

February, 2012
Arlington, Texas

The Legate

**A monthly publication of
St. Alban's Parish – Anglican**

Dear Parishioners:

First I must take care of a little unfinished business. Lynn and I receive a wonderful bottle of Merlot and a package of Cappuccino Cream Wafer Rolls at the Open House in December. There were no names on the items so I could not write a personal thank you. If you gave these wonderful gifts, please know we greatly appreciate these great gifts and thank you for them. I also received a basket filled with hot chocolate, oranges and nuts at the door of the Church on Christmas Eve. The card stated it was from the "Browns." We do not have but one person with the last name "Brown" in our directory who did not give this gift. I also thank the Brown's for this gift. It is greatly appreciated. I apologize for not being able to write a personal thank you.

We received a Thank You for Tom Immke, retired Scoutmaster of our Boy Scouts Troop 82. He states, "I won't say it was easy. But I will say it has been memorable! From our first Summer Camp Tahuaya with 5 boys to our dual Summer Camp experiences. Troop 82 has been on the cutting edge of Program. Without the Church's amazing cooperation and participation there could not be a Boy Scout Ministry here at St. Alban's. One again, it has truly been my honor to have been lucky enough to have been at the right place at the right time to start this amazing journey." Yours in Scouting, Tom Immke. Tom has been the Scoutmaster of our Troop 82 since it began. We wish him the best in his retirement and we welcome Charles Gardener as our new Scoutmaster and look forward to a long relationship with him and Troup 82. We are about have another Eagle Scout with four more progressing towards Eagle Scouts. We can be proud of our Troop.

February 5th is Scout Sunday. We will welcome our Scout Troop as they participate in the ministries of the Eucharist. They will participate as ushers, greeters, oblationers, and lectors. Please welcome and congratulate them for the wonderful job they are doing for us and for our community. The Boy Scouts will be sponsoring our Pancake Supper on Shrove Tuesday, February 21st. I hope you will join us in this celebration of Shrove Tuesday. There will also be a silent auction going on. The Scouts will be having a preview where you can bid on items on Scout Sunday. In addition, we will have our own Jon Stutler and the Razzmajazz Band joining us at the Pancake Supper. We greatly appreciate their wonderful music as it adds great festivity to the event. Invite your family, friends and neighbors for great food, great music and fantastic fellowship.

Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent is February 22nd. We will have Imposition of Ashes and Eucharist at Noon and at 7:00 pm. Lent is a very important journey in the Liturgical Year and in our Spiritual life. Lent is to unfetter us from our chains and bondage to sin. It is the time when we focus not only on what we have done and left undone but the abundant grace given to us in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To aid in our journey we will have our Lenten Concert Series once again. On March 9th we will have Texas Guitar Quartet; on March 23rd we will have the Eve Project from Dallas; and on March 30th we will have the East Texas Handbell Ensemble of which our own Sueda Luttrell is a member. On March 2nd and 16th we will have a meatless dinner followed by guest speakers. Please watch your bulletin and March Legate for more information as the guest speakers are checking their schedules at the writing of this article.

February 12th, John and Kristi Heffron, our Diocesan Missionaries to the Diocese of Northern Malawi, will be here as our guest speakers at 9:15 am in the Parish Hall. Adult class will not meet this day so everyone may attend. Please join us on this Sunday as the Heffron's will introduce to us our Companion Diocese and our Centurion, Fr. Binga. Fr. Binga serves St. Marks Church on Likoma Island and another mission some distance away. I have asked Daughter's of the King to lead our Centurion Program. There will be communication, support and a growing relationship between Fr. Binga's parish and Saint Albans. I hope everyone will embrace this important and unique ministry and outreach. We are blessed to have the opportunity to make friends and develop a relationship with Anglicans around the world. Watch for updates, pictures and information that will be posted on the bulletin board in the hallway.

There are a couple of needs that will soon need to be addressed at St. Alban's. First, is the support of the Centurion Program. We will need to

raise \$1600 per year to aid in supporting the priest, Fr. Binga. (As I told the Vestry, don't get any ideas!) To have a full time priest and to have that priest's ministry cover many miles, and numerous parishes and/or missions is a blessing I believe we can help with. The Daughter's of the King have already held two bake sales to start us off but more help would be appreciated. Secondly, it has been brought to my attention that the acolyte, Lector's, and Chalice Bearers vestment are at the stage of wear that looks rather shabby. They have had many years of use and we need to start replacing them. Again, if you wish to help in this area, your donations would greatly be appreciated. Third of course but not least, it costs to bring this level of talented musicians and speakers for our Lenten Program. St. Alban's is getting to be known in the community for our Lenten Concerts. Whether you can be generous at the door or generous through a special gift, again your support is greatly appreciated. These items are outside the scope of our budget but will benefit St. Alban's greatly in many ways.

A big thank you goes to The Brotherhood of St. Andrew and volunteers for a delicious New Year's Day breakfast. You did a great job. A big thank you also goes to Monica and helpers for the wonderful Epiphany Brunch. Another great time and food. My personal thanks for those who have served on the Vestry: Ty Head, Sheryl Fritz, Richard Stolley, and Sue Hogg. A special thanks to Sue Hogg for serving faithfully and being of great help to me as my Senior Warden and to Ty for serving two terms as Junior Warden. We have been greatly blessed with so many wonderful and talented people. I look forward to a wonderful year filled with the love, fellowship, and growth that God intends for us at St. Alban's.

May you have a Blessed Lent!

Fr. K+



Dear Parish family,

Over the recent weeks, a video has gone out on YouTube with the title “why I hate religion, but love Jesus”. I saw many people had responded to it before I had even seen the video until it was brought to my attention by some very sincere Christ-followers. I hadn’t planned on making a response until I was asked my thoughts about it. So, here goes...

My first thought is that there are some nuggets of truth within this video that are valuable. The first and most important one is what all Christians hold in common, the reason for our hope, in fact, the only thing upon which we can cling...our salvation and what it means. In fact, this point is so important that I want to put it front and center before we get distracted by anything else, whether it be denominational differences or general frustrations with an “institution”.

There is something we need to understand...the degree to which we understand it will define how we see this video, how we see our life, how we see the Church, and how we interpret their interworking. If nothing else, our loquacious brother in Christ has a great passion and understanding of the salvation that has been given to him and to all of us because of what Jesus has done for you and for me. Let me break it down using excerpts from his own video:

- Salvation is freely mine and forgiveness is my own, not based on my merits but Jesus’s obedience alone... He took what we all deserved. I guess that’s why you call it grace.

The heart of Christianity, in fact, the soul of the Christian *religion* (notice my emphasis) is that we owe everything we have or will ever have to the God who pulled us out of the pit that we have created for ourselves. We are completely unable to buy forgiveness, much less a single day of life. The forgiveness that we have been given is something that can never be earned. God has given us something that we do not deserve, no matter how good we think we are, and most of us know that we aren’t “that good” to begin with. Grace is a word that means being given something that we do not deserve...not because of any effort on our part but simply as a gift.

- While he was dangling on that cross, he was thinking of you.

There is always a danger of going to one extreme or another when talking about *religion* (there's that emphasis again...starting to notice a pattern?) To begin with, we can be so focused on the fact that Jesus's saving action was for the benefit of the universal (in other words, Jesus died on the cross for "mankind") that, while it is true, it can become little more than an abstraction. In such a case, our life, our work, and our worship can have the danger of simply being an abstraction with little connection to the real concerns of our life.

On the other hand, and possibly as a reaction against the other hand, there is the ultra-individualized version of salvation. There is a profound shift in reality when we realize that Jesus did not come and do all that He did for some abstract reason. Rather, He came, He died, He rose, He ascended not just for some abstraction...He did it for you. This is what it means to have a personal relationship with Jesus. This is something that is most essential to a true and living faith; however, the danger here is not realizing that, while He did it for you (the singular pronoun); He also did it for every "you" (the plural pronoun) in the world.

Just as we cannot have a simply abstract notion of salvation for the universal, we also cannot have a true understanding of the salvation God offers to each one of us if we are locked into a "Jesus and me" mentality. Just as we must have an awareness of God's saving action on a personal level, we must also have an awareness of the community that He has called to be together. That is the Church...and that is religion.

If you doubt that Jesus had something to do with the religion that is called Christianity, you should hear it from Him:

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. Matthew 5:17-18

And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. Matthew 16:18

There are plenty of other examples, but I have already used a lot of space choosing to focus on the issue of salvation rather than to tear into one individual's ability or inability to find that balance that is spoken of above. But using only these two direct quotes from Jesus, it is very clear that he did not hate religion or even an institution. In fact, he called one to fulfill His purpose: And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Matthew 28:18-20

There is a problem out there. There are a number of points on which I believe our poet brother is misinformed, but that is not the problem of which I speak. The problem is that fellow Christians are spending all this time going back and forth with rebuttal after rebuttal while the mission to which we have all (as fellow Christians) been called could be effected by our working together...but that would require community...and that is why Jesus created and instituted the Church.

In Christ, and through the Church,

Fr. Joe+



News from the Ministries

Need Financial Help for College Students?

We have in the Parish Office two different applications for scholarships for college students in our congregation who need financial assistance to continue or begin their studies. The Rose Lafferty and Flora Foust Educational Funds is overseen by St. Andrews Episcopal Church, Fort Worth. The email address is: lafferty-foust@st-andrew.com. The Rose Lafferty and Flora Foust Educational Funds award scholarships on a yearly basis to needy students who are current residents of either Erath or Tarrant County. Deadline for application is March 1, 2012. You may contact Anne Lange at 817-377-0667 for more information.

The second scholarship is the Eddleman-McFarland Fund also overseen by St. Andrews Episcopal Church, Fort Worth. It is a Scholarship Grant to assist financially needy students who are interested in obtaining undergraduate college degrees or vocational training from accredited schools in the State of Texas. Information may be obtain from Julie Montague by calling 817-870-2036 or email to: edd-mcfarlandschol@st-andrew.com.

Information pamphlet and scholarship form may also be obtained in the St. Alban's Church Office. Sharon will be happy to copy applications and information for you.

Vestments

The acolyte, lector and chalice bearer's vestments are at the stage of wear that looks rather shabby. They have had many years of use and we need to start replacing them. If you would like to help in this effort by making a donation, it would be greatly appreciated. Make your checks payable to St. Alban's and mark "vestments" in the memo section.

BOSA New Year's Day Breakfast



Very special thanks to BOSA member Mike Kennemer who organized the New Year's Day breakfast which was enjoyed by many. We especially thank all the BOSA members, their wives, and friends, who donated the food, set up, served, and cleaned up.

BOSA is open to all the Men of the parish and we invite you to join us at 8AM on the 2nd Saturday of each month for breakfast and a short meeting.

Pete Haagen – Director of Brotherhood of Saint Andrews (BOSA)



Prayers & Squares

St. Alban's has been associated with Prayers & Squares, a national prayer quilt ministry, since September, 2009. We are grateful for the love and support given the quilt-makers of this chapter by the clergy and members of the parish. If you have friends or family members who would like the comfort and prayers of a quilt, please contact Susan Kennemer, Marilyn Huff or the church office. There is a form available in the narthex for prayer quilt requests.



We are thankful for friends who have shared fabric scraps with us and will be happy to teach you how to make a prayer quilt with the patterns we have available, or will help you work out your own patterns. The Prayers & Squares group meets on the first Saturday of the month at 10am in room 10. We hope you will join us in this ministry.

Many Thanks,
Susan Kennemer – 817-851-1239
Marilyn Huff - 817-480-8988

NOTE: Last month Susan provided me with three articles to print regarding the Prayers & Squares Ministry. I was supposed to use one article for January, one for February and one in March, I included all three in January. My apologies to you Susan and the Prayers & Squares Ministry. I value deeply the work you and the other members of Prayers & Squares put into your Ministry!

African Ministry Jewelry & Items

For two Sundays (February 12 & 19) we will have on display for sale, jewelry and other items from the African Ministries. Please stop by the tables in the Narthex either before or after the morning services on these two Sundays.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER



Hosted by: Boy Scout Troop #82
Entertainment by: Razzmajazz

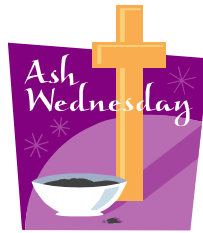


When: Tuesday, Feb. 21, 6:00pm
Where: Parish Hall

**Come and enjoy food, fellowship and
a silent auction!**

ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, February 22



Services: 12 Noon, Holy Eucharist &
Imposition of ashes

7:00pm Holy Eucharist &
Imposition of ashes

Lenten programs

Our Lenten programs this year will feature speakers and music. Please mark your calendars for these special Fridays in Lent.

March 2 Pot luck supper – speaker Father Jerry K.

March 9 Texas Guitar Quartet – reception following in the narthex

March 16 Pot luck supper – speaker Rt. Rev. Jack Leo Iker

March 23 Dallas Choral Project Eve – reception following in the narthex

March 30 East Texas Handbell Ensemble – reception following in the narthex

Lenten Quiet Day

Diocesan Church women will have a Lenten Quiet Day on March 24 from 9:00am to 2pm at St. John's Fort Worth, 2401 College Avenue, 76109.

Anglican Spirituality

Presented by Father Charles Erlandson

Registration forms are available in the Narthex or you can call Julie at 817 768-1637 or Barbara at 817 996-3485. The cost is \$15.00 for the program and lunch. Registration forms and checks should be mailed by March 15th.

Schedule

9:00am	Registration and Brunch Reception in Guild Parlor
9:30am	Eucharist – Father Bill Estes
10:30am	Talk by Father Erlandson in Nave
11:30am	Quiet Reflection
12:00pm	Noonday prayer
12:30pm	Lunch – Mitchell Hall, catered by Feastivities
1:30pm	Open discussion with Father Erlandson



2012 Vestry

At the annual meeting on Sunday, January 29, the following people were elected to the 2012 Vestry:

Ben Doerge
Glenda Morgan
Jinni Touchstone
Amy Wagoner

These four join the other nine members of the our Vestry:

Rilla Altman
Pete Haagen
Marilyn Huff
Mike Kennemer - Junior Warden
Edward Maneikis
Deborah Nelson
Randy Sparks - Senior Warden
Jon Stutler

2012 Delegates

At the annual meeting on Sunday, January 29, the following people were elected as Delegates:

Rilla Altman
Pete Haagen
Susan Kennemer
Paul Nelson
Don Wheaton
Sue Yarger

St. Alban's Website

If you haven't had the chance to view the new website, please do. It is up and running and looks terrific! www.saintalbans.org

Sundays in February

Sunday Scripture Readings

February 5th

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

2 Kings 4:18-21, 32-37
 1 Corinthians 9:16-23
 Mark 1:29-39
 Psalm 142

February 12th

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

2 Kings 5:1-15b
 1 Corinthians 9:24-27
 Mark 1:40-45
 Psalm 42

February 19th

Last Sunday after Epiphany

1 Kings 19:9-18
 2 Peter 1:16-19(20-21)
 Mark 9:2-9
 Psalm 27

February 26th

First Sunday in Lent

Genesis 9:8-17
 1 Peter 3:18
 Mark 1:9-13
 Psalm 25



Statistics

		<u>OCT</u>	<u>NOV</u>	<u>DEC</u>
Average Sunday	2010	249	250	213
Attendance	2011	231	231	314*

*Includes Christmas Eve

		<u>Budgeted</u> <u>Receipts</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>Receipts</u>
Financial Giving For 2011	OCT	\$51,158	\$48,881
	NOV	\$33,368	\$38,841
	DEC	\$53,638	\$70,872

Birthdays

Watch over thy children, O Lord, as *their* days increase; bless and guide *them* wherever they may be. Strengthen *them* when *they* stand; comfort *them* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *them* up if *they* fall; and in *their* heart may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of *their* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



1	Steven Romero	19	Gretchen Hosea
2	Patti Armstrong	19	Bear Lunce
3	Jon Stutler	20	Honor Collins
4	Marge Roesler	20	Conner Huffstetter
6	Ramona Long	20	Judy Marsee
7	Ann Shaughnessy	20	Bill Richardson
9	Rilla Altman	21	Randy Sparks
9	Sandra Goates	23	Bill Gilmore
14	Emma Reed	23	Darin Cyphers
16	Ray Fausneaucht	23	Sam Andrews
16	Manie Cantrell	24	Zane Ahlfinger
17	Glenda Morgan	24	Lenny Tieman
17	Brooke Wagoner	25	Mary Kim
17	Ed Lightner	28	Anna Lou Nix
18	Roy Grimes		

Anniversaries

O gracious and ever living God, you have created us male and female in your image: Look mercifully upon this man and this woman who come to you seeking your blessing, and assist them with your grace, that with true fidelity and steadfast love they may honor and keep the promises and vows they made, through Jesus Christ our Savior, one God, for ever and ever, *Amen.*



3	Joe & Janie Lundy	25	Ray & Mary Jane Fausneaucht
18	Roy & Billie Grimes	26	Gary & Floreen Henry
22	Ron & Laura Horton	27	Steve & Rilla Altman

Our Military

Pray for the Military of the United States, especially for the men and women listed below who are over seas?

Michael Root USArmy
Joe Douglass USMC
Dustin Hanson USAF
Chris Lamb USMC
Bruce Holland USArmy
Chris La Valley USArmy
Josh Pierce USArmy
James Gammon USNavy
Hank Skorija USAR
Dr. Shawn Garcia USNavy
Geoffrey Miera USArmy
Lee Moore USArmy
Burgess Lindsay USArmy
David Bowers USArmy
Taylor Knight USArmy
Phillip Bono USArmy

Aaron Haggard USArmy
Cole Hatton USNavy
Clay Larimer USArmy
A.B. Rangel USMC
Chad Alley USMC
Chris Naler USMC
Charles Reed USArmy
Robert Lundy USAF
Tim Hartman USAF
Randy Tindale USAF
Cory Smith USAF
Kevin Shaffer USNavy
Todd Robert Shaffer USNavy
Cody Sellers USMC
Zac Rodgers USArmy

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.



Scott
Jane
Victoria
Franklin & Pat
Gaither & Diane
Jean
John & Gina
Angie
Deborah
Christa
Klay
Julio
Dan
Clark Family

Mark
Matthew
Richard
Frank
Victor
Weldon
Melanie
Ellie
Jimmy
Linda
Graciela
Jade
Georgeann
Janene

Fr. Maneikis
Gloria
Charles
Charla
Tristan
Alison
Pati
Joe & Marsha
B.C. & Joyce
Andrew
Tina
Joe
Richie
Brandy & Jeremy

Nick
Mr. Allsmus
Dawn & Bruce
Frances
Mike
Jeff
Ernie
Edna
Noreen
Greg
Kristi
Fred & Del
Jim & Kay
William & Lucretia
Clell
Catherine
Georgie
Jeff
Hazel
Ken
Dianah
Marcella & Samuel
Bernie
Jane
Suzanne
Ramsey Family

Bob
Phil
Leta
Keith & Connie
Lester
Kerin
Mervyn
Dana
Linda
George & Julia
Case
Midge
Natalia
Kate
Rachelle
Betty
Mark
Parrie
Loren
Paul
Buck
Steve
Katie
Bob & Patti
Nan
Roxan

Mike
Randy
Rick
Elizabeth
Champion Family
Bill
Paulina
Dotty
Marilyn
Gladys
Jack
Stephen
Sentura
Bonnie
Gus
Bill
Grady
Carol
Rose
Buddy
Dottie
Irene
Dwight
Fr. Shannon

Baptisms

Alecsander Bayer LaValley, 1-08-12, son of Christopher & Melissa Sanders LaValley, grandson of Jim and Joan Swann.



Deaths

Blanche Mary Morris, 1-10-12, mother of Pati Mitchell

Bob Armstrong, 1-25-12, husband of Patti Armstrong

Usher Schedule

	8:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
February 5	Richard Allen Don Dorsey	Boy Scouts (Scout Sunday)
February 12	Jerry Wills Charles Patton	Bill Welling Julio Welling Grant Mathews Lindsey Mathews
February 19	Mel Mathis Bob Ferbend	Nick Garefalos Steve Cavender Gavin Berry Bob Armstrong
February 26	Steve Romero Steven Romero	Sam Long Marilyn Huff Jim Swann Phil Jarvis

Greeter Schedule

	8:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
February 5	Richard Allen Don Dorsey	Boy Scouts (Scout Sunday)
February 12	Jerry Wills Charles Patton	Phyllis Capehart Judy Short
February 19	Mel Mathis/ Bob Ferbend	Ethel Momah
February 26	Steve & Steven Romero	Paul & Debbie Nelson

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Sunday Worship

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

Weekday Liturgies

Monday Holy Eucharist (Chapel)	10:00 a.m.
Wednesday Holy Eucharist (Chapel)	9:30 a.m.
Thursday Holy Eucharist (Chapel)	6:30 a.m.
Saturday Reconciliation (Confessional)	9:15 a.m.
Holy Eucharist (Church)	10:00 a.m.

Office Hours

8:30 a.m. to noon and 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday

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