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Worship & Activity Schedule

Sundays

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I
Nursery and Workshop Zone

6:00 p.m. Student Eucharist, Rite II
Home-cooked Meal Served Afterward

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Lent and Holy Week Schedule

Shrove Tuesday (February 5)	Pancake Supper (6:00)
Ash Wednesday (February 6)	Holy Eucharist & Ashes (6:00)
Sundays Lent I, II, III, IV, V	Sunday Morning Bible Study (9:15) Holy Eucharist (10:30 and 6:00)
Palm Sunday (March 16)	Holy Eucharist and Blessing of the Palms (10:30) Holy Eucharist (6:00)
Maundy Thursday (March 20)	Holy Eucharist & Footwashing (6:00) Prayer Watch (all night)
Good Friday (March 21)	Sermon and Prayers (noon)
Holy Saturday (March 22)	Workday (8:30 – noon)
Easter Sunday (March 23)	Holy Eucharist (10:30) No 6:00 Service

Pancake Supper

Laissez les bon cuisine rouler!!

If the words, "Throw me something, mister," excite you but you can't get to the Big Easy this year, come to the 3rd Annual Pancake Supper at St. Albans and let us throw you a pancake or two. (With syrup, of course.) Please join us on Tuesday, February 5, from 6:00—7:30 p.m. for pancakes, sausage, bacon and lots of good company.

Spring Testing

St. Alban's will again host the annual Spring Testing Jambalaya Dinner on Thursday, April 3. This is a wonderful opportunity for incoming freshmen and their parents to make an initial contact with St. Alban's. The lunch, put on by LSU and staffed by the Chaplain's Association of LSU, is held on our front lawn. We will need a number of hosts to help serve drinks and jambalaya. Please let Laurie Morris know if you would be willing to help (office@stalban.org).

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Lent 2008

Upcoming Events

- ◆ Pancake Supper
- ◆ Diocesan Convention
- ◆ Maundy Thursday/
Footwashing Service
- ◆ Good Friday Service
- ◆ Holy Saturday
Workday
- ◆ Easter Day
- ◆ Spring Testing

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The Missioner

From the Desk of the Chaplain

I recently took our children to a performance of Winnie the Pooh (A. A. Milne) staged at the Alabama Shakespeare Festival in Montgomery, AL. In one memorable scene, Rabbit has to apologize to Kanga for his involvement in a sinister but sloppily planned plot to kidnap Baby Roo. He substitutes a poorly disguised Eeyore for the infant kangaroo. When the moment comes for Rabbit to admit that the whole terrible ruse was his fault, he stammers to Kanga, "It was my fffffrrrnt. It was my ffaaaaaarrmmmttt. It was my ffffffffaaannlllll." Try as he might, Rabbit simply can't get out the words, "It was my fault." His whole body goes into convulsions and he finally just collapses on the stage.

That scene says something in general about human nature, not just the behavior of children. As adults, most of us are truly convinced that it's just not our fault -- whatever "it" is. When confronted with our own faults, shortcomings, growing edges -- dare I say 'sins' -- we become defensive. There are mitigating circumstances. We were misunderstood. There's another explanation. We are all used to hearing public figures "apologize if I have offended anyone". We rightly question the sincerity of their contrition, but rarely our own. Like

Rabbit, it's difficult for us to plainly say, "It was my fault."

Beginning on Ash Wednesday and throughout the season of Lent, we will, as a whole Christian community, fess up to this deeply ingrained habit. We will publicly admit to God Almighty that "it" (whatever "it" is) was indeed our fault. Throughout the entire season, we will use the Rite One liturgy. That liturgy, though severe and unyielding, promotes spiritual health because it doesn't allow us any room for excuses or defenses: "We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness." No more excuses. No more mitigating circumstances. No more defenses. *There's nowhere to run to, baby. Nowhere to hide* (Martha and the Vandellas, 1965).

The end, however, is joy. The purpose of this liturgical group exercise in contrition is not to make us feel bad, or to increase self-discipline, or to create a more somber congregation. The end is joy! The purpose is to right a relationship that has been damaged by our own self-deception. The larger purpose is to experience forgiveness and a clean bill of spiritual health: *If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness* (1 John 1:9). The end is joy.

Faithfully yours,

The Rev. Andrew S. Rollins



St. Alban's parishioners gather for the Greening of the Chapel.

Clergy & Staff

The Reverend Andrew S. Rollins,
Chaplain

The Reverend Howard L'Enfant,
Associate

Linda Armstrong, Deacon

Laurie Morris, Chapel Administrator

Leah Keyes, Music Director

Brad Pope, Organist

Volunteers

Kay Keigley, Treasurer

Dianne Turgeon, Spiritual Director

Advisory Committee

Georgianna Tuuri, Senior Warden

Donna Sentell, ECW

Shawn Bailor, Newcomers

Holly Coates Carville

Stephen Crawford

Mary Garner Devoe

Chase Duplessis

Sandy Duplessis

Kathy Finley

Kristin Fitzgerald

Buddy Pellerin

Kathy Pellerin

Nancy Ward

The Chapel is open 24 hours a day
every day of the year.

The University Center is open
8:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Monday through Friday and for
programs and events as scheduled.

The Chapel Office is open
Monday - Thursday
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

If you need access to the facilities
during closed hours, please contact
our Chapel Residents:

Will Monroe (225) 405-7183

Heather Monroe (225) 405-7182

Sunday Morning Lectionary-Based Bible Study (9:15 – 10:10)

Fr. Howard and Fr. Drew will lead a lectionary-based Bible study on each of the five Sundays of Lent. Together we will examine the biblical texts assigned by our Book of Common Prayer for each Sunday, the Collect of the Day, and the hymns chosen for the day. Special attention will be given to how the Biblical texts (cited below) relate to each other and set the various themes for the season of Lent. These lectionary texts were not chosen at random. There is a rich interplay of theological themes, vocabulary, and metaphors between the Old Testament, Psalm, Epistle, and Gospel readings. We hope one benefit of this approach will be that we are all better prepared to enter our 10:30 worship service.

Please join us in walking together through the season of Lent. This Sunday Morning Bible Study group is open to everyone. No previous Bible study experience is necessary. The format is group discussion so your participation is heartily encouraged. Donuts and coffee provided!

Lent I

Genesis 2:4 – 3:7

Psalm 51

Romans 5:12 – 21

Matthew 4:1 – 11

Lent II

Genesis 12:1 – 8

Psalm 33:12 – 22

Romans 4:1 – 17

John 3:1 - 17

Lent III

Exodus 17:1 - 7

Psalm 95

Romans 5:1- 11

John 4:5 - 42

Lent IV

1 Samuel 16:1 – 13

Psalm 23

Ephesians 5:1 – 14

John 9:1 – 38

Lent V

Ezekiel 37:1 - 14

Psalm 130

Romans 6:16 - 23

John 11:1 – 44

Stewardship Summary

Pledge Summary	2005	2006	2007	2008
Total # of Pledges	53	62	62	64
Total Pledged	\$76,820	\$117,702	\$132,632	\$142,850

Many thanks to everyone who has made a pledge for 2008! Your forethought, discipline, and generosity make it possible for St. Alban's to employ a fine staff, offer weekly services of worship, and run a wide variety of programs for the LSU community and our permanent congregation.

Diocesan Convention

The annual convention of the Diocese of Louisiana will be held at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Baton Rouge on February 29 and March 1. St. Alban's will be represented by our three clergy members and four delegates (Georgianna Tuuri, Bob Finley, Mike Raborn, Stephen Crawford).

You're Invited!

Sociologist Felicia Wu Song speaks on “Advertising to Children”

Trinity Episcopal Day School

Thursday, February 28: 11:30-12:30

Box lunches available: Order by Monday, Feb. 25

St. Alban's own Felicia Song will be giving a talk Thursday, February 28, on advertising and marketing to children. The Parents Volunteer Guild of Trinity School and Trinity Church's Episcopal Church Women are jointly sponsoring this brown-bag luncheon event and warmly welcome anyone from St. Alban's who would like to attend. **Please note!: The talk will be held at Trinity School.**

Felicia's talk is entitled: "Trends in Advertising to Children: Reflection or Exploitation of the American Family?" Advertisers and marketers today consider children to be one of their most desirable target audiences. This talk will address current trends in children's advertising and the related challenges of raising children in today's world. Trained as a sociologist, Felicia is an assistant professor in the Manship School of Mass Communication. She attends St. Alban's with her husband Ed and 3-year-old daughter.

If you wish, you may order a box lunch for \$7 from Jason's Deli by bringing a check to St. Alban's up until 4:00 p.m. Monday, February 25.

Divine Mercy Project

Thank you, St. Alban's! The Rev. Canon Jack Katarishangwa extends his heartfelt thanks to St. Alban's for the gift of **61 goats!** This Christmas St. Alban's parishioners and friends provided goats to 61 Ugandan children and their families. **Two** of these goats were the gift of St. Alban's own Sunday School children!

Through the Divine Mercy Project in the Kabale district of Uganda, 60 children are attending school this year. The project has already provided the fees, uniforms, books, and shoes and socks required for the children to attend school (a total of \$101 per child). Their families were provided seed for planting crops earlier this fall, also funded primarily by earlier gifts from St. Alban's parishioners. The crops are growing, and each child's family will now receive a goat. The crops and goat will provide food and

milk for the households, as well as for sale. These children live in a small area of Uganda directly bordering Rwanda. Most live in households headed by widows of the Rwandan genocide. The seed and livestock – accompanied by training in good methods of farming and goatkeeping – will have a significant impact on the lives of these families.

The generous gifts of St. Alban's and of Trinity School – whose children gave the money to buy 45 goats – have now also made it possible for the Divine Mercy Project to begin bringing 46 additional children into the project.

We look forward to having some pictures to post in the months ahead. **Thank you for your support for this project!**

Christmas 2007

The thanks of the whole St. Alban's family go to everyone who contributed to our Christmas celebrations! **Marsha Balcom** and her many assistants provided both the creativity and muscle to decorate the chapel for the Christmas season. **Ollie Doucette** provided our Christmas tree, **Donna Sentell** and **Hal Canning** graciously hosted the annual Christmas Eve reception, and **Leah Keyes**, **Brad Pope**, and the St. Alban's choir led a wonderful program of music. And thanks to everyone who made a donation towards the greenery or reception food and drink. It was truly a beautiful evening!



Buddy Pellerin helps to decorate the St. Alban's Christmas tree.

Thank You!

Fr. Drew, Fr. Howard, Deacon Linda, and Dianne Turgeon all wish to express their thanks for the several gifts presented to them on behalf of the congregation at the Christmas Eve reception. Thank you all for your care and generosity towards these parish leaders.



Larry Hubbard and Donna Sentell help prepare the chapel for Christmas.