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Arlington, Texas

The Legate

*The purpose of Saint Alban's
Episcopal Church is to provide a joyous,
loving, caring community of Christian worship
and fellowship that makes Christ known through active
response to the Gospel, for the spreading of God's Kingdom
on earth as it is in heaven.*



A monthly publication of St. Alban's Episcopal Church

Dear Parishioners

Remember the old saying: "April showers bring May flowers." At St. Alban's the April showers, or more accurately the March storms, did a whole lot more than make St. Alban's bloom. In fact much damage was done to our buildings. We have what is called "Hardie Slate" as roofing material for the church, the entrance and narthex. This "slate" tile did not perform as the company claimed. As a result the company is no longer in business and there is no warranty. No product is available for repair to our roof. Damage done to the north side of the church was significant enough but with no product available, we will have to replace the entire roof. In addition, the baptismal window received damage in three places. We are investigating two other possible windows in the Sanctuary that also may be damaged. It was reported that all air conditioners on the roof received varying degrees of damage. Seven or eight air conditioning units have such severe damage they will have to be replaced. The roofs on Cawthron Hall and Canterbury House were also damaged.

In a previous storm we had wind blown water damage. In the choir room it leaked through the ceiling and soaked all along the south side of the room. We had some leakage in the hallways also. In the narthex it leaked through the ceiling and the drywall came down leaving a hole. The water from this leak went onto the floor causing the floor to lift up. Since this is an older floor it will probably have to be replaced rather than trying to repair it. As I stated in church one Sunday, I guess God is saying we are not going to just



do what we had planned with our Capital Campaign, but will have to go further with the help of insurance.

Yes, we have insurance and the policies are being interpreted as I write this article. We also have been contributing to a catastrophic insurance policy that will hopefully help with the deductible. I want to thank all those who will be helping make these repairs move forward and see them through their completion. We have a great number of very talented and gifted people. Thank you. Please be patient, and as they say, “Pardon our dust and inconvenience during this time of repair and replacement, our buildings will indeed be renewed and improved.

You will find an update on the Capital Campaign elsewhere in this newsletter. By the time you read this, I am hoping that we will have started the replacement of our heating and air conditioning. This will be a relief since it has been getting a bit warm during Sunday’s Eucharists.

Another ministry is going to be calling St. Alban’s home. A diocesan center for healing appropriately named Christ the Physician will slowly begin its ministry during the summer months. St. Alban’s will be the hub for this ministry for the diocese which will start small but has a large vision to expand. We will be asking many

of our healing and prayer ministries to become involved in helping this ministry grow. Christ the Physician will be located in Canterbury House as soon as they receive their own non-profit certification and insurance. Please keep this ministry and its development in your prayers.

Another ministry will begin this summer also. As you know, Deacon Jonathan Duncan and his wife Elizabeth will be joining us beginning July 1, 2008. I ask you to join us for a reception to welcome them on Sunday, July 6th at 9:15 a.m. in the Parish Hall. But please also mark your calendars to be present on Saturday, August 9th at 10:00 a.m. We will have the privilege of hosting Deacon Duncan's Ordination to the Priesthood. I hope everyone will attend, as this is a very special time for not only Jonathan and Elizabeth, but for St. Alban's.

In June we will be offering a bible study based upon a program the Turo Church in Virginia developed. It is called "Forty days of Discernment." There will be handouts and Scripture to be studied during the week. On Sunday's this Bible Study will be at our usual Christian Education time of 9:15 a.m. in the Parish Hall. I hope you will avail yourself to this study of Scripture and issues during this summer. Please watch the bulletin for further details.

Our Vacation Bible School also begins in June. I know Susie Wheaton could use all the help she can receive. This is always a very special ministry that is fun and rewarding. We will be putting flyers in the neighborhood to invite those who have children to come and join us. So don't just pray for our VBS, bring your children, grandchildren and come join us for this special week with our children and enjoy lots of fun.

We have been blessed by a generous gift to the parish through the estate of Richard Field, may he rest in peace. Richard and his wife Audrey made sure that a very special place to them was remembered in the survivor's will. St. Alban's received 1/5 of Richard's estate with no strings attached. We thank God for the lives of Richard and Audrey and for their remembering St. Alban's in such a meaningful and generous way.

I offer my thanks and appreciation for all of our Christian Education and Children's Liturgy volunteer teachers. You have provided a necessary and wonderful ministry to our children, youth and adults. To grow in the knowledge and love of the Lord is a major part of who we are at St. Alban's and as children of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I hope you have received God's blessings

as you taught and shared the Good News. Thank you for all you have given and done.

Congratulations to our graduating Seniors. You have finished one phase of your life and now begin another as you go to college or enter the workplace. I pray that you will continue in your faith and life in Christ. If you are going to be living locally or away, remember that many places like St. Alban's offer a Canterbury Ministry. Please do not neglect your spiritual life or your life in Christ. Through all the changes and influences of the world, hold fast to the One who is true, who is faithful and who will always love you as his sons and daughters. Go in faith to challenge and change the world for Christ.

I have given you a glimpse of what will happen during the coming months. Staff will soon be taking vacations as you will be also. Please attend church no matter where you go. Keep St. Alban's in your prayers and come home safely. Please remember that even while you may be on vacation, God and St. Alban's will not be. Our doors are open, our facilities will be repaired and updated and our financial obligations will continue. May God bless and keep you during this time of growth and warmer weather.

In Christ,
Fr. K+

Announcements and Coming Events

Beautiful gifts for Mother's Day await you at St. Alban's Bookstore & Gift Shop. From decorative boxes, votives and vases in spring colors to stepping stones, wind chimes and bird feeders for the garden; from silver jewelry, crosses and charms to unique books and cards, you will find a wide choice for mothers and grandmothers.

Displays throughout the store feature new books from Spring Arbor and Oxford University Press. Some intriguing titles include *Grace on the Go – 101 Quick Ways to Pray*, *How Good Do We Have to Be?* and *Misquoting Jesus*. For those who like to delve in research, two new comprehensive, and reasonably priced, reference books are *The Illustrated Guide to the Bible* and *Sacred Origins of Profound Things*. Other titles of interest include *Saving the Holy Sepulchre* by Raymond Cohen, *The Hopeful Heart* by John R. Claypool and *40 Days Living the Jesus Creed* by Scot McKnight. Books make perfect graduation gifts!

Store hours are 10:00 to 3:00 on weekdays and between services on Sunday mornings. See you soon!

Monday Book Club: We continue our study of *The Meaning of Jesus: Two Visions*. All are welcome to join us. We begin with Mass in the Chapel at 10am and continue in Room 10 with a discussion of the book, concluding by noon. Note: you do not need to read ahead for our first session.

Canterbury Ministry for the UTA community and all young adults is meeting at 7pm on the first Sundays of the month during the summer in the Canterbury House at the corner of S. Davis and Fourth Street. All are welcome. Dinner is provided. Our website is utacanterbury.blogspot.com.



Tales From the Loft

The Easter season brings with it lots of organ recitals and programs. Early April, St. Mark's, Arlington, had an organ with string ensemble program and St. Vincent's, Bedford, presented George Baker on their newly completed Roy Redman organ. The *positiv* division, consisting of 10 ranks, is the latest work to be completed on that instrument. The *positiv* division is payable on the lowest manual (keyboard) of a three manual console.

We have a two manual organ console. On a two manual console, the top keyboard is called the *swell* manual and the lower one, the *great*. The pipes of our original instrument were divided between the two keyboards. Some ranks playable on one manual, others on the other keyboard. All of the newly added ranks of pipes are housed in the new organ case and playable only on the lower

manual, the *great*. Currently, all the ranks in the original case are only playable on the *swell* manual. Thus, we now have two divisions, *swell* and *great*. So, it can be said that the second phase of the rehabilitation will be work on the *swell* division. Some of the ranks of pipes in both divisions are also playable on the pedal board. The wooden pipes sitting between the two cases are a rank of 16' pipes playable only on the pedal board. The second phase of our project also has plans for an 8' principal rank playable only on the pedal board to strengthen the options on that keyboard.

April also brought the first check to the Organ Fund from the Barnett Shale funds coming into our area. Remember the Organ Fund when you start getting your checks from the gas company you finally sign with. As of April 9 we have \$25,225. in the Organ Fund. We still need \$13,380. to begin the second phase (*swell* division) of our organ project.

Charlene Polivka Dorsey
Organist Emerita

Note From the Editor

I hope you all are doing well and would like to express a big thank you for the prayers and well wishes for our new little family. I have implemented a few changes to submission policy.

Lately I have been receiving submissions very late. Because this delays the publication and mailing of the newsletter, I will no longer accept new submissions after the **13th of the month** prior to publication. Corrections should be submitted no later than the 20th. The newsletter is still viewable as a PDF on the Saint Alban's website. Please be aware that images containing text will not be included if the text is unreadable at a small size. In addition, I will not accept PDF files to be included. If you would like to submit a flyer, please send it in MS Word format (.doc). Also when sending submissions please refrain from using all caps.

Yours in Christ,
Anna Sparkman
Editor

St. Michael's Youth Conference

Much more than a 'Church Camp', St. Michael's Conference is a 7-day conference where an intentional community of prayer, support, and education helps to form young Christians to be witnesses to the world of the Saving Power of Jesus Christ.

Through worship, study, discussion, recreation, and relaxation, the community seeks both a clearer vision of God in Christ, and strength and power to fight evil and serve God. For most, it is such a joyful experience that they want it to continue, and many do continue by returning year after year. Michael is a good patron Saint. He symbolizes a strong religion, the kind of religion where true joy is to be found.

This conference has already borne much fruit in the life of the Church through the lives of those Michaelites (Conference participants) who are active in their respective parishes throughout the Episcopal Church. We are committed to making the Conference available to the youth of the Southwestern region of the United States. Our intention is not to do a "new" thing, but to faithfully hand on what has been given to us - the Catholic Faith. Our worship and practice are therefore unapologetically Anglo-Catholic, and our teaching orthodox.

Please visit www.stmichaelsw.org for more information. Fr. Matkin will be teaching two classes again this year.



Sunday School Corner

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everybody's chains came loose.

Acts 16:25-27

During our last regular classes this year, the children will be studying the adventures of Paul and his followers in Acts 16. What memorable lessons to end our year of study!

This story of Paul and Silas was acted out many times in our home, not only because of its dramatic nature, but hopefully to learn to rely on God's perfect provision for the past, present, and future for all believers.

We have had a great year of learning and the last in our six-year rotation syllabus. This means that if your child has been attending since Fall 2002, they have studied every major bible story and theme in scripture. We thank our faithful, Sunday morning volunteers and all the parents who ushered their children to weekly classes: Sara Beall, Lindsy Cavender, Eric Darrow, and Jeanette Hamilton in PreK, Ginger Capaccioli and Mitzi Deshone in Early/First Communion, Ada Eigbobo, Gretchen Hosea, and Grant Mathews in lower elementary, Staci Kino, Gloria Lawley, Athena Seaton, and Jana Shepard in upper elementary, Carolyn Dobbs, Doug Hosea, and Shannon Warmann in youth classes, and finally, Fr. Matkin, Fr. K, Walt Cabe, Sue Yarger, Beverly Haagen, Heather Haagen, and Deacon Claire in our adult classes.

It's time to consider Fall 2008, believe it or not. Please prayerfully consider how you will help in the ministry of Christian Education next year. As the Spirit moves, I will be in touch with you. We need a minimum of two adults in each classroom on Sundays, and we have been blessed with having 3 to 4 teachers on a team, to allow for flexible scheduling.

Vacation Bible School, *Power Lab ~ Discovering Jesus' Miraculous Power*, will be June 9th – 13th, 9:30am -12:30pm. Don't miss the opportunity to bring your children, neighbors, nieces and nephews, grandchildren and godchildren to this exciting week of fun, music, and more! We appreciate all of your donations for VBS in the past and welcome it for this year. Please

watch the weekly bulletins in May & posters in the narthex for our snack and decoration needs this year. And, we can always use your 'hands on' help. Let us know if you are free to join us.

Warmly yours in Christ,
Susie Wheaton
Christian Education Coordinator:
Children and Youth

Christian Education Calendar

May 4 – No classes. River Legacy Park - Mass and Ascension Day
Craft - 10:30

May 11 – Classes meet

May 18 – Classes meet - last regular class day

June 9– 13 VBS

Where do we go on Sunday Morning at 9:15?

Nursery – Birth to younger 3's

Room 1 – PreK/Kindergarten for older 3's
(September – November birthdays), 4's and
5's: Sara Beall, Lindsy Cavender, Eric Darrow,
Jeanette Hamilton

Room 7 – Second and Third Grades: Ada Eigbobo,
Gretchen Hosea, Grant Mathews

Room 6 – Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Grades: Stacy
Kino, Gloria Lawley, Athena Seaton, Jana
Shepard

Room 22 – Youth – 7th – 12th : Carolyn Dobbs,
Doug Hosea, Shannon Warmann

*Note: Our youth Room 15 will be open for our
teens to gather for fellowship between 9am
and 9:20am prior to going upstairs for class.*

Room 4 – Living the Good News! – Adults: Walt
Cabe

Room 10 – Apocryha Study: Fr. Matkin

Library – Christian Parenting – Beverly Haagen,
Deacon Claire Linzel, Sue Yarger

Camp Crucis News

Bishop Iker Hall has been repainted on the inside, fences around the swimming pool have been repaired, the dining hall floor has been grouted and waxed and volunteers from the riding club have built gates, a drag for the arena, and repaired the bleachers. There is still more to be done, so if you want something to do, see Jason Bontke.

The horse camps are filling fast! Both Mini Horse Camps are full and the Horsemanship during the Confetti session has just a few slots left. Mission Camps will be another area with limited space, so please get registered before it is too late. We have a lot of new and wonderful things to enjoy this year at Summer Camp. Proceeds from the Golf Tournament have purchased two bounce houses for us to use during camp. Also, new trails are being opened up and marked and we have a nature counselor this year to help us with new nature activities. Don't miss this year of camp – it's going to be filled with new activities as well as all the old ones.

Parish Campouts and Picnics

Camp Crucis will be working closely with the congregations of the Diocese of Fort Worth to set church campouts and picnics. St. Vincent's cathedral is leading the way with a church family campout. We have reduced the prices to encourage families to tent camp or stay in one of our air-conditioned cabins. Tent camping is \$5 per person per night with a maximum of \$15 per tent per night. Cabin rates are \$50 per night for up to 14 people. Hiking, fishing, sports equipment, and court use are free. Swimming, horseback riding, and bounce houses can be added for an additional fee. Our picnic special includes the use of DeWolfe hall and the pool use for \$5 per person. These specials are available for churches only. We would like to say thank you for your support of Camp Crucis and help you strengthen your Christian community. Come and enjoy God's garden in Granbury.

What's Happening in May:

May 9-10

Clean-up Day - Good Shepherd's Brotherhood of Saint Andrew men's group is hosting a clean up day for Camp Crucis. If you are interested in helping please contact Kitty at 817-573-3343 for more information. The Brotherhood will be staying over night if you are a man 18 years or older you are welcome to join them. All ages and genders are welcome to come and help on Saturday the

10th at 9 am; however, children and youth must have proper adult supervision. As usual we have trails to blaze, grass to mow, fences to mend, and weeds to pull. Grab your shovel, hoe, rake, pruning shears, or machete and meet us for the spring cleaning. We will begin with Morning Prayer in St. John's Chapel. After worship, work assignments will be handed out. At noon we will serve a hot dog lunch. We'll finish up around 4 p.m., then open the pool (weather permitting) for anyone who would like to swim. The food and fun are free, so RSVP to reserve your hot dog. Call us at 817-573-3343, or e-mail us jbontke@campcrucis.org

May 10

Camp Crucis Riding Club Playday. This will be Playday number two of a series of six Playdays scheduled this year. Registration opens at 9:00am and competition begins at 10:00AM. The cost is \$15 to compete in all the events. Ribbons will be given out to the top five places in each event and each riding class for the day. Points will be calculated for each event and prizes and buckles will be awarded for the highest points at the end of the series. You do not have to compete in the series to compete in this Playday. Our club competitions are open to everyone and for all ages and skill levels. Competition is according to age and skill level of the rider. Come and enjoy part of our Texas heritage in a Christian atmosphere. You do not have to own a horse to participate, however you must be enrolled in a riding class at Camp Crucis to use our horses. If you would just like to watch children and adults barrel race, bend poles, or run flags bring a lawn chair and watch for free.

May 15-17

Young Adults Camp - In 2008 Camp Crucis is starting a new camp session for our young adults. It will be similar to our regular camp sessions with Mass, theme session, swimming, sports, campfires, service projects, and square dancing. Anyone between the ages of 19 and 23 are welcome to come and enjoy time with their camp friends, counselors, and clergy. If you are thinking about becoming a volunteer this is a perfect opportunity to experience summer camp stay over for one more night and attend the adult Cabin Counselor training on the 18th. The summer camp session will start at 9:00am on Thursday and end at 5:00pm on Saturday. The cost will be \$90. Those attending the camp session can attend the training for free. Go to the Summer Camp registration menu at www.campcrucis.org to sign up.

May 18

Adult Volunteer Cabin Counselor Training –Volunteers who are 18 years or older and would like to participate as cabin counselor in one or more of our 2008 Summer Camp sessions may attend the one-day training on May 18. The cost is \$20. Go to the Summer Camp menu to begin your registration and sign up for the training online at www.camperucis.org.

Sunday Scripture Readings for May

May 4 — The Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:(1-7)8-14

1 Peter 4:12-19

Psalms 68:1-20

John 17:1-11

May 11 — Day of Pentecost (Whitsunday)

Ezekiel 11:17-20

1 Corinthians 12:4-13

Psalms 104:25-37

John 20:19-23

May 18 — The First Sunday after Pentecost

Trinity Sunday

Genesis 1:1-2:3

2 Corinthians 13:(5-10)11-14

Psalms 150

Matthew 28:16-20

May 25 — The Second Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 49:8-18

1 Corinthians 4:1-5(6-7)8-13

Psalms 62:6-14

Matthew 6:24-34

Saints for May

1 Ss. Philip & James

2 Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria, 373

4 Monnica, Mother of Augustine, 387

8 Dame Julian of Norwich, c. 1417

9 Gregory of Nazianzus, Bishop of Constantinople, 389

19 Dunstan, Archbishop of Canterbury, 988

20 Alcuin, Deacon, Abbot of Tours, 804

24 Jackson Kemper, First Missionary Bishop in the United States, 1870

25 Bede, the Venerable, Priest and Monk of Jarrow, 735

26 Augustine, First Archbishop of Canterbury, 605

31 Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Participation Statistics in our Parish

		<u>Feb.</u>	<u>Mar.</u>	<u>Apr.</u>
Average Sunday	2007	328	307	497
Attendance	2008	266	333	253

		<u>Budgeted Receipts</u>	<u>Actual Receipts</u>
Financial	Mar.	\$69,788	\$ 43,346.51
Giving for	Apr.	\$45,716	\$ 38,588.02
2008			

A Guide for Giving

Annual Income	Weekly Income	Tithe	Upper Range of Giving				Middle Range of Giving			Lower Range of Giving		
		10%	9%	8%	7%	6%	5%	4%	3%	2%	1%	
\$25,000	\$481	\$48	\$43	\$38	\$34	\$29	\$24	\$19	\$14	\$10	\$5	
\$30,000	\$577	\$58	\$52	\$46	\$40	\$35	\$29	\$23	\$17	\$12	\$6	
\$40,000	\$769	\$77	\$69	\$62	\$54	\$46	\$38	\$31	\$23	\$15	\$8	
\$50,000	\$962	\$96	\$87	\$77	\$67	\$58	\$48	\$38	\$29	\$19	\$10	
\$60,000	\$1,154	\$115	\$104	\$92	\$81	\$69	\$58	\$46	\$35	\$23	\$12	
\$70,000	\$1,346	\$135	\$121	\$108	\$94	\$81	\$67	\$54	\$40	\$27	\$13	
\$80,000	\$1,538	\$154	\$138	\$123	\$108	\$92	\$77	\$62	\$46	\$31	\$15	
\$90,000	\$1,731	\$173	\$156	\$138	\$121	\$104	\$87	\$69	\$52	\$35	\$17	
\$100,000	\$1,923	\$192	\$173	\$154	\$135	\$115	\$96	\$77	\$58	\$38	\$19	
\$110,000	\$2,115	\$212	\$190	\$169	\$148	\$127	\$106	\$85	\$63	\$42	\$21	
\$120,000	\$2,308	\$231	\$208	\$185	\$162	\$138	\$115	\$92	\$69	\$46	\$23	
\$140,000	\$2,692	\$269	\$242	\$215	\$188	\$162	\$135	\$108	\$81	\$54	\$27	

Sowing Seeds

Habitat for Humanity Within our own Church Family at St. Alban's.

We are delighted to inform everyone that our team for 2008 has been assembled, although we will always look forward and welcome new participants. Please reference the work schedule below for your information.

You may either e-mail your particular task request to Sowing-Seeds@saintalbans.org or simply call the Church office and request to be contacted by sowing seeds.

Please make sure to include:

Your name.

Home address.

Home phone #.

Cell phone # (if any).

Brief description of task(s) you need help with.

A member of our team will contact you to obtain more information regarding your request.

Saturday, May 03, 2008. Previously Scheduled.

Saturday, Jun. 07, 2008. OPEN.

Saturday, Jul. 05, 2008. OPEN

Saturday, Aug. 02, 2008, Summer vacations (no work to be scheduled).

What Happens When A Pledge Is Withheld?

When someone withholds their financial support of St. Alban's parish in an effort to "make a statement", or to think they are punishing Bishop Iker or Fr. Kresowaty, they should understand they are hurting many others to a much greater extent. They keep Susie Wheaton from expanding and refreshing the Christian Education Program material for our members and their children. This forces some Christian Ed teachers to purchase supplies at

their own expense. They punish our Youth Program by creating a lack of cash-flow available for events and programs needed for our teens. They hurt every Outreach ministry, such as Kairos. Paul Nelson is reduced to making repeated requests for \$5 or \$10 at a time to keep the program afloat and to allow him to bring Christ to prisoners. They hurt the Arlington Life Shelter effort, meaning the St. Alban's volunteers, who are already donating their time, may have to purchase the food supplies out of their own pockets. They hurt the Meals On Wheels and Stephen Ministry programs because the Vestry has to cut their budgets year after year. They hurt the Music Programs, as our music directors are compensated well below their value compared to other parishes. They hurt the Vacation Bible School program, which continues to exist on a shoestring budget, and ends up augmented, once again, by those who volunteer to teach. I could go on and on through each line of the operating budget citing examples, but you get the point. The fact of the matter is that for every \$100 that is withheld to "make a statement", only \$16 is used for the diocesan assessment, while the \$84.00 that could go to support programs and the day-to-day operating expenses of St. Alban's is drained.

Yes, for the second year in a row, the Vestry is working with a deficit budget. What you need to know is that we feel we have really turned a corner, financially. Each year we've been able to do a little better. We have many new parish members filling the void created by those who have eliminated their support, and our expense numbers are much closer to our expected donations. Our debt is becoming much more manageable by paying down our loans early. In spite of the turmoil in The Episcopal Church, approximately 25 percent of our pledgers for 2008 have increased their support over last year. And we are modernizing and refreshing our facilities through our Capital Campaign, in which over \$1,000,000 has been pledged, and over \$250,000 has already been given.

In summary, we are asking that you re-consider your support of your parish and God's work in this place, and join us once again in helping St. Alban's flourish. We can do much good work together by glorifying God and letting His works be done.

Yours in Christ,
The Stewardship Committee

Ascension Sunday Picnic

Sunday, May 4th, 2008

From 9:30 am - 1:30 pm
at River Legacy Park

9:30 - 10:30 Fellowship & Coffee

10:30 - 12:00 Mass

12:00 - 1:30 Food, Fun, & Games

When you enter the park from Green Oaks, turn left
at your first opportunity. The St. Alban's Pavilion
will be the second on your right.

This is a casual event. Bring a friend to the fair and
make a new friend before you leave. Bring your
lawn chair too!

Donations will be accepted for various activities.



Beauty in Worship - From Fr. Matkin

*“Beauty has access to the human soul which is
not open to discursive reason.”*

—Stanley Atkins, late Bishop of Eau Claire

Conventional wisdom has it that beauty is skin deep. There is nothing substantial to it; beauty is all vanity. This little kernel perhaps sums up best a puritan attitude which disregards beauty in general, whether in the form of a person, in nature, or in the arts, which are often considered mere extravagance.

This attitude, however, is not in keeping with the millenia-old Western tradition. The Greek philosophers waxed eloquent about beauty, and so have many Christian theologians. The Medievals said that beauty is comprised of unity, variety, and goodness of form. This is echoed in the traditional definition of art as “a thing well-made.” More than that, however, beauty was defined as that which “brought delight to the senses,” as St. Thomas Aquinas said. Sometimes, without any time to think about how “well-made” a thing is, we are simply dazzled by its beauty. In Medieval times this was considered to be particularly true with respect to colors.

In spite of all this, beauty was always tied in with other considerations, namely goodness, truth, and unity. The aesthete’s sole concern with “prettiness” was not well-regarded. Beauty was in many ways based upon virtue: an object was considered beautiful if it was well-made; and a person who was ugly, e.g. a leper, was considered to be somehow un-virtuous (a most unfortunate byproduct of a very beautiful philosophy).

St. Augustine of Hippo said that God reaches people through four means: 1) goodness; 2) truth; 3) beauty; and 4) unity. Everyone is drawn to God via one of these things, or by some combination of them. How are men drawn to God through beauty? Pope Benedict XVI often discusses the power of beauty, for instance a Bach cantata or an icon, to draw us in and bring us into contact with the truth. One could perhaps say that beauty “woos” us so that we will come closer, and by coming closer, we encounter God. Isn’t this true when a lover meets his or her beloved for the first time? Though many do not believe in love at first sight, it is nevertheless this first glance which draws each person to the other. Thereafter they get to know each other and get to see not only the other’s “skin deep” beauty,

but also the beauty that flows from their goodness, their honesty (“truth”), and their integrity (“unity”).

All of these principles apply to the liturgy. The beauty of the liturgy, which is manifested in architecture, artwork, vesture, music, etc., draws us in closer, so that we may more fully experience an encounter with Christ and see his Beauty, even if it is only a ray of it. This beauty is one of the things which helps us to bring the infinite into definite form; it brings God within the realm of our limited human senses, so that we cannot only think about him but truly experience his presence. (In this way, beauty is “sacramental,” just like the Eucharist.) Then we will experience his goodness, truth, and unity in ways that make theological discourse look like “so much straw.”

Collect for the Transfiguration of Christ

“O God, who on the holy mount revealed to chosen witnesses your well-beloved Son, wonderfully transfigured, in raiment white and glistening; Mercifully grant that we, being delivered from the disquietude of this world, may by faith behold the King in his beauty; who with you, O Father, and you, O Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.” (Book of Common Prayer, p 243)



Ft. Worth Diocesan Christian Education

Welcomes back:
Rob Rienow
Author of 'Visionary Parenting'

*"Never Too Late:
Encouraging Faith in Your Adult Child"*

Tuesday, May 13th
6:00pm Refreshments & Registration
6:30-8:30 program
St. John's, Fort Worth
Contact: Susie Wheaton for more information
christianed@saintalbans.org

Vacation Bible School

'Power Lab ~ Discovering Jesus' Miraculous Power'

St. Alban's Episcopal Church
June 9th – 13th
9:30AM – 12:30PM

Registration Deadline: June 1st

Items needed: lab coats, hula hoops, old CD's, rope lights, neon material, hair gel, mylar balloons, 'galaxy'/space/science-themed decorations (use your imagination).

Watch the Sunday bulletins and poster in the narthex for more needs, including snack items to be donated. Please sign your name next to the item you are bringing to avoid duplication. Thank you!

May Anniversaries

5 Scott & Donna McPherson	21 Robert & Mary Dobbie
9 Jack & Sarita Stewart	24 Jim & Betty Meek
14 Bill & Davie Webb	25 Father Timothy & Melisa Matkin
18 Fran & Marcie Eckert	26 Will & Mitzi DeShone

May Birthdays

1 Lorette Whitebread	15 Kathy Wichterich	25 Susan Gieser
2 Kaden Hadawi	16 Tim Cox	26 Desira Berry
2 Lori Leaverton	17 Phyllis Capehart	26 Mitzi DeShone
5 Marsha Brown	17 Kathy Jones	27 June Dezendorf
6 John Hosea	17 Edna Brock	28 Ethel Momah
8 Gloria Lawley	18 Forrest Stegall	29 Linda Blackburn
11 Don Wheaton	18 Jimmy White	29 Jo Fiddelke
12 Carla Owens	19 Dorothy Estes	29 Katie Lenz
12 Peggy Pate	20 Doug Hosea	29 Ken Murphy
13 Scott Green	21 Carolyn Dobbs	31 David Morgan
13 Scott McPherson	24 Andy Schoening	31 Julia Veselka
14 Stephen Beall	25 Evette Ferguson	

Intercessions

First names will be listed for a three month period and then automatically dropped off. In order to continue prayers for everyone who needs them, you will need to fill out the yellow card in the pews.

Jim	Diane	Rachelle
Scott	Carl	Dave
Jane	Julie	Herb & Ann
Robert	Howard & Lois	Barbara
Victoria	Frank & Charlene	David
Evelyn	John	Marsha
Hedy	Linda	Mark
Jack & Jeanne	Graciela	Donald
Frank	Jade	Stephen & Andrea
Richard & Lucille	Gary	Sean
Philip	Don & Nancy	Evan
Renato	Richard	Carol
Sandra & Don	Vicki	Charlotte
Everitt	Jared	Andy & Rachel
John & Gina	Glenda	TJ
Paul	Ross	Eric
Edna	Emily	Janene
Jim & Emalee	Ryan	Stevi
Ciara	Jonathan	Tim
Don	Todd	James
Margarette	Michael	Gary
Michael	Mary	Michele
Mark	Martha	Buck
Matthew	Althea	Phil

Shirley	Tye	Cindy
Theresa	Rhodes Family	David & Girls
Harry & Pat	Julieanne	Ann
Brittany	Peggy	Jane
Carolyn	BJ	Jean
Greg & Marilyn	Kay, Darby & family	Lillian
Ella & Mark	Flo	Bryan & Lillith
Karen & Beverly	Barbara	Mike & Kim
Polly	Kelly	Klay
Randy & Pat	Hannah	Jay
Stephanie	Midge	Mike & Nikki
Chris	Bill & Julio	Anne
Elijah	Randal & Meredith	Wanda
Bill & Oma	Bill	Jim
Betty	Anne	Michelle
Jeanne	Francis	Susan
Vicki	Brandy	Charles
Kaitlyn	Karyn	Angela
Jeff	Herman	Mary
Patrice	Ron	Scott
Gay	Billy Joe	Judy
Julie & Family	Becky	Jerry
Rick	Laura	Cecil
Corbin/Fanning	Larry	Gary & Cindy
Family	Jona	Pat
Jeff & Meredith	Chrissy	Joan & Steve
Daniel	Shannon	Hunt Family
Alison	Jordan	

Our Military

Pray for the Military of the United States, especially those listed below:

Michael Root USArmy	Michael Hetrick USArmy
Aaron Haggard USArmy	Jordan Granberry USMC
Joe Douglass USMC	Charles Reed USArmy
Cole Hatton USNavy	Hank Skorija USAR
Jeremiah Johnson USArmy	Brett Meadows USAF
Dustin Hanson USAF	Dr. Shawn Garcia USNavy
Chris Lamb USMC	Tim Hartman USAF
Justin Grimes USMC	Will Meek USArmy
Bruce Holland USArmy	Geoffrey Miera USArmy
Robert Lundy USAF	Randy Tindle USAF
Chris La Valley USArmy	Anthony Lovato USArmy
Chris Naler USMC	Beth Bridges USArmy
Josh Pierce USArmy	

Greeter Schedule

	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>	<u>5:30 p.m.</u>
May 4	M. Mathis/S. Romero	S. & R. Altman	D. Mullins
May 11	C. Patton, Sr./J. Wills	J. Short/P. Capehart	J. Howard
May 18	K.Higham/H. Grissman	K. & C. Dobbs	S. Pfiester
May 25	R. Allen/R. Fausneaucht	R. Thornton/V. Ramsey	J. Howard

Usher Schedule

	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>	<u>5:30 p.m.</u>
May 4	Mel Mathis Steve Romero	Chris Chamberlain Ryan Chamberlain Jillian Muehlbrad Michael Morales	David Mullins
May 11	Charles Patton, Sr. Jerry Wills	George Roark Allison Roark Mickey Tryon Bryan Philpot	Jerri Howard
May 18	Keith Higham Heidi Grissman	David Morgan Pat Leaverton Jim Meek John Berry	Sara Pfiester
May 25	Richard Allen Ray Fausneaucht	Sean Sparkman Marilyn Huff Gavin Berry Jim Swann	Jerri Howard

Parish Register

Transfers out: Kate Banks Weyrich to Christ Church Cathedral, Houston, Texas

Baptisms: *Evan Davis McCoy*, 3-22-08, son of Timothy & Stepheni Cavender McCoy, grandson of Stephen & Ann Cavender; *George Preston Alexander Sparkman*, 3-22-08, son of Sean & Anna Sparkman; *Carter James Langston*, 3-22-08, son of William & Erin Langston.

Births: *Ronan Ray Poe*, 4-25-08, grandson of Rodger & Mary Poe.

Deaths: Betty Stanton, 3-16-08; Claranell "Connie" Day, 3-18-08; Evan "Buzz" Anders, 4-05-08

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Sunday Worship

Morning Prayer and the Holy Eucharist (said)	8:00 a.m.
The Holy Eucharist (sung)	10:30 a.m.
Evening Prayer and the Holy Eucharist (said)	5:30 p.m.

Weekday Liturgies

Mon - Thur	Morning Prayer	9:00 a.m.
Monday	Holy Eucharist (Chapel)	10:00 a.m.
Wednesday	Holy Eucharist (Chapel)	9:30 a.m.
Thursday	Holy Eucharist (Chapel)	6:30 a.m.
Friday	Holy Hour, first Fridays, Sept—May (Church)	5:00 p.m.
Saturday	Reconciliation (Confessional)	9:15 a.m.
	Holy Eucharist (Church)	10:00 a.m.
	Holy Rosary (Church)	11:00 a.m.

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