards. Let's continue to invite friends to come and worship with us.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Sunday School Class for Children ages 3-12

Come and bring your children on Sunday, September 10 at 9:00 am to be introduced to our new childrens' class. We will meet every Sunday at 9:00 upstairs, down the hall to the right.

Catechesis (pronounced "cat uh KEE siss") is a developmental program of religious formation for children ages 3-12. The class, referred to as "atrium," contains simple but beautiful materials that are used to draw nearer to God. In an atrium, the child can ponder a passage from the Bible or a prayer by taking the beautiful material (most of which was crafted by the late Bob Walker) for that text and working with it. They place wooden figures of sheep in a sheepfold of the Good Shepherd or seat sculpted apostles around the Last Supper table. Older children capable of reading and writing often copy parables from the Bible, place in order the prayers from the Rite of Baptism, or label a long timeline showing the history of the kingdom of God. The older children will also assist with the younger ones by telling Bible stories, praying, and helping in the atrium. These are just a few examples of what will be happening in this exciting new class!

Hope to see you on Rally Day, September 10 at 9:00 am. Come and see what the Catechesis can offer your child.



Peppermint Rushing, along with her daughter, Kara, and granddaughter, Kinley, were among those who gathered in the Cloister on the last Saturday of July to make Chrismons for St. Mary's Christmas tree. Around 30 have been completed but many more are needed. An additional workday was held on August 26th and there will be another opportunity to participate on September 23rd. We'll begin at 10:00 in St. Augustine but feel free to come and go. Bring a sack lunch if you want to stay through the lunch hour. Everything is provided and no skill is necessary. It's a great opportunity for fun and fellowship while being an active part of making St. Mary's beautiful for the Christmas season!

Submission Deadline for Magnificat

If any person or group needs news, announcements, or requests run in the Magnificat, please submit the information to Anita at stmarys.secretary@sbcglobal or call the office. The monthly deadline is the 20th.

SEPTEMBER

SEPTEMBER Altar Guild: Patti Simpson, Team Captain

Patti Parnell, Peggy Barrow, Marcia Ford, Jan Bilo

SUNDAY	SEPT 3 PROPER 17	SEPT 10 PROPER 18	SEPT 17 PROPER 19	SEPT 24 PROPER 20
8:00 AM CRUC/SERVER EM	Bebe Porterfield Mary Millard	Vicki Badgley Dean Inman	Bebe Porterfield Jim Barton	Virginia Ray Ellzey Bob Ellzey
GREETER	Bebe Porterfield	Vicki Badgley	Bebe Porterfield	Virginia Ray Ellzey
10:00 AM ACOLYTES: THURIFER CRUCIFER TORCH TORCH SERVER	10:00 AM	10:00 AM	10:00 AM	10:00 AM
	Jaheim Daniels	Nathanael Marino Max Barrow Gray Harwell	Ethan McCuiston Julia Peace Madeline George Robbie Riddle	Jaheim Daniels
	Sandra Pugh	Julia Peace/Gary Harrell		Gary Harrell
LECTOR EMS	Charlene Frisby Marcia Ford Jim Barton	Jan White Alexandra Bell Jack Barker	Jack Barker Richard Wharton Mary Millard	Larry Frisby Diane Murfee Donna Holmes
OBLATIONERS	Larry Frisby	Kitty Taylor & Katie Harwell	Gay & Russ Bechtelheimer	Jack & Betty Wilson
GREETER	Martin Machen	Marcia & Tim Ford	Don & Jenny Williams	Mickey Murfee
VESTRY/WK: Weekly USHERS:	Glenn Holmes Jennifer and Kermit Parks	Bubba Robertson	Donnie Clayton	Don Williams
WEDS. 5:30 ACOLYTE EM:	SEPT 6 <i>Worship Leader:</i> Alexandra Bell	SEPT 13 <i>Worship Leader:</i> Diane Murfee	SEPT 20 <i>Worship Leader:</i> Donna Holmes	SEPT 27 <i>Worship Leader:</i> Marcia Ford
MATINS	SEPT 4	SEPT 11	SEPT 18	SEPT 25
8:30 AM	OFFICE CLOSED	Becky Choate	Diane Murfee	Clara Jones

SEPTEMBER 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Matins 8:30 am	2
3 PROPER 17 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9 am <i>Coffee in the Cloister</i> 9:15 am Choir Rehearsal 10 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II	4 Labor Day OFFICE CLOSED	5 Matins 8:30 am	6 Matins 8:30 am 5:30 Evening Prayer *	7 Matins 8:30 am Noon- Men's Lunch at Great China Buffet	8 Matins 8:30 am	9
10 PROPER 18 RALLY DAY 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:00 am Adult Christian Formation study on the Book of Esther, St. Columba 9:00 am Children's Sunday School, upstairs Sunday School Room 9:15 am Choir Rehearsal 10 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II Followed by <i>Potluck Brunch</i> 5:30 EYC, Pool Party, Ms. Becky's	11 Matins 8:30 am	12 Matins 8:30 am 11:30 ECW, St. Augustine, Parish Hall	13 Matins 8:30 am 3:30-5:15 Wednesday Kids 5:30 Evening Prayer *	14 Matins 8:30 am 9:30 Cooking Together 5:30 pm Daughters of the King, St. Benedict 5:30 Brotherhood of St. Andrew, Adult Sunday School Holy Cross Day	15 Matins 8:30 am	16
17 PROPER 11 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:00 am Adult Christian Formation study on the Book of Esther, St. Columba 9:00 am Children's Sunday School, upstairs Sunday School Room 9:15 am Choir Rehearsal 10 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 5:30 EYC, Parish Hall	18 Matins 8:30 am Daughters of the King present Bible Study: Priscilla Shirer's "The Armor of God" 11-12 Discussion 12-1 Video St. Columba	19 Matins 8:30 am 5 pm Finance Meeting, Library	20 Matins 8:30 am 3:30-5:15 Wednesday Kids 5:30 Evening Prayer *	21 Matins 8:30 am 5:30 pm Vestry Meeting, Library St. Matthew	22 Matins 8:30 am	23 Chrismon Work Day, 10 am, St. Augustine
24 PROPER 12 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:00 am Adult Christian Formation study on the Book of Esther, St. Columba 9:00 am Children's Sunday School, upstairs Sunday School Room 9:15 am Choir Rehearsal 10 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 5:30 EYC, Parish Hall	25 Matins 8:30 am Bible Study Priscilla Shirer's "The Armor of God" 11-12 Discussion 12-1 Video St. Columba	26 Matins 8:30 am	27 Matins 8:30 am 3:30-5:15 Wednesday Kids 5:30 Evening Prayer *	28 Matins 8:30 am	29 Matins 8:30 am St. Michael and All Angels	30 *Sippin Saints at Main Street Pizza

Opportunities for Personal Growth at St. Mary's

Monthly Groups and Activities

Weekly Activities

Sundays, 9:00 a.m. Adult Study: Book of Esther Study

Designed for those who want to learn more about the history which surrounds the story of Esther and the Hebrews in exile, whether visitors, newcomers, or long-time parishioners. (Begins Sept. 10)

Sundays, 9:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School (see article on pg. 3)

Sundays, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. EYC

The Episcopal Youth Community, EYC, is what the youth group is called in parishes across the country. Our EYC is for young people in grades 6-12. Meetings include supper, prayers, lessons, and various fun activities. (Begins Sept. 10)

Monday - Friday, 8:30 - 9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer (Matins), All Souls Chapel (entrance is beside driveway, marked "Handicapped Entrance")

A service of Psalms, Scripture readings, and prayer. (Year-round)

Wednesday afternoons, 3:30 - 5:15 p.m.: Wednesday Kids

For children age 3 through grade 5. Snacks and recreation, chapel, and a class provide Christian formation for your younger parishioners and friends. (Begins Sept. 13)

First Thursday of each month, noon - St. Mary's Men's Lunch, a time of fellowship and prayer. Location varies. Check the calendar in the Magnificat or the preceding Sundays announcements. (Year-round)

Second Tuesday of each month: Episcopal Church Women (ECW) Guild Meeting

St. Anne's Guild has a business meeting at 11:30 a.m. and lunch and a program at noon in St. Augustine Room of the Parish Hall. The group enjoys fellowship, praying together, and sponsors various ministry projects. (Begins Sept. 12)

Second Thursday of each month: Daughters of the King, 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall

The Daughters of the King is an order of the Episcopal Church for all women. It is an order, because members are under vows of prayer and service. Anyone may attend the monthly meetings. (Year-round)

Second Thursday of each month: Brotherhood of St. Andrew, 5:30 p.m. in the Adult Classroom, Parish Hall

The Brotherhood is a missionary and evangelism ministry of the Episcopal Church and Anglican Communion for men. It is the oldest evangelistic ministry of the Episcopal Church. The goal is to bring men and boys to Jesus Christ. Meetings include prayer, Bible study, and discussion of ministry projects. (Year-round)

Upcoming Dates to Remember

September 4 Office closed for Labor Day

September 10 - RALLY DAY

8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I

9:00 am Adult Class with Fr. Michael: Book of Esther, St. Columba

9:00 am Children's Sunday School

10:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II followed by Potluck Brunch

5:30 pm EYC Start-Up, Pool party

September 12 11:30 ECW resumes, Noon Lunch served

September 13 3:30 - 5:15 pm "WEDNESDAY KIDS" resumes

September 18 11:00 am-1 pm DOK Book Study begins

September 23 10:00 Chrismon Work Day, St. Augustine

October 26 - Annual Shrimp Boil

November 1 - Annual Style Show & Luncheon

Attention Men of St. Mary's!

We need you in the Brotherhood of St. Andrew. We are studying *Great Figures of the New Testament* by Dr. Amy Jill Levine, Professor of New Testament at Vanderbilt.

Improve your biblical literacy and re-encounter the New Testament as a great repository of literary genius. This is the promise of Professor Amy Jill Levine's vivid portraits of the cast of characters in the New Testament. While most of the figures treated are real, historical people, at least two (the Prodigal Son and the Good Samaritan) are fictional protagonists in stories told by Jesus within Luke's Gospel.



Don't Forget! Deadline is Friday, Sept. 1

New Daughters of the King Bible Study

Based on

Priscilla Shirer's The Armor of God

7-Week Study on Mondays
Beginning September 18
Discussion 11 am - 12 pm
Video 12 - 1 pm
Workbooks cost \$13

Call the Church Office to Register
870.863.7064

How to Give Monetary Assistance for Hurricane Harvey Relief

Many people want to know how they can assist in relief efforts for those affected by Hurricane Harvey. Right now the focus is on monetary assistance. Only time will tell what sort of human assistance will be needed in Texas and beyond. Today, we are suggesting three ways people can give:

- Give to the Bishop's Discretionary Fund (optional memo: "Emergency Relief Fund"), which will send 100% of the donations to the Diocese of Texas.
- Give directly to the Diocese of Texas through their website.
- Give to Episcopal Relief and Development, which will go to the larger relief effort across dioceses.

Thank you for your generosity toward those in need.

Remember that the first Sunday of the month is Discretionary Fund Sunday

Interfaith Help Services Financial Statement July 2017

Beginning Bank Balance	\$30,645
Total Income	14,133
<u>Expenses Administration</u>	<u>221</u>
Program Services:	
Program Equipment	0
Groceries	2,371
Dental	200
Eyeglasses	0
Medicine	43
Gasoline/Bus	0
Assistance with utilities:	
Electricity	883
Water	288
Natural gas & Propane	421
Total Program Services:	4,206
Total expenses:	4,427
Ending Bank Balance	\$40,351

Interfaith Help Services Activity Report July 2017

Prescriptions	2
Dental	4
Utilities	
Entergy	20
Water	11
Gas	4
Propane	3
Gasoline	12
Bus Fare	0
Food	
People Served	337
Total Clients Seen	167
First Time Clients	25



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A Walk Down Memory Lane

We thought it would be fun to share some of the photos of our parishioners from the 1988 Church Directory. Try to guess "who?" before you read the answers!

(From left to right: Gloria Byrd; Margaret, Peppermint, and Larry Combs; Doll, Nancy, and Wayne Elliott; Virginia Ray & Bob Ellzey; Elena Estes)

Worship Schedule

Sunday
8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I
9:00 am Adult Sunday School
(starting 9/10/17)
10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Wednesday 5:30 pm
Evening Prayer
Monday-Friday 8:30 am Matins

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Sexton
Robin Deal
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Vestry Members

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Sr. Warden
Gary Harrell, Jr. Warden
Virginia Ray Ellzey
Jennifer Parks
Donnie Clayton
Glenn Holmes
Don Williams
Larry Frisby
Alexandra Bell
Martin Machen
Dominick Marino
Scott Simpson

Other officers:
Heather McGarity, Treas.
Becky Choate, Asst. Treas.
Sandra Pugh, Clerk

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