

NEWS FROM THE SAINTS

MARCH 2024

ALL SAINTS

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A WORD FROM FATHER RICK

Happy March All Saints!

I was able to attend our annual ADOTS Clergy Retreat at Shocco Springs Retreat Center, Talladega, AL, February 7-9. Clergy from across our diocese gathered for rest, fellowship, and greetings from our bishops. Archbishop Foley Beach, Bishop Frank Lyons, and Canon Sean George send their best to all of you.

A word about our Anglican connections: We are in the Anglican Diocese of the South (ADOTS). ADOTS is one of 29 Dioceses in the Anglican Church in North America. The churches/dioceses that are ACNA are found in the United States, Canada, and Mexico and number 120,000+.

Our diocesan bishop is Archbishop Foley Beach, who also happens to be the Primate (presiding bishop) of the ACNA province. Pray for him as he finishes up his 2-term service as ACNA Archbishop. A new Archbishop will be selected by the College of Bishops in June at our ACNA provincial assembly. Pray for them as they seek the leadership of the Holy Spirit in their selection.

After time away on a well-deserved Sabbatical, Archbishop Foley will continue to serve as our Diocesan Bishop. He will continue to serve from his residence in Loganville, GA, at the

Holy Cross Cathedral. Our Diocese is quite large. It stretches from north Georgia across north Alabama, down south to northern Mississippi, across Tennessee, to all of Arkansas and parts of southern Missouri.

I am happy to be part of the ADOTS. Archbishop Foley is a good and godly man who loves the Lord and His church. We are fortunate to be under his episcopal oversight. He has a good team around him. Bishop Frank, whom we will most likely see more of in the future, is assisting bishop for providing episcopal ministry throughout the diocese. And Canon

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Sean, the Canon to the Ordinary (which mean “right-hand man to the archbishop), works primarily to assist clergy in their credentialing, networking, and transition processes. Pray for me too, as I serve as the Dean to the ADOTS churches in Arkansas and southern Missouri.

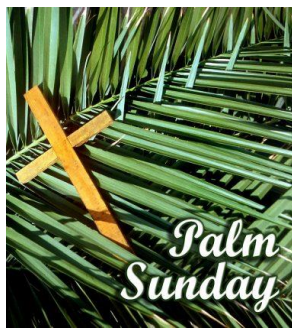
We are an Anglican church. I hope you will continue to grow in your love for this ancient yet contemporary tradition and expression of biblical Christianity. I agree with Christian author, Chuck Collins, who writes, “I find that being Christian is the best way to be a human being, being Protestant is the best way for me to be Christian, and being Anglican is the best way for me to be Protestant.”

I close with another statement of his with which I agree, “I am Anglican because Anglicanism at its core is generously orthodox, is completely biblical, and liturgically beautiful.”

I look forward to gathering again soon, to worship the Lord in the beauty of His holiness!

Blessings, Fr Rick+

DID YOU KNOW THIS ABOUT HOLY WEEK?



Why did the people wave palm branches on Palm Sunday? Palm Sunday commemorates Jesus’ entrance into Jerusalem. As he rode into the city on a donkey, throngs of people spread palm branches at His feet and called him “Hosanna” or “savior.” No doubt, in Palestine, where Jesus ministered, there were plenty of palm trees scattered throughout the land. However, according to Easton’s Bible Dictionary, palm trees and their branches actually have a significant meaning. People didn’t just grab whatever leaves they could for no reason. The palm branches were a symbol of victory. The Jewish people wanted victory, victory over the Romans who had invaded their land. When we use palm branches in our service, we remember how Jesus conquered death and brought us life through His sacrifice on the cross.

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Maundy Thursday: What is Maundy Thursday and what does it mean? Maundy Thursday is celebrated the last Thursday before Easter. The word “maundy” is a shortened form of *mandatum* (Latin) which means “command.” It was on the Thursday of Christ’s final week before being crucified and resurrected that He celebrated His final Passover with His disciples. At that Passover meal Jesus washed the feet of his disciples in an extraordinary display of humility. He then commanded them to do the same for each other stating: “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.” (John 13:34)



Good Friday is a day of sorrow and remembrance. Why is it called “Good” Friday? Good Friday is called “good” because through Jesus’ pain and suffering in our place, those who believe in Him can receive salvation. Jesus said that He was born into the world in order to die for all of mankind. Jesus’s death on the cross was the ultimate sacrifice for humanity’s sins. The gospel, particularly John’s gospel, teaches us that God was in control. God was not making the best of a bad situation but was working out God’s intention for the world – winning salvation for all people. We call it “good” because we look backward at the crucifixion through the lens of Easter.



Why does **Easter** change each year? Easter Sunday always falls on the Sunday after the first full moon following the Spring equinox in March (known as the Paschal Full Moon). If the full moon falls on a Sunday then Easter is the next Sunday. We now use the solar, Gregorian calendar rather than a lunar one, which means the full moon occurs on different dates each year and therefore so does Easter – it can be any date between March 22 and April 25. This dating was established by the Council of Nicea in 325 A.D.

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OAKLAWN CHAPLAINCY BANQUET



It's that time of the year again for the Oaklawn Chaplaincy annual banquet. This is the main fundraising event that supports the chaplaincy. All Saints has supported this fundraiser for the last two years. It is a fun event with live music, live and silent auctions, and lots of really good food, such as a prime rib carving station, turkey carving station, fruit and chesses station, salad station, vegetables, dessert station and more. Last year we were able to sponsor three tables. This has been a fun event and excellent comments from those that have attended. Tickets are \$80 a person, the table size is 10. It will be held at the Oaklawn Event Center on March 14. If you are interest in going (or donating an item for the silent auction), please contact Joel Bailey.

SHROVE TUESDAY



Shrove Tuesday is the day before Ash Wednesday. It is also known as Fat Tuesday and Pancake Day. In many churches, it is considered the last chance for a spot of indulgency before the 40 days of Lent. During Lent, many Christians give up something to remember when Jesus went into the desert for 40 days to fast and pray. After Father Rick



led us in the singing of several "Alleluia's" and then ceremonially burying them, our cooks (OJ, Art and Joel) got to work turning out pancakes. Sausages were provided by Sharan and Art Smith. After everyone stuffed themselves, out came the King Cake. As is tradition, a baby is buried in the King Cake. Whoever gets the baby, must provide the King Cake for the following year. Joe Norton got the baby this year so everyone needs to help him remember his obligation for next year's Shrove Tuesday!



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APRIL TEA PARTY



Ladies, do you remember the lovely tea party Theresa's friend, Lorraine, put on for us a couple of years ago? Lorraine Ridley had a small restaurant named Dream Castle in Los Angeles, California, with a separate tea room. She put on teas for nonprofits and special events for her customers. She and her husband, Glenn, moved to the Village seven years ago. Even those who reluctantly agreed to go last time ended up enjoying themselves. Not only was the Fellowship Hall transformed into an elegant dining room, but several incredible teas were also served, paired with succulent goodies. We all dressed up and acted like ladies. It was really fun! Well, Lorraine would like to do a Spring Tea Party for us She will be serving tea sandwiches, scones with lemon curd and Chantilly cream and other treats from her kitchen. Because of the increase in prices, the price will be \$30 per person. The date is Friday, April 12 for the first 40 ladies. We will need another 20+ for a second seating on Saturday. Please let Theresa Keyser know if you are interested in going.

VESTRY UPDATES

The new vestry met on January 25 (previous scheduled meeting on the 18th was canceled due to snow!). Margaret Buford and Marc Nichols were welcomed to the vestry. They replaced Margie Lambert and Gary Weeter who rotated off after their 3-year term. Margaret Buford was appointed as Senior Warden and David Keyser Junior Warden. Margaret Smith was appointed secretary and Tom Buford will continue as Treasurer. Margie will continue to be chair of the Memorial Garden, record the official church records online and the monthly newsletter. The meeting mainly took care of several first-of-the-year tasks, such as signing commitment letters, reviewing the contents of their Vestry notebooks, and the signing of the new By-Laws which were unanimously approved at the Annual Meeting.

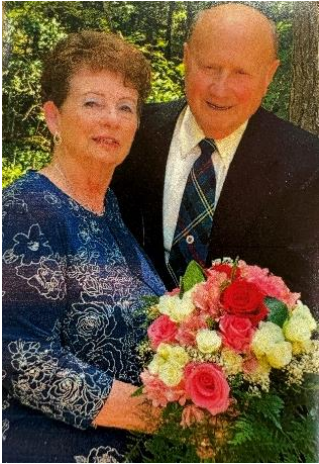
For more details on Vestry Meetings, they are always posted in the Fellowship Hall.

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GET TO KNOW THE SAINTS!

Blair and Kathy Oram



“Once in awhile in the middle of an ordinary life, love gives us a fairytale.” Blair and Kathleen are both originally from California. She was a dedicated teacher with a unique gift in helping her students to succeed for 40 years. After moving to Hot Springs Village, Kathleen continued to teach at Jessieville School District. She has worked there for 12 years. She continues today volunteering two days a week. Her love has always been poodles. She began breeding and showing them as a hobby and received many awards and recognition.

Blair was born in San Francisco, California and lived most of his life in Northern California. After twenty years in the field of education, Blair entered the realm of retirement planning. In 1980, he established a retirement and pension planning firm with his partner, a firm that continues to this day. The firm serves clients in 25 states.

Blair has four children, two of whom have served in the military (one in Iraq and one in Afghanistan) and who currently live in Alabama. He was an aggressive climber/hiker. Through a period of over 40 years, he guided over 500 students into the most remote parts of the western states, Mt. Whitney, John Muir Trail., Angels Landing, Yosemite and Death Valley.

Kathleen had a dream of worshipping one day together with her husband. Kathleen and Blair met as members of the Greater Hot Springs Village KIWANIS Club, and it wasn't long thereafter that they fell in love. Kathleen had been attending the Catholic church and was an active choir member. They began searching together for a new church home. Together they discovered All Saints Anglican Church. They found it to be a church of sound doctrine, Biblical theology, and confessions, and where the love of Christ prevails. They love all the “Saints” and the ministry of Father Rick and Nancy. They were the first couple to be married at our current location.

They currently have five poodles and are preparing to welcome two Oriental Shorthair kittens to their home. Their time is divided between the Salvation Army, Lions, KIWANIS and a number of other ministries. They feel blessed to be in Arkansas and the Village in particular.

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David and Theresa Keyser



David and I moved to Hot Springs Village in November of 2006. As I remember, it was Katrina that blew us out of Mandeville, Louisiana. If it wasn't for Katrina, I never would have never gotten David to leave Louisiana. But things change. After we got here, he found out how beautiful and easy this area is to live. We are so happy to here and also to have found our church home at All Saints.

David grew up in Baton Rouge. He followed his father into a career in the Louisiana State Police. He was a motorcycle cop and was amazed that he was being paid to ride a motorcycle all day! He enjoyed being on the road but unfortunately he was in an accident responding to a call. He was hit by a truck and his ankle was crushed. That ended his motorcycle riding for the State Police. He was transferred to headquarters for the remainder of his career. He retired after 28 years with the rank of Captain. In his next career, he was hired by an oil company to manage their property in St. Tammany Parish. He took over a rundown marina and transformed it into one of the premier marinas on Lake Pontchartrain. His 4th of July parties were something else. He even had entertainment with skydivers (he was one of them!)

David's first love was cars and motorcycles and sailing. He kept his sailboat in a marina in Mandeville, Louisiana. David and I met through a friend. I crewed on his boat during racing season. I did not know anything about sailing so I was mainly ballast. But I learned to sail. We had many adventures on the water.

I was born in New Orleans. My family moved to Mandeville when I was five. Mandeville was like stepping back in time about 30 years. It finally came into the present time after Hurricane Katrina. That was when we decided to leave. In some ways the Village reminds me of Mandeville. I was a real estate abstractor (title research} which led me into the field of oil and gas abstracting and leasing after my divorce. I mainly worked in the states of Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Texas and Arkansas.

We each have two sons from previous marriages David's sons live in the Dallas area and he has 4 grandchildren. I lost my younger son when he was 20. My older son lives in Lafayette, LA. He has two boys. David loves to ride his motorcycle and has seen most of Arkansas from his bike, He also makes jewelry and anything out of metal. David and his friend remodeled our house from drawings done by my girlfriend. I am into hiking, cooking, and gardening. We both have enjoyed exploring our beautiful state of Arkansas.

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CALENDAR FOR MARCH

	All Wednesdays
8:00 am	Men's Prayer followed by breakfast at Caddies
9:00 am	Ladies Prayer followed by breakfast at Caddies



March 1	Ladies Birthday Luncheon at the Beehive
March 3	Pot Luck Sunday
March 10	Sunday School, 9:00 am, Service 10:30 am Reminder: Daylight Savings Time begins!
March 17	Sunday School, 9:00 am; Service 10:30 am
March 24	Palm Sunday Sunday School, 9:00 am, Service 10:30 am
March 28	Maundy Thursday
March 29	Good Friday
March 31	Easter Sunday School, 9:00 am, Service 10:30 am

March Birthdays	March Anniversaries
3/5 Jack Schmedeman	3/28 David and Theresa Keyser
3/7 Margaret Buford	
3/12 Lynda Valdez	
3/20 OJ Fuller	
3/21 Judy Clapp	

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