

Come and See!

March 2010



CALVARY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Nurturing a Loving Courageous Connection to Life



From the Rector

In the midst of our hectic lives “the trumpet from Zion” sounds, calling us to the observance of a faithful Lent. No, this is not just “one more thing” to add to the schedule. It should help to put the rest of our lives into a more balanced perspective. The Rev’d John Westerhoff in his book *A Pilgrim People* puts it like this:

It all begins on Ash Wednesday. We gather to communicate with God and to begin the Church’s season of personal truth telling. Those who receive the imposition of ashes are saying something about themselves. We are fragile beings. Each of us knows people whose lives have been snatched from us. And our own life, no matter how stable, how secure, how satisfying it appears to be, is but a transient splash in the rapids of history. We flourish, and in a moment we are gone. That’s not gloom, that’s life. Still, it is important to remind ourselves of our mortality; the ashes of this day drive home the sober truth.

But if that we all the truth, this day might well become morbid. The truth of God that summons life from the ashes is a promise that the giver of life continues to give life even when we distort it. We live securely, not because of our own strength, but because of the God in whom we live and move and have our being.

Lent invites us to risk a journey though depth to life, to enter the wilderness filled with danger, to enter the desert where both God and the evil one dwell. It’s a journey that has been documented in the *Legend of the Holy Grail*, Dante’s *Divine Comedy*, and Tolkien’s *Lord of the Rings*. All too often the church has offered us only feasts without fasts, talk instead of silence, togetherness instead of solitude, satisfying tasks instead of suffering, a vacation trip instead of a wilderness pilgrimage.

But each year at Lent we are invited to enter the desert, to embrace solitude and silence, to fast, to open ourselves to suffering, to listen for the voice of God in our restless spirits.

We are created in the image of God and through Baptism are incorporated into the fellowship of God’s people. Thus, in a sense, we are challenged to become what we already are: the saints of God. The summons is to grow in love, in obedience, in compassion. It is to allow God’s love to become the radiating center of one’s life and to reach out and share this love with all.

In addition to our Sunday Lenten Services, there will be a light Lenten supper on Thursday evenings at 6:00 followed by a program and discussion at 6:30. Join the parish family for this fellowship and study.

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PROGRESS REPORT

CALVARY'S RECTOR SEARCH PROCESS

Accomplished:

- Create core values, mission statement, and vision: done 2008 and still applicable.
- Form profile committee to write a parish profile to be printed and put online.
- Create parish survey about the congregation's view of itself and what it needs in a rector.

In Process:

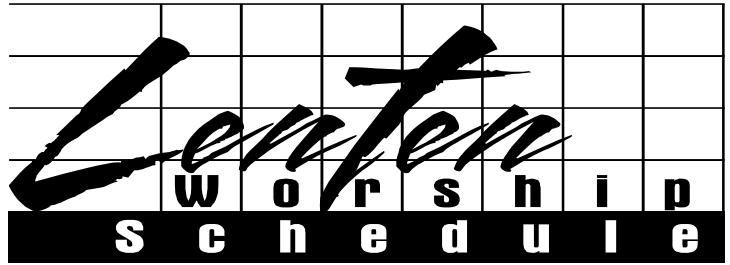
- Congregation members submit names of priests to be considered as rector to church office, wardens, or vestry members
- ***Congregation members submit nominations for the search committee to the church office, wardens, or vestry members.***

Future steps:

- Vestry selects a Search Committee
- Search Committee receives diocesan training about search process.
- Search Committee works with list of names, submits list to diocese, and prepares for interviews.
- Search Committee, once it receives approval of rector names, sets up initial interviews.

Information on further steps will be passed on as it is developed. Given the active and committed nature of our parish, I expect us to come in early with an excellent new rector. Most urgent need: your prayers for the process.

Pat Orr, Senior Warden



LENTEN PROGRAM

Calvary's Lenten Program began Thursday, February 25th in Heritage Hall. There was a light supper that began at 6:00 p.m., followed by talks given by Fr. Loving with a group discussion, ending at 7:30 p.m. The first topic that was discussed this first evening was the "Origin & History of the Lenten Observance" Listed below are topics that will be covered during the month of March.

March 4th - "Icons in Christian Devotion"

March 11th - "Forms of Prayer for the Lenten Season"

March 25th - "Calvary Church - A Community of the Resurrection"

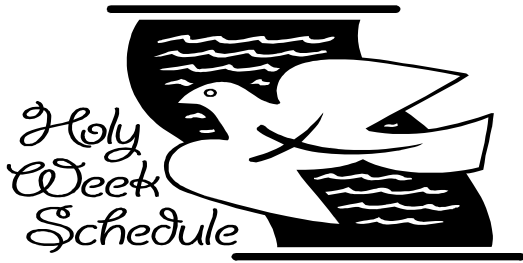


THE BISHOP VISITS CALVARY

The Rt Rev'd Dena Harrison, Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese of Texas, visited Calvary on Sunday, February 21st, during the 11:00 service to preside over the service for Confirmation and Reception. We had six faithful followers that were presented to her for Confirmation. A reception honoring the Bishop and our confirmands followed in the Community Life

Center. The Bishop then met with the Vestry at a luncheon in Heritage Hall. Bishop Harrison has been very supportive of this parish over the years, and we were honored to have her visit with us. Pictured left to right are Fr. John, Greg Graham, Renee Graham, Mary Lou King, Vince Sherman, and Bishop Harrison. Also confirmed but not pictured are Erika Moore and Rosa Thompson. Welcome to All!!!





March 28
Palm Sunday
Sunday of the Passion
Liturgy of Palms
 8:00 am ~ 9:00 am ~ 11:00 am

April 1
Maundy Thursday
Holy Eucharist
 7:00 pm
Overnight Prayer Vigil
 Thursday 8:00 pm til' Noon Friday

April 2
Good Friday
The Way of the Cross
Good Friday Liturgy
 12:00 Noon & 7:00 pm

April 4
Easter Day
Holy Eucharist
Flowering of the Cross
 8:00 am ~ 9:00 am ~ 11:00 am
Easter Celebration & Egg Hunt
 10:00 am

Liturgy of Palms

Palm Sunday is our entrance into Holy Week. Palm Sunday along with Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, the Great Easter Vigil, and Easter are among the most ancient of our rites. They are meant to help us experience the sacred mystery of our redemption. This Holy week come and share the experience of what has been called "The Greatest Story Ever Told."

Maundy Thursday

Maundy Thursday initiates a time of watching, waiting, and contemplating as we enter into the commemoration of the mystery of our redemption. Maundy Thursday also remembers the gift of love given in the institution of the Sacrament of Holy Communion, which is the focus of the commemoration.

Overnight Prayer Vigil

The Prayer Vigil is a time for personal prayer, contemplation, reflection, watching and waiting with our Lord in the Garden of Gethsemane to his trial before Pilate. You may pray in the church or at home. For those who wish to participate a sign up sheet is in the Narthex of the Church or you may call the office at 303-7515.

Good Friday

The church will be open for parishioners and visitors from noon until three o'clock in the afternoon.

12:00 Noon--The Good Friday Liturgy with the reading of the St John Passion
 1:00 p.m.—The Stations of the Cross—Traditional format
 2:45 p.m.—Closing Devotions and the Tolling of the Bell .

The Prayer book Liturgy for Good Friday is all about the triumph of the Cross. "In the trial before Pilate as related in John's Passion, Christ shares our brokenness so that we might realize that that we are not alone in our suffering and mortality. We recall a victorious Jesus on a cross in royal and priestly robes with a crown of thorns placed like sunrays surrounding his head and arms outstretched in a loving embrace of a suffering world." (John H Westerhoff)

The Good Friday Liturgy and Stations will be repeated at 7:00 p.m. with a short break in-between.

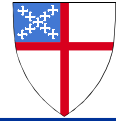
Easter Day
 Alleluia! Christ has risen today!

Overnight Vigil 8:00 pm, April 1 To 12:00 Noon, April 2

This Vigil promises to be a very meaningful and moving experience of prayer and meditation, while contemplating what it must have been like for our Lord watching and waiting in the Garden of Gethsemane to his trial before Pilate. Prayer may be done at home or in the Church. A sign up sheet will be in the Narthex beginning Sunday, March 28. Those who are home-bound may call the church office at 303-7515 to sign up.



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Daring to Live ~ Daring to Love



SUNDAY SERVICES

8:00 a.m. ~ Rite I ♦ 9:00 a.m. ~ Contemporary ♦ 11:00 a.m. ~ Rite II
10:00 a.m. - Christian Formation

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 6:30 PM Finance meeting 6:30pm Children's Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	4 10:30am-Book Study 1pm-Bulletin Folding 6:00 pm Lenten Supper Followed by Lenten Program	5	6
6 Sunday Services	8 6:30 pm DOK Intersession Prayer	9	10 6:30pm Children's Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	11 10:30am-Book Study 1pm-Bulletin Folding 4:00 School BD Mtg 6:30 Vestry Mtg 6:00 pm Lenten Supper Followed by Program	12	13
14 Sunday Services DOK Meeting After 11:00 service	15	16 News Letter Article Submission Deadline	17 6:30pm Children's Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	18 10:30am-Book Study 1pm-Bulletin Folding 6:30pm Contemplative Prayer	19	20
21 Sunday Services	22	23	24 6:30pm Children's Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	25 6:00 pm Lenten Supper Followed by Program	26	27
28 Sunday Services Palm Sunday	29	30 Passover	31	April 1 Maundy Thursday	April 2 Good Friday	April 3 Holy Saturday

CALENDARS, SERVER'S SCHEDULE & SUNDAYS' LECTIONARY READINGS ARE JUST A CLICK AWAY

Visit us at www.calvaryepiscopal-bastroptx.org

Please log on and register - the webmaster will be notified and you will be granted member privileges, granting you access to Calvary's Sunday Servers Schedule, Vestry News & More.



SHROVE SUNDAY - MARDI GRAS FEST CELEBRATION

Sunday, February 14th the youth held a pancake luncheon & Mardi Gras celebration. We had a great turnout. Lead pancake chef was Austin Hestdalen, aided by Elena Battle, Diego Battle, Adrian Battle, Allyson Clayton, Bella Ferranti, Gracyn

Green, & Evan Kice. You couldn't ask for better service than what was provided by Chella Harris, Georgia Picciandra, Zoe Picciandra, & Amy Pyle. Thanks to Jamie McDonald & Bill Owens for organizing & hosting this event. If you missed it, drop by the CLC to see all of the great pictures. All donations that were made during this event will benefit the victims of the earthquake in Haiti.



ACOLYTE TRAINING

There was an Acolyte training class at Calvary in the Community Life Center on Saturday, February 13th. Thanks to Sara Clayton & Cheryl Green for their dedication in working with the youth in this great ministry. Special thanks to Evan Kice for his leadership in training our new acolytes.



HEY KIDS..
EASTER DAY CELEBRATIONS

FLOWERING OF THE EASTER CROSS

A beautiful Calvary tradition of celebrating Easter is the Flowering of the Easter Cross at both the 9:00 and 11:00 o'clock worship services on Easter Day. All children are asked to bring cut flowers on Easter morning to be placed on the Cross.

EASTER CELEBRATION & EGG HUNT

There will be no Sunday School classes on Easter Day so everyone can enjoy an egg hunt and refreshments at 10:00 a.m.

The youth will be preparing and hiding the Easter eggs for the little one's enjoyment.

Baked goodies for the celebration will be greatly appreciated by those planning on attending.



SPRING CLEAN-UP

Or



Bring your brooms, mops, rakes, ladders, buckets and other cleaning supplies along with a smile and willing attitude...its time for our annual Spring cleaning. We will be cleaning areas of our Church, Parish Hall and grounds that the custodial crew is not contracted to do.

For information call:
Chris Dickson ~ Junior Warden
304-8938

Bring your creative spirit and come to experience and learn how to make **Palm Crosses** for Palm Sunday. The industrious family members can clean while the creative family members can create!

Something for everyone!

For information call:
Fleeta Cunningham ~ 303-1533

When: Saturday, March 27
Time: 9:00 a.m.



Calvary Members Honored

Four of Calvary's members were honored at the recent Annual Bastrop Chamber of Commerce Banquet for their outstanding service to the community. We are truly honored to have such wonderful people in our Calvary family!

Mary McMurrey received a Point of Light designation for her service with the Bastrop County Historical Society, chairs Museum Fundraisers, and Calvary Episcopal Church Vestry Member, and many other church ministries.



Shawn Pletsch received a Point of Light designation for long-time civic and community volunteer with many Bastrop organizations, most recently as Chair of the Organization Committee for the Bastrop Main Street Program."

Nancy Wood received a Point of Light designation for her involvement as the Bastrop Main Street Program Manager, and Downtown Business Alliance and the many accomplishments that have been made.



James Kershaw received the Citizen of the Year designation for his 57 years of legal service to the community, serves on many local Boards, his volunteerism with the Salvation Army and his bell-ringing at Wal-Mart for the past 30 years.

Annual Council of the Diocese of Texas

The 161st Annual Council of the Diocese of Texas met at the Killeen Civic and Conference Center on February the 12th and 13th. Calvary Church was represented by Sara Axton, Nancy Jensen Chase, Patricia Orr, and Terry Orr. Our interim rector, the Rev'd John Loving was also in attendance with his wife Nancy.

A February 12th afternoon tour of Ft Hood, the country largest military post was included in the optional afternoon activities. Retiring Bishop Suffragan of Federal Ministries, the Rt Rev'd George Packard, who is responsible for Episcopal federal chaplains serving in the military, federal prisons, and Veterans' Affairs facilities, preached at the opening Eucharist.

Also visiting was Bishop James Tangatanga of the Anglican Diocese of Southern Malawi, with whom the diocese ratified a companion diocese relationship. It is our hope that we get Bp Tangatanga to visit us at Calvary Church while he is on sabbatical and taking courses at the Seminary of the Southwest.

Diocesan Bishop C. Andrew Doyle highlighted the importance of Christian formation and lifelong learning during his annual address to Council and said that the diocese "must get serious about church planting."

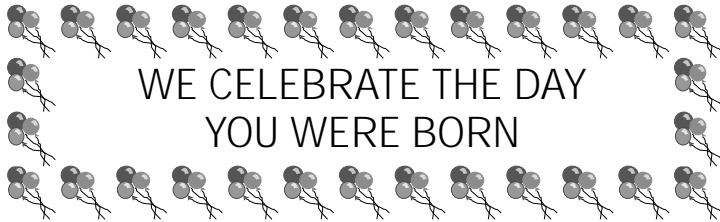
"We will begin to develop a collaborative strategy for church planting that will combine the resources of leadership at the diocesan level with local leadership in the congregation to bring about long-term results," he told the gathering, attended by

some 417 delegates and 249 clergy. "We have several new congregations underway. However, we must develop a long-term plan that will strategically allow for a new church start every year!"

The Bishop called for a year of prayer for the Anglican Covenant and creation of a task force to develop a model for congregational study and discussion of it. Council also approved creation of a task force to review issues that may arise from General Convention in 2012.

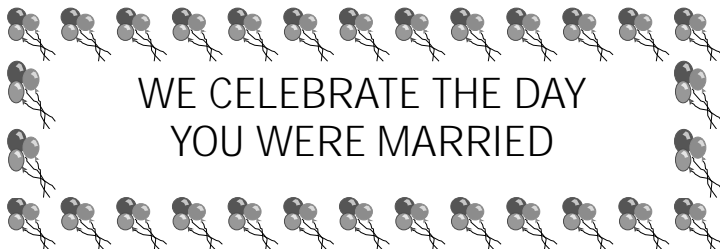
Council also approved a statement of Inclusion that "claims unity in the midst of our diversity through the gifts of our shared Baptismal Covenant and our common conviction and proclamation that Jesus in Lord" regardless of gender, ethnicity, race, nationality, or sexual orientation. The resolution calls for "all people in our communities and their relationships receive the pastoral care, time, attention, and honor they are due as God is revealed in and through them and as God works to change us all into a holy people."

In other Council business delegates adopted a \$4.9 million diocesan budget, a decrease from \$5.2 million the previous year. The diocesan budget also made provision for separate reporting of total insurance expenses and a missionary budget reflecting nearly a \$2 million requested increase. The Diocese includes more than 85,000 members and 151 congregations in 49 counties in eastern Texas. (Based in part on a summary by Carol Barnwell for *Episcopal Life Online*)



WE CELEBRATE THE DAY
YOU WERE BORN

- Mar 2** Morgan Speir
- Mar 3** Jacob Henry, Mary McMurrey
- Mar 4** Tom Jackson, Michael Picciandra, Jamie McDonald
- Mar 6** Tim Foster, Stephanie Perrenot, Gracyn Green
- Mar 8** Gene Powell Jr., Dawn Tankersley
- Mar 9** Matthew Patroia
- Mar 10** Lissa Grijalva,
- Mar 11** Jim Patterson, Beth Ashcraft
- Mar 12** Marais Pletsch
- Mar 13** Anne Smith
- Mar 14** Tanya Mathison
- Mar 15** Becky Bennett, Bill Pletsch,
- Mar 16** Barbara Kelley, Jason Pomonis
- Mar 17** Julia Hickman, Lorrie Pickering, Chris Goertz, Mychele Chapin, Evan Kice, Jennifer Gwin, Jake Schmitt
- Mar 19** Gabriella Thompson
- Mar 21** Pinky Smith, Bob Crone
- Mar 23** Ellen Moore, Neil Rentfro
Katie Ward
- Mar 25** Bob Kincheloe
- Mar 26** Sherri Hoskins
- Mar 27** Eric Ostrander, Lorelei Mellenbruch
- Mar 28** Tom Clayton, Tonya Kibby



WE CELEBRATE THE DAY
YOU WERE MARRIED

- Mar 05** Billy & Tiffany Roberts
- Mar 08** Lilja LeBouff
- Mar 12** David & Analisa Schmitt
- Mar 13** David & Nina Ostrander
- Mar 14** Herb & Carolyn Boon
- Mar 16** Robert & Donna Mahle, Kathy & Steve Kice
Carroll & Sara Axton
- Mar 20** Tracy & Kim Bratton, Mark & Jennifer Gwin,
Robert & Kathy Kincheloe
- Mar 24** Ed & Jane Sanders, Twain & Latrelle Schieffer
- Mar 25** Hal & Christine Huber
- Mar 27** Stephen & Ellen DaBose
- Mar 31** Darren & Sandra Hessler, Sr.

Is your special date missing?
Please call or email the church office
to update your records.

Calvary's Staff
Office Hours
Monday-Friday ~ 9 am-4 pm
Rector - Father John Loving

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| Adm. Asst.
Caren Nelson-Petersen | Lay Ministries
Jamie McDonald |
| Bookkeeper
Dorothy Cours | Music Director
Fred Ratliff |
| Custodian
Bryan Zirkelbach | Nursery
Briana Stellman
Isela Mederos |



Vestry 2010

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| Mary McMurrey 303-2160 | Tom Clayton 303-5016 |
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Doris Kershaw - 321-3075 |

Ministry Team Leaders

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| Acolytes
Stacey Arantes 581-8020
Sara Clayton 468-8364 | |
| Adult Classes
Susan Crone 694-2520 | |
| Altar Guild
Fleeta Cunningham 303-1533 | |
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Tim O'Neil 308-0938 | |
| Chalice Bearers & Lectors
Open | |
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| Greeters/Oblationers
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| Music Director
Fred Ratliff 360-4198 | |
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| Thanksgiving Dinner
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| Ushers/Bell Ringers
Chris Dickson 304-8938
Gerald Hanna 303-5042 | |
| Youth Christian Formation
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