



Saints Alive!

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Presiding Bishop declares Sunday, February 4 as Theological Education Sunday

My brothers and sisters in Christ:

In this season of Epiphany, I give thanks for the ministries of all the members of this Church and the ways in which each baptized person is working to transform this world into a home for God's people. This mission of healing and reconciliation we share is not something we were born knowing or understanding, and we recall that one of the great and ancient roles of the church has been to educate and form its members.

In the early church, those about to be baptized took three years to prepare for their ministries. Since 1999 we have celebrated the first Sunday in February as Theological Education Sunday, an occasion for the Church to emphasize lifelong learning for its people.

This last June, the 75th General Convention requested the Presiding Bishop to continue to support this special day, not only to encourage education in seminaries but also to invite congregations, dioceses, and other networks throughout the church to join in this mission. I encourage you to remember that education is the right and responsibility of all the baptized, in a process that continues for as long as we have breath.

I ask you and your congregations to observe Theological Education Sunday this year on February 4 in a focused way. Recognize and celebrate those who teach and learn in their search for a deeper knowledge and understanding of God. Make some new provision for education in your own life and in the life of your parish or diocese, and avail yourself of remarkable resources available on the Web and through our congregations, dioceses and seminaries.

Additionally, my colleagues at the Episcopal Church Center offer Groundwork III, a Guide for Lenten Study and Action: <http://www.episcopalchurch.org/groundwork.htm> .

I would ask you as well to charge your vestry or local governing body to remember and observe Resolution A125 from the 1982 General Convention to provide 1% of your parish's net disposable income to one or more of the 11 accredited Episcopal seminaries. Our seminaries are expanding their mission to provide lifelong education for all the ministers of this Church and they need and deserve your support now more than ever.

May this journey of learning be an ever-exciting and deepening adventure in your life in Christ.

Your servant in Christ,

Katharine Jefferts Schori

Shrove Tuesday/Mardi Gras Pancake and Gumbo Supper



Mark your calendar for feasting and fun at the Shrove Tuesday/Mardi Gras pancake and gumbo supper Tuesday evening, February 20, 6-8:00 pm, and bring a friend! Our celebration last year was a rockin' good time enjoyed by All Saints' parishioners as well as friends from all over the Island and beyond. Not only that, but we raised nearly \$700 for St. Andrews parish in Lake Charles, LA. They are still suffering from the effects of Hurricane Katrina, so we hope to send them even more this year.

The music was great last year, and Betsy Hollis has agreed to come back this year to play piano again. Be thinking of your requests: she can pretty much play anything. And in addition to the pancakes and sausage cooked by the able hands of our All Saints' men, we'll have authentic Louisiana gumbo with Andouille sausage hand-carried from the Mother State itself. Yum, yum! Where else could you find this much food and fun all for the bargain price of \$5 per person, with premium wine at a \$3 a glass? In fact, let's start Lent off right by making donations above what we eat and drink to help us appreciate these blessings! It's a great way to say "thank you" to the good Lord and to help those folks in Louisiana who gave us so many good ideas to enjoy.

MLK Memorial Day Parade

For the eighth year, All Saints' participated in the Martin Luther King, Jr. memorial day parade with other Savannah Episcopal Churches. On Monday, January 15th, the weather was delightful, and the walkers enjoyed strolling the parade route while conversing with other Episcopalians. We were told after the parade that ours was one of only two entries that were racially integrated, so we were happy to be living an aspect of Dr. King's dream. Afterwards, we met back at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church downtown and enjoyed a great spaghetti lunch with remarks by our own Fr. Jack and several others.

The **annual ECW garage sale** will be Saturday, March 3, 8-12 with half price after 12. There will be a preview sale with wine and snacks for a \$5 donation on Friday, March 2 from 6-8pm.

We need help with organizing (call Lamar), pricing on the first (call Beccy) and working on Saturday (call either). You have a whole month to go through your closets looking for someone else's treasures. Items for the sale can be left in the back of the parish hall. If you need help, call Lamar.

Shorts from the Short (sorry, Eddie, we couldn't resist!)

- ✓ Financial Statements are in the mail. If there are errors in yours, please contact Eddie.
- ✓ Are you receiving *The Church in Georgia*? If not, let Eddie know so that she can update the data base.
- ✓ Please complete the Questionnaire Concerning the Episcopal Church in Georgia which was included in the latest issue of *The Church in Georgia*. You may complete this form online at www.georgia.anglican.org.

Wrap-up of Annual Parish Meeting

Three new Vestry members were elected on January 14: Danny Hill, Nancy Luke, and Doug Webb. We knew the lunch would be great (it was), and that the typical subjects would be covered (they were), but what made this annual parish meeting really special was that we celebrated the last payment of our mortgage. That's right! Our mortgage is paid! Hallelujah!

A Few Words about the Season of Lent



Shrove Tuesday, the day before Lent begins, is named for the “shriving” or confessing, being “shriven” from sin, that was traditional on this last day before beginning Lent. This day is also known as Mardi Gras, or “Fat Tuesday,” because it was a time for eating the things from which one would abstain during Lent. Pancake suppers are traditional, as they were a way of using up some of the ingredients not needed during Lent.

Ash Wednesday is, of course, the first day of Lent. The theme for the day, though not for all of Lent, is that we stand as sinners condemned to die, but for God’s grace. This is symbolized by the imposition of ashes on the forehead, with the words, “You are dust and to dust you shall return.” In the Old Testament, ashes were a sign of penitence and mourning.

Here at All Saints’, our **Ash Wednesday service** will be held on **Wednesday, Feb 21 at 7pm.**

Ash Wednesday is also one of two days of special observance (the other being Good Friday) for which fasting may be practiced.

Stations of the Cross are depictions of fourteen incidents in the Gospel accounts of Jesus’ death from Pilate’s house to being placed in the tomb. They are used for the service called the Way of the Cross, which visits each station in turn with a brief reading, response, collect and on some occasions, a meditation. This is particularly appropriate for Good Friday and all Fridays in Lent.

The fourth Sunday of Lent has long been observed as Refreshment Sunday, a day for completely relaxing the disciplines of Lent. It is also known as Mothering Sunday, as this was the first Mother’s Day and a traditional time for remembering your mother. This year, Refreshment Sunday will be March 18.

How do you intend to observe Lent? Instead of giving up something, you might consider one of the following:

Suggestions of Things One Might Take on For the Season of Lent

1. Make a point of saying something nice to someone every day.
2. Give something away every week.
3. Fast one meal/day a week and give the money saved to fight world hunger.
4. Pet your pet.
5. Walk together with someone you love.
6. Make it a point to greet people enthusiastically.
7. Pray at dinner every day thanking God for something good.
8. Invite someone you don’t know well out or over to dinner every week.
9. Take a break during your work day and make a point of getting to know your coworkers better.
10. Look for someone doing something good and let them know much you appreciate it.
11. Reflect on people who have encouraged you. What can you learn from them? How can you put those learnings into practice?
12. Write one letter (not email) a week to special people in your life.
13. Make a weekly contribution to charity and send a note to someone important to you that you did this in thanksgiving for their being part of your life.
14. Say “Thank You” at least three times a day every day during Lent.
15. Look for ways to publicly praise people
16. Think of someone you haven’t seen for a while. Contact them and tell them you miss them.
17. Take time to clarify your values in answer to the question, “What should guide my decisions and actions?” Ask for feedback on how you are doing.
18. Do a chore for someone so they can simply sit and relax.

The Excitement is Building!

Starting next week, Lowe's, the City of Savannah, the Curtis and Elizabeth Anderson Cancer Institute, and LibLines are teaming up to build a Habitat for Humanity home for a needy Savannah family. The unique aspect of this Habitat for Humanity home is that it will be a Women Build project. Most of the people building this home will be women. The theme of the build will be "Celebrating Survivorship" and all who have been touched by cancer, whether they be survivors or whether their family or loved one was impacted by cancer, all are encouraged to join in the fun!

If you are a women over the age of 16, and interested in learning some new building skills, Lowe's will provide the education to empower you to work as a builder on the Habitat for Humanity home. For those who are a little wary of building, we are also looking for individuals who are interested in being hostesses and providing snacks for the builders.

For more information on participating in this Women Build project, please call Jennifer Currin at Memorial Health: 350-7845, or call Jane Bridges.

Thank you!

Have you ever wondered how things at our little mission seem to run so smoothly? It just all somehow gets done, doesn't it? There is actually a core of volunteers who do the work of the Lord around here, unseen and often un-thanked. They are people who saw a need and decided to step into the void with their own skills and talents. Have you ever wondered who they are? Here are a few:

Teri Gruendl: Table decorations in the Parish Hall

Jamie Maury: Yard cleanup and maintenance

Art & Vicki Worden: Scheduling ushers/sacristans/acolytes/readers

Joan & Chuck Williams: Altar flowers

Vicki Worden, Jane Bridges: Running, folding, stuffing bulletins

Sacristans listed in the bulletins: Preparation of communion and linens

Deacon Eddie & Bob Adkins: Keeping our supplies stocked and a host of other things!

Nancy Luke: Webmaster

Beccy Greico, Margaret Hall and the ECW: Luncheons and dinners

There are scores of others not named here, who gladly and capably spend their time, funds and efforts toward the enhancement of our mission. Please thank them next time you see them!

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