



# The Saint

All Saints Episcopal Church  
Jackson, MS

February, 2010

## THE LENTEN JOURNEY

Lent is here! Lent is a 40 day period before Easter that commemorates the time Jesus spent in the wilderness. In the early church this was a time of preparation for those about to be baptized. Today it is more often regarded as a season of soul searching and repentance for all Christians. It is like our annual spiritual check up. It begins with Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday (the Thursday before Easter). Many Christians observe Lent, the forty-day period before Easter beginning on Ash Wednesday. During lent we are all invited to imitate Jesus, who spent forty days in the desert in prayer and fasting before beginning His public ministry. Catherine Kesi observes that "the discipline of observing Lent helps participants to cultivate the spiritual discipline of making personal sacrifices, reminding us of the importance of spiritual truths over earthly goods."

Traditionally, Lent is marked by penitential prayer, fasting, and alms giving. Some churches especially in the Orthodox tradition, still observe a rigid schedule of fasting on certain days during Lent, especially the giving up of certain food, beverages, and hobbies. Other traditions do not place as great an emphasis on fasting, but focus on charitable deeds, especially helping those in physical need with food and clothing, or simply the giv-

ing of money to charities. Most Christian churches that observe Lent at all focus on it as a time of prayer, especially penance, repenting for failures and sin as a way to focus on the need for God's grace. As we approach Easter, it is fitting that we meditate on the serious subject of the sacrifice that Jesus made to save us from eternal death and separation from God. During Lent it is as though we join Jesus in his walk toward Good Friday and the crucifixion. Our self denial is a way to enter into the fellowship of Christ's suffering so that we can identify more fully with those who are chronically hungry, oppressed, in pain or in need.

Lent is a journey that Christ took on our behalf. Christ did not need to make that journey (2 Cor.5:19, 21). It was not necessary for him who is the Lord of the law to obey it on his own account. Christ took the journey because he came to seek and save the lost. We had fallen from that first estate of purity and holiness; we had fallen into sin; and it was to save us that he came into the world. For Jesus, it was a journey into persecution and suffering. He saw beforehand all that would befall him, the unutterable woe and agony in the garden, his betrayal by a Judas, the scourging and scoffing, the lashing and mocking, and the suspension upon the

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**The Rev. William Ndishabandi**  
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**The Rev. Bill Hanna**  
Deacon

**The Rev. Cathy Halford**  
Deacon

### THE VESTRY

**Greta Lovell** Senior Warden  
**Tim Ryan** Junior Warden  
**Jolinda Charbonnet** Treasurer  
**Therese Hanna** Clerk

**Kenny Hall** Vanessa Kelly  
**Tori Meyers** Shungu Nhema  
**Lissa Nelson** Christine Nelson  
**Danielle Gallagher** Jason Kelly  
**Alec Valentine**

**The Vestry meets after the  
10:30 service on the  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month.**

### Our Mission

**"We strive through prayer,  
worship, study, and fellowship to  
be a people, individually and  
corporately, in whom and  
through whom Christ lives and  
changes the world with his  
Love."**

### Sunday Services

**8:00 A.M. - Holy Eucharist**  
**9:30 A.M. - Sunday School**  
**10:30 A.M. - Holy Eucharist**

**Healing is offered on the 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Sunday of each month.**

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cross brought about by the false accusations. Beyond the horrors and darkness of Golgotha he sees the brightness of the resurrection morning. For Christians, Lent is a time for self-denial and fasting when we give up some of the comforts of our lives in order to make ourselves more available to God. Like the Mediaeval church, we are called to mourn for our sins and repent. Lent is an appropriate time for us to show our sincerity by having ashes, not only on our foreheads, but also our inner spiritual conviction (Thomas Keating). The ashes imposed on us during Ash Wednesday service do not leave us empty, instead they remind us of our journey through Lent which takes us into a spiritual retreat of self-denial. Thus, Ash Wednesday is for us a call for "Repentance." Repent is more than a thrill, and it is more than a mental judgment. It is an act. It produces fruits, if it is real. We must give up evil ways. We all have them. If these words make us resentful, we must cast out that feeling too. If we have thought of evil, we must root out that thinking. If we are yielding to lust and appetite of self-indulgence, we must put those things under our feet. If we have been dishonest, we must make straight our ways; if we have been neglecting admonishing each other through prayer and supplication, and if we're becoming more irregular in church, missed several Eucharist feasts and the Word of God; we must strive to repair our broken fellowship.

Ashes imposed on our foreheads are a public witness to those things our society does not wish to embrace: the reality of death, repentance, and the hope of resurrection in our Lord Jesus Christ. For this we must humble ourselves and not make excuse. We must abase ourselves to the dust; and we will, when we see what this condition means. We must cry out of broken hearts, God, be merciful to me, the sinner! It is only the blood of Jesus Christ, our Savior, that can cleanse hearts like ours from their deep guilt and awful sins. It requires the very Cross of Christ to save us, and we cannot grasp that with careless thoughtless hands. We must come as little children, without explanation, anxious that God should love us still. We must come in the spirit of the hymn, "Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to thy Cross I cling." And coming so, with the broken and the contrite heart he will not despise (Psalm 51:3), there is no doubt at all He will receive us. Psalm 51:17, tells us, "The sacrifice you want is a broken spirit. A broken and repentant heart, O God, you will not despise." May our hearts be so attuned that we may receive the full blessing of this Lenten journey. I wish every one of you a successful Lenten journey!

William+

### **Prayers of the People**

Please remember to pray for Edward, Scott, Lissa, Marion, Vicki, Jennifer, Peggy, Adelaide, Barbara, Betty, Mary Jane, Janis, Mary Lane, Polly, Alexander, Stephen, Karen, Chase, Lela, Lori, Garth, Anne, Polly and Michelle;

For Anna and Annabel during their pregnancies;

For Adam Pastor and Marc Hines, serving in military duty in Iraq;

For healing, change and growth during the days of Lent.





Hank Holmes has resigned as Altar Guild Chairperson. All Saints needs a new chairperson and/or two co-chairpersons. Hank has checklists for both services for each Sunday of the church year, including special services that he can provide to the new chairperson(s). If you are interested or want to know more about what the chairperson's duties are, please contact Hank.

We thank Hank for his service over many years as Altar Guild chairperson. Thank you have done a fantastic job!

Ash Wednesday services will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 17, 2010.

### Nursery Clean Up

We need to do a good cleaning of the nursery and the closet in the nursery. The bathroom off the nursery has never been completely repainted either.

A couple of hours on a Saturday morning or afternoon or a Sunday afternoon later would work if we had 3 or 4 people. Please sign up on the sheet available in the parish hall during our coffee and refreshment time after church and put your preference of time.

### February Birthdays

Collins Langafor 2/5  
Christine Nelson 2/20  
Dorothy Ndishabandi 2/25  
Jolinda Charbonnet 2/26  
Christopher Hanna 2/26

### February Anniversaries

None

### Junior Warden Report

There is very little news to report from the Junior Warden. That may be considered a good thing.

I would like to ask if anyone borrowed some of the rectangular white tables that we use in the Parish Hall. At one time we had seven of them and now we are down to four. It is certainly fine for Parishioners to borrow tables or chairs as needed. Possibly someone forgot they still have them.

I'm happy to report we made it through the "big chill" in early January without any pipe damage or other damage. The church property was without water for a number of days but that was just an inconvenience, particularly for the Ndishabandis.

**Tim Ryan**



**Save the Date & buy tickets!**

**Saturday, February 13, 2010**

All Saints Mardi Gras Social

Appetizers at 6:00 p.m.

Buffet at 7:00 p.m.

Red Beans & Rice

Smoked Chicken Jambalaya

Blackened Catfish

Maque Choix (Cajun Corn)

Bread & Rolls

Banana's Foster

BYOB

Adults \$15.00

Children under 10 \$5.00

All Saints members, please bring appetizers

If you are interested in assisting with special events at All Saints, please contact Lissa Nelson or Greta Lovell. This year's events currently include the Mardi Gras Social and the Dinner with the Bishop. Other events will be determined as the year progresses. If you would like to add your voice, we would love to hear it!

All the Saints and the Body and Soul feeding service have agreed to hold a fundraiser for Bishop Gray. Wednesday, April 21, 2010, we will have "Dinner with the Bishop". The menu includes:

Tomato Basil Soup

Bowtie Pasta Alfredo with Grilled Chicken, wild Mushrooms and Sun Dried Tomatoes

Grilled Asparagus

Pesto Bruschetta

Tiramisu

More Details later.

As this edition of The Saint is published, we all continue to keep abreast of the overwhelming situation in Haiti. Staff members of Episcopal Relief & Development are working in the Dominican Republic to help that Diocese aid those Haitians who have crossed the border as well as organizing larger relief efforts which will be put into play as the rescue phase moves toward relief phase, that is, to ensure that people continue to have adequate food and water, a place to sleep, medical attention, and security. Those of you with a computer can keep track of up-to-date news at the Episcopal Relief & Development website – [www.er-d.org](http://www.er-d.org) – and also be able to donate through this site. Gifts can be mailed to Episcopal Relief & Development, P. O. Box 7058, Merrifield, VA, 22116-7058. Be sure to write "Haiti Fund" on the check. Knowing very well the effects of Katrina, the recovery efforts are going to take a very long time.

From the news that we are receiving, there are many miracles which take place daily. Let the light of Christ shine through us as we continue to pray and donate whatever we can to help give these people hope, courage, and perseverance to make it to the next day.

A note to those who may want Lenten material: I have ordered Lenten meditation books from Episcopal Relief & Development. As soon as they come in, I will put them in the narthex of the church.

Thank you for looking past your own needs and serving others.

Cathy

Friends,

Below is a recent note from the Presiding Bishop on the situation in Haiti. Please note that she continues to ask us to focus on contributions to Episcopal Relief and Development.

In a little noticed action, this summer's General Convention asked that each diocese designate a Sunday in Lent as Episcopal Relief and Development Sunday. By this note I am hereby designate the First Sunday in Lent (February 22) as our ERD Sunday. You can access much material, particularly if you act quickly, by calling Episcopal Books and Resources at 1-800-903-5544 or visiting [www.Er-d.org/Lent/](http://www.Er-d.org/Lent/). The Rev. Deacon Cathy Halford is our brand new ERD diocesan contact person.

As we go forward please hold the people of Haiti in your prayers and continue to encourage financial support. At Council we may have a clearer understanding of additional help that we may be able to offer. I'll keep you posted.

Faithfully,

+Duncan

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Subject: From Bishop Katharine re: Haiti

My brothers and sisters in Christ:

We are all praying for those in Haiti who are suffering so deeply from yesterday's strong earthquake. I have made a statement to the Church, Episcopal News Service continues to issue news as it becomes available, and Episcopal Relief and Development has already made an initial emergency grant to the Diocese of Haiti.

I am certain that people in your own dioceses are already praying, and will want to know how best to respond. At present, these are the immediate needs:

- 1) prayer, for those who have died, those who are injured, the grieving, the displaced, and all whose lives have been so grievously affected;
- 2) financial gifts to Episcopal Relief and Development, marked for Haiti. These facilitate both the initial emergency response, in ways most needed by the people of Haiti, and eventually, the longer-term recovery response.

Your diocese may have interest in eventually assisting rebuilding efforts. Recovery and rebuilding will take years. Episcopal Relief and Development may be involved in rebuilding diocesan health and feeding ministries. If those are your interests, please contribute directly to ERD, and now. If your local interest is in rebuilding church buildings or providing funds for diocesan operations, I would encourage you to support such efforts, but for now, please collect and retain any funds and emerging assistance plans within your own diocese. The Diocese of Haiti will not be ready to respond to that kind of rebuilding help for some time, and when it is, the work will need to be prioritized and directed by Bp Duracin and his staff.

Please strongly discourage any who want to travel to Haiti. There is little or no ability to receive people, and those who travel there will only burden and endanger people already on the ground.

In the same vein, please ask concerned persons not to try to phone Haiti directly – the lines of communication are almost non-existent, and the lines that do exist are tragically overburdened by those seeking news of relatives. We will share any and all such information with the larger Church, as that information emerges and is verified.

Pray for those who walk through the valley of the shadow of death, and know that the Lord travels with them.

Katharine

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*Expect a Miracle!*



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Altar Guild for February: Therese Hanna & Melissa Stuart

	February 7 5th Sunday after the Epiphany	February 14 Last Sunday After the Epiphany	February 21 1st Sunday In Lent	February 28 2nd Sunday In Lent	March 7 3rd Sunday In Lent
<b>Crucifer</b>	Pam Turner	Christine Nelson	Emily Saucier	Hank Holmes	Melissa Stuart
<b>Server</b>	Ross Turner	Tori Meyers	Alex Lovell	Vicki Stuart	Greta Lovell
<b>Layreader</b> 8:00 10:30	Jolinda C. Cindy G.	Emma M. Cindy G.	Emma M. Jolinda C.	Jolinda C. Cindy G.	Emma M. Jolinda C.
<b>Chalice Bearer</b>	Hank Holmes	Melissa Stuart	Tori Meyers	Alec Valentine	Cindy Gavette
<b>Lectors</b>	Lauran Hall Vicki Miles	Stephen Stuart Joy Patterson	Jolinda C. Lisa Saucier	Alec Valentine Lissa Nelson	Connie Taylor Kenny Hall
<b>Host Family</b>	Therese Hanna	Nancy Henderson	Saucier Family	Hall Family	Connie Taylor
<b>Coffee Host</b>	Cindy Gavette	Danielle Gallagher	Scott Essex	Lisa Saucier	Pam Turner
<b>Nursery Worker</b>	Dorothy N. Lissa N.	Dorothy N. Cindy G.	Alex L. Naomi N.	Dorothy N. Anna L.	Dorothy N. Alex L.

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