



# *The Clarion*

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“Changed from Glory to Glory.”


“Remember that you are Dust and to Dust you shall return.”

Though the timing and root metaphors of these two sayings are starkly different – the first speaks of our being set apart for God’s purposes and is from the collect for the last Sunday after the Epiphany, the second reminds us of our mortality and comes from the liturgy for Ash Wednesday -- the truth held within each is the same. *Life is Transition!* Somehow, however, we in the church tend to ignore this message. We look at the similarities between beginnings and endings and we assume that all that lies between is static. Why should we change? Change is scary. Change is to be avoided.

The season of Lent provides a powerful corrective to this notion. Though we come out of Epiphany with a vision of Jesus’ glory on the Mount of Transfiguration and we anticipate the glory of his resurrected body on Easter Morning, we know from experience that the intervening 40 days are anything but static. The temptation in the desert, the raising of Lazarus, the Palm Sunday procession, the Passion and the Crucifixion tug us in a myriad of directions as we walk along with Jesus from one glorious moment to the next. Sure, we come into the world as spirit filled dust and we leave in the same way, but the intervening years, no matter how short or long, are filled with spiritual, physical and emotional changes. We are called in our life of faith not only to embrace these changes but to celebrate them. *Transition is Life!*

In the coming months, our community will be undergoing such a life-affirming change. After more than forty years of ministry, our church secretary, Betty Hill, is retiring. Quietly serving longer than any rector, Betty has been an important helper and counselor to generations of clergy and lay members of the church simply through her friendly demeanor and patient temperament. Additionally, she has overseen much of the day to day business of the congregation from answering phones and greeting guests to recording baptisms, certifying marriages, preparing bulletins, and managing nearly all of the behind-the-scenes details that allow the parish to run smoothly. Betty has, over the years, provided much needed stability to our congregation during many seasons of transition in our congregation. Now, I ask you to join me in thanking Betty for her many years of service and supporting her as she transitions to a new ministry and a new life.

As with any transition, there will be a season of adjustment for all of us. Old, comfortable patterns will have to be reviewed, fresh ways of being will emerge and the wisdom of the ages will be applied to new challenges by new people. This change will be uncomfortable at times. But it will provide us with an appropriate opportunity to celebrate the past and to seek a better understanding of God’s plan for us in the future.

Grace and Peace, 

## LENTEN STUDY

This year’s Lenten Study will focus on the sacraments of the church. Each week we will gather for Worship at 5:30pm, then share a light meal. Following dinner and singing, Art+ will lead us in a reflection on one of the seven sacraments of the Church, including a walk-through of the liturgy in the sanctuary. The Lenten suppers will again have a theme for each week and different ministries of St. Cyprian’s will be responsible for the set-up and clean-up.

<u>Week</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Dinner Theme</u>	<u>Dinner Teams</u>
2 – 3/3	Eucharist	Mexican Night	Youth
3 – 3/10	Ordination	East Texas Home Cookn’ Night	ECW
4 – 3/17	Matrimony	Cajun Night	Men’s Breakfast Teams
5 – 3/24	Unction and Reconciliation	“Your Choice” Potluck Night	Vestry

## HELP NEEDED FOR CHILDREN’S LENTEN PROGRAMS

Help is needed to work with the children age 3-5th grade.  
Volunteers are needed for music, games and crafts each week.

Please contact Judy Temple at 632-8445 or 637-2327.

## Holy Week and Easter at St. Cyprian's

3/28	Palm (Passion) Sunday	7:30am	Holy Eucharist with Palm Procession (Gather in Courtyard)
		8:30am	Breakfast and Early Service Parish Photo
		9:00am	Stations of the Cross for Children's Sunday School
		10:00am	Holy Eucharist with Palm Procession (Gather in Courtyard)
		11:15am	Coffee Hour and Parish Photo
3/29	Monday	5:30pm	Evening Prayer followed by Reconciliation
3/30	Tuesday	5:30pm	Evening Prayer followed by Reconciliation
3/31	Wednesday	5:30pm	Holy Eucharist with Unction followed by Reconciliation
4/1	Maundy Thursday	5:30pm	Maundy Thursday Service followed by a Vigil at the Altar of Repose
4/2	Good Friday	8:00am - 5:00pm	Maundy Projects
		5:30pm	Good Friday Service
		7:00pm	Stations of the Cross
4/3	Holy Saturday	8:00am - 5:00pm	Maundy Projects
		5:30pm	The Great Vigil of Easter with Baptisms
		7:00pm	Easter "Break – Fast" Supper of things abstained from during Lent
4/4	Easter Sunday	7:30am	Holy Eucharist
		9:00am	Easter Egg Hunt
		10:00am	Holy Eucharist
		11:15am	Flowering of the Cross

## LAY READERS

As a result of the resignation of Bob Cain, after a long term of faithful and dedicated service as the organizer for the Sunday lay readers and altar assistants for St. Cyprian's Church, I have volunteered and accepted the position as his replacement effective March 1, 2010. Father Art and I have discussed and come to an agreement as to adjustments in this part of our Sunday service that may be used to make the altar portion of the service better and more meaningful.

There are two changes that will be readily noticeable to all parishioners attending the 10 o'clock Sunday service; and, they are: 1.) reading of Lesson Two by a congregation member rather than the Officiant; and 2.) inclusion of the young adults of our church into the readings of Lessons One and Two on a weekly basis, rather than on a once or twice a year basis as a consequence of a special occasion. Father Art and I believe that the inclusion of an increased participation by all segments of the congregation at this Sunday service is good for the church and good for the participants as a service to Our Lord.

Every two months, the first being March and April, the schedule for each Sunday as to Readers, Officiants, and Chalice Bearers will be sent to all participants, be it by email or letter. Should the scheduling of any individual for a certain date not be acceptable, please find a similar participant to take your place and report that change to the church office or me.

Parents of the young adults, who have volunteered and will be participating in our revised program, should monitor the participation dates and schedule same on your calendar. Should there be a conflict in the assigned date, please follow the procedure given in the aforementioned paragraph.

All participants in the reading of the lessons should be at the church no later than 9:30 a.m. and have practiced the assigned lesson. Youthful readers are encouraged to read the lessons slowly and deliberately and utilize the grammar breaks; i.e. commas, periods, etcetera as "pauses" in the reading of the lessons.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact me at 637-0239.--  
*Jim Miller, Lay Reader Chairman*

## UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE PARISH

**EPISCOPAL VISITATION** – The Rt. Rev. Rayford High, Bishop Suffragan of Texas, will make his annual visit to St. Cyrian's on Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup>. The Bishop's visit is always cause for celebration (even during Lent) as it is the visible sign of our connection to the other parishes of the diocese. The bishop's visit is also the traditional opportunity for those Confirmations and Receptions. Please make a point to be in Church on the 14<sup>th</sup> so that we can properly welcome our bishop! **There will be a reception in the Parish Hall immediately following the 10:00 a.m. service. Please contact Marsha Miller to help with food.**

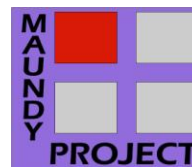
**CONFIRMATION AND RECEPTION** – Those wishing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation or who wish to be received into the fellowship of the Episcopal Church must make themselves known to the Rector prior to the Bishop's visitation in March. Youth should currently

be enrolled in the Confirmation Class which meets on Sunday evenings and Adults should either have completed or be currently enrolled in the Foundations class. The Bishop's March visitation will be the only opportunity for confirmation in 2010. The next opportunity will most likely be in the Spring or Fall of 2011.

**CONFIRMATION PREP** – In preparation for the Bishop's visitation, there will be a brief rehearsal and teaching on Sunday March 7<sup>th</sup> from 4:00pm to 5:00pm. All those planning to be confirmed or received (and their parents) should be present at this time. Bishop High would also like to meet with all those seeking confirmation or reception during the Sunday School hour on Sunday the 14<sup>th</sup> of March.

**COMMUNITY WORK DAY** – On March 20<sup>th</sup> (Rain date, March 27<sup>th</sup>) we will be having a work day to give our campus a general "Spring Cleaning" before Easter. Yard Teams, Altar Guild and any other able bodies are welcomed to come and be a part of this event. Contact Chuck Moore, Diana Hineman or Marsha Miller for more information.

**MAUNDY PROJECT** – Response to our initial call for project ideas has been GREAT! Be on the look-out for sign-up sheets in the Narthex and the Parish hall so that you can register to lend your hands and heart to the cause. Meeting our goal of 800 hours of community service will take everyone's effort. Give generously of your time and talent to Jesus' cause in the world!



### **PALM CROSSES**

Join us at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 27 to help make palm crosses.

**SAVE THE DATE: ANNUAL HEALING CONFERENCE** -Friday, April 23, Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup> & Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup> Mike Flynn, Founder and Director of Fresh Winds Healing Ministry, will be the weekend speaker. Rev. Flynn is an ordained Episcopal Priest and currently resides in California. For more information on Rev. Flynn please see the Fresh Winds Website: <http://freshwindministries.org>. For more information about the Healing Conference, please contact Art Callaham at the church office or Pete and Jan Peterson @ [janpete@suddenlink.net](mailto:janpete@suddenlink.net).

## SPOTLIGHT ON OUTREACH

**MOSAIC CENTER NEED:** Volunteers are needed to provide lunch for the students at the Mosaic Center on March 25 and 26. A hearty lunch for 25 is needed. For more details please contact Susie Treadwell, 637-6770 or [susie\\_treadwell@consolidated.net](mailto:susie_treadwell@consolidated.net).

**GODEL MINISTRIES** - Our Community Outreach is continuing to support Godtel Ministries Homeless Shelter Program. Our budget for the year of 2010 is \$1,000. This small amount of money has reached a tremendous amount of Angelina County citizens. Over 29,000 meals and over 9,700 beds were provided during the year of 2009. An added blessing is that while the homeless and the hungry are at Godtel, their spiritual needs are met with personal counseling sessions allowing the love of Jesus to reach each person who comes through their door.—*Patsy Hineman, Outreach Contact*

**NEW OUTREACH COMMITTEE SCHEDULE** – In order to better facilitate and organize our Outreach efforts, the Outreach Committee has agreed to meet on a monthly basis. These meetings are an opportunity for both our organizational liaisons and any other member of the congregation with an interest in Outreach to gather for conversation, visioning and planning. Meetings will take place immediately after the 10:00 am service and will last approximately 45 minutes. Dates for outreach meetings are as follows:

March 7<sup>th</sup>  
July 11<sup>th</sup>

April 11<sup>th</sup>  
August 1<sup>st</sup>  
November 7<sup>th</sup>

May 2<sup>nd</sup>  
August 29<sup>th</sup>  
December 5<sup>th</sup>

June 6<sup>th</sup>  
October 3<sup>rd</sup>

**A BLUEBONNET EVENING – CASA OUTREACH PROGRAM** - One of the Church's Outreach programs, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) is hosting their 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Voice for Children "Bluebonnet Evening" event on **Thursday, April 1**, to kick off Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month. At 6:30 p.m., the outdoor event begins at the historic CASA home (317 East Shepherd, Lufkin). The event will include a steak dinner and drinks, live and silent auction, dancing "under the stars" and Beard's Golden Opportunity Event. The Golden Opportunity event will give attendees the opportunity to sell their unused gold jewelry, while donating 10% of every sale to CASA made at the event. Special Guest is Mrs. Bonnie Hubert, Texas International and State-wide CASA Advocate.

Individual tickets are \$35 each, and tables may be purchased for \$500. Call the CASA Outreach Coordinator, Michelle Richardson at 671-9769 if you are able to volunteer your

time at the event, or are interested in purchasing tickets to be seated with other parishioners at a reserved table. You can also call the CASA office at 634-6725 for sponsorship information, table reservations, and auction donations.

**CASA:** A Voice for Abused and Neglected Children. When a home is no longer safe for a child, and the child must enter the foster care system, a judge may appoint a committed volunteer called a CASA or Court Appointed Special Advocate™. The volunteer's focus is on that child, giving hope and help in guiding the child to a safe, permanent home.

## NEWS OF ST. CYPRIAN'S

**REMEMBER YOUR LOVED ONES WITH A GIFT OF ALTAR FLOWERS:** Please check with either the office or the Flower Chairman, Elaine Hunter (632-8745).

**LOST AND FOUND** – The Battery Pack for a Black & Decker cordless power tool has been found behind the church. If this is yours, please claim it from the office.

**PLEASE REMEMBER** to call the Church office (639-1253) if you or someone you know is hospitalized.

## YOUTH

### Got Mission? Get your deposit in!

All confirmed youth (7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade) have the opportunity to go on a mission trip July 25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>. CUSE (Cathedral Urban Service Experience) is our Houston-based outreach. Please submit your \$100 deposit to Father Art by Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup>. Deposit scholarships are available, but we need your firm commitment by the 11<sup>th</sup>. Please see Art+ for more details.

The youth made cards for people who have shown love to them for Valentine's Day. They traveled to Camp Allen at the end of the month taking 6 youth and 4 intermediate students on a retreat. Currently the youth are in the planning stages for their mission trip this summer, CUSE, Cathedral Urban Service Experience. If you would like to assist or make a donation toward this trip please contact Sally Alvis or Laura Logan. Youth calendar for March as follows:

March 3	Meet at church at 5:00 to set up/ clean up for Lenten Dinner
March 7	Youth at the church
March 11	\$100 deposit due for mission trip
March 14	Confirmation with the Bishop AM
March 14	No youth
March 21	Youth at the church
March 28	Youth at the church

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## MEN'S MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDIES

For many years, faithful men from the community have been gathering at **6:00am on Wednesday** to study and share their insights into the word of God. Currently, this group is studying *The Acts of the Apostles*, one chapter, per week, just like clockwork.

Recently, there has been a request that a second group form and that it meet at a later hour. So, in February, a **NEW MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** began. This new group gathers at **7:00 am on Thursdays** in the parlor. We will follow the weekly lectionary and using Bishop Doyle's study notes (*A Hitchhiker's Guide to Luke*) as our jumping off point.

If God is calling you into a deeper fellowship with him and your brothers in Christ, please consider joining one, or both, of these studies. If you need more information, call Art+