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Holy Cross Episcopal Church

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Quote for the New Year: "Exercise daily...walk with the Lord!"

Rector's Meditations

My dear sisters and brothers;

In a few days our vestry will gather for a retreat to become acquainted with the ministries and various programs of our church. I selected a theme which I think is relevant for this community. The theme for the coming year is "Love grows here", and if we are patient enough I will have the song sent here so that the choir can learn and sing it to us. The reason for this theme is to put into practice 1 Corinthians 13. I am sure that you have heard this passage before because it is usually read at marriages. It is not about marriage although the words seem to fit in with a wedding. It's about the early church and how it lived together with each other.

"If I speak with human eloquence but don't have love I am nothing but the creaking of a rusty gate. If I speak God's word with power, revealing all his mysteries and making everything as plain as day, and if I have faith that say's to a mountain, "Jump" and it jumps, but if I don't love, I'm nothing.

If I give everything away to the poor and even go to the stake to be burned as a martyr, but I do not love I have gotten nowhere. So no matter what I say, what I believe, and what I do I am bankrupt without love.

Love never gives up, love cares more for others than self, loves does not want what it doesn't have. Love doesn't strut, does not have a swell head, and doesn't force itself upon others. Isn't always me first, does not fly off the handle, and doesn't keep score of



the sins of others. Love takes pleasure in the flowering of truth, puts up with anything, Trust God always, looks for the best, never looks back but keeps on going to the end."

Please understand that to love is crucial to our church family. New members will take the side door if they even suspect tension in a place of worship. You are here because you have felt this love here in this place. You are God's chosen people and we will reflect that gift in any way possible.

Love
Fr Jeff

Holy Cross excited about Young Adult Ministry

Betty Enfinger, *Publicity Coordinator*

As published in Jan-Feb 2009 issue of "The Coastline"

Last September Holy Cross Episcopal Church in Pensacola began a Young Adult Ministry for ages 18-35 (college and career). The fellowship group has a special focus on community service and networking. Sarah Eagle Heart, Pastoral Leadership Search Effort Mentor and Holy Cross Administrator, organized the group, which is the first Young Adult Ministries in the Diocese. Ms. Eagle Heart noticed an increased attendance of this age group at the Sunday services over the past two years and felt there would be significant interest in a ministry that was directed to their needs.

The group now has a dozen committed members who meet on the first and third Wednesday of the month with occasional weekend gatherings or community service projects.

There is no pressure to be involved in community service if work schedules do not permit. A few fall ministry projects included cooking Indian Tacos for a Wednesday night parish dinner, and volunteering to paint a Habitat House for ECHO (Episcopal Church Habitat Outreach). The fellowship group shifted into high gear during Advent as they baked and delivered cookies for the homebound. The group is also working on book drive for soldiers in Iraq for spring, as well as researching other ministry projects.

New members and friends are welcome. Leadership in the group is shared among the members. Contact Sarah at seagleheart@plse-episcopal.org or you can find Holy Cross Young Adult Ministry on www.facebook.com

Club 55

Betty Enfinger, *Club 55 Coordinator*

Come join Holy Cross active seniors on Thursday, February 12, at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Our very own resident chef, Bob Suhrheinrich, will prepare a special entrée of Black Eye Peas Jambalaya.

We will also have as guest speaker, Gary Brantley, a WellCare representative. WellCare is a comprehensive, inex-

pensive Medicare Supplement. Even if you already have a Medicare Supplement, it's worth your time to check out this one. Please contact Betty at 438-2842 or bettyenfinger@cox.net for your reservation.

Your reply is greatly appreciated because the chef and his staff need to know how many to expect for this event.

Kitchen Corner

Nettie Umbreit, *Great Wednesday Coordinator*

Our Potluck dinner on January 21st was huge success and lots of fun. Pot-Lucks are a great time for everyone to show off what wonderful cooks they are and we have a great many wonderful cooks. This past Pot-Luck was a casserole cook-off. Thank you so very much to our judges, Fay Scordato, Ede Craig and Barbara Kessinger. It was a very difficult decision for them, but the winners of our cook-off were, 1st Place Ms. Jan VanWinkle, 2nd Place Mrs. Lil Buice, and 3rd Place Mrs. Tracy Hotopp.

February Menu

February 4th - Pizza, Salad & Brownies

February 11th - POT-LUCK - The kitchen will be serving hamburgers. Please come and share anything and everything

that you think either needs to be on a hamburger or eaten with a hamburger.

February 18th - Jambalaya & Bread Pudding Mardi Gras Celebration Dinner - The Parish hall will be decorated, so feel free to come dressed and decorated yourself. If you would like to help decorate the parish hall, prepare food, please call me.

February 25th - No Dinner - Ash Wednesday, but look for announcement for a pancake dinner on Tuesday, February 24th.

***Great Wednesday Dinner is at 5:30 p.m. A donation of \$3.00 per person or \$10.00 per family is appreciated.



Left Photo: EYC group plays Rock Band video game during the Lock In. Right: Photo: Rachel Iversen, Troop Leader and Mary Catherine Iversen welcomes their new Troop 424 cadettes: Alicia Umbreit, Jessica Davis-Gunn and Lexi Cintron

EYC Calendar of Events to Relish, Remember and Repeat

Rachel Iversen, *Youth Director*

Thanks to Joe and Jessica Winters for being a part of our EYC leadership team at the EYC lock-in. We could not have had it without you.

Thanks to the Dougherty Family and friends for donating \$765 to the Brendan Keith Dougherty youth fund. Brendan worked with our youth group in 1996 while attending flight school at NAS Pensacola. He had wanted to donate his body to help others but because of the cancer, was not permitted, so his parents hope he enjoys "this avenue" of giving to the youth scholarship fund. This fund is used to help send youth to camp and to sponsor EYC programs.

Episcopal Youth Activities (EYC) Put THESE Dates on Your Calendar!

February 1, Souper Bowl Sunday, EYC Holds Big Soup Pots at the Back of the Church for \$1 or soup cans. 4-6 PM Super Bowl Tailgate Party in the Youth Room plus the new group Shine will sing.

February 4, 6:15-7:30, Youth Group Meets, Apples to Apples

February 8, SHINE girls Music group practice, 4-5 PM in the Sanctuary.

February 11, 6:15-7:30, EYC Valentine Event, Bring Valentines to Exchange.

February 15, SHINE girls Music group practice, 4-5 PM

February 18, 6:15-7:30, Youth Group Meets, SeRvIcE fUnNiEs.

February 20-22, Happening #49, St. Simons in Fort Walton Beach.

February 24, 4-8 PM, Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, EYC Serves for Tips!

Beckwith Summer Camp Sessions!

Please remember to send in your campers registrations. Space is limited and fill up fast.

"Make a difference in someone else's life and you'll make a difference in your own!"

Office Scoop

Sarah Eagle Heart, *Parish Administrator*

I just passed my three year anniversary at Holy Cross, reminded of how much I have grown spiritually and how thankful I am for the loving Holy Cross family. I began working at Holy Cross under a contract with Landrum Staffing in 2006, after eight months of unemployment with not even one job interview. This was after Hurricane Ivan and I had arrived with a brand new Masters in Business Administration, so I found myself over-qualified in a terrible job market. I had also just left a demanding job as an Advertising Coordinator at Viejas Casino & Outlet Center in San Diego and envisioned continuing in the career field. So working at a church seemed about as opposite of a career field as possible. However, Holy Cross offered higher pay and flexible hours. I accepted the position over low paying position at the Chamber of Commerce and saw Holy Cross as a sign from God that I could not ignore.

Later that year, Fr. Ray asked me if I had heard about Native American Ministries after he had attended General Convention. I had not and found it hard to believe because I had grown up Episcopalian in South Dakota with a church located between two Indian Reservations. So I sent a letter directly to the Native American Missioner with a biography and a week later was called by the Office of Native American Ministries to accept nominations for the national standing commissions. I was placed the Standing Commission for Lifelong Christian Education and Formation and began volunteering for Native American Ministries immediately. From there I became involved in Young Adult Ministries and was asked to become a Pastoral Leadership Search Effort Mentor. Then I became an Episcopal delegate to the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women and will return again this year.

I've never really considered myself a leader, but I have found that even when you don't want to be called to leadership God creates signs that cannot be ignored. In my wildest dreams, I would have never thought this would be my path but when I reflect on all my experiences I see how it all fits perfectly. Last November, after the Native American Missioner left the position and I was asked to be a temporary consultant for the Office of Native American Ministries of The Episcopal Church. I was honored to accept with the blessing of Fr. Jeff and the Executive Committee of the Vestry, and even more grateful to Holy Cross for seeing the larger picture that I am called to this work (currently, Rachel Iversen covers the office on Mondays from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. while I work for the national church).

Without the love of Holy Cross, I would've never found this path. It is because of this love that I continue to work above and beyond for Holy Cross. I am grateful for my more than qualified office volunteers who willingly give their time to assist: Ann Young, Rachel Iversen, Toni Brewer, Kendra Gamble, and Bonnie Parson.

Holy Cross is a place that fosters ministry for the Kingdom of Christ. Believe me when I tell you that Holy Cross is a model that not only the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast admires, but also the national church.

Music Direction

Bill Brown, *Music Director*

A Tenebrae Service is scheduled for Palm Sunday at 6:30 p.m. in our sanctuary. It is a deeply moving and meaningful service of music, readings and candles depicting the Passion of our Lord.

The service of Tenebrae follows a tradition of the church dating back to the eighth century. From Latin, the word Tenebrae means "darkness" and commemorates the final hours of our Lord's life on earth.

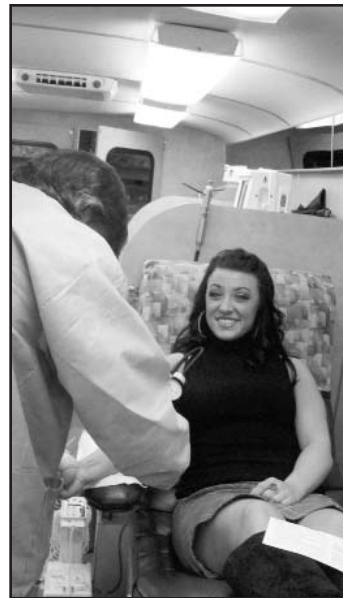
During the service the sanctuary will convey an atmosphere of mourning. The cross and communion table will be draped in black cloth. The darkening of candles will symbolize the fading loyalty of the disciples and the diminish-

ing light of the world as Jesus died upon the cross. After the service, everyone leaves in silence.

The Tenebrae Service that we'll be doing was written and arranged by Hal Hopson and calls for mixed choirs, soloists, oboe, string quintet and organ or piano. All choirs will participate and there are even parts for the congregation. You'll not want to miss this highlight of Holy Week at Holy Cross.

Wonderful Turnout for First Blood Drive of 2008

Twenty-one donors entered the Blood Mobile for our first Holy Cross Blood Drive of 2009. We are blessed to have those willing and able to donate their blood for those in great need. Each pint collected can save a life or help up to three patients. Please mark your calendar for our next blood drive on Sunday, March 22.



Children's Christian Education

Ede and Dean Craig, *Directors*

Dates to Remember:

February 8 – begins First Communion classes (10 week curriculum)

April 5 – Palm Sunday

April 12 – Easter Service/First Communion Ceremony/Easter Egg Hunt

First Communion – Thank you to all those that attended our Youth Advisory Meeting to help make these plans. Our First Communion class will begin Sunday, February 8 at 9 AM in the Dining Room/Parish Hall. Parents are asked to come with their children to this class. The class will be under the direction of Father Jeff with teachers Marcy Winters, Ede Craig, and others. Please sign up in the narthex. The class is open to children in 1st – 5th grades and we are extending it to our Jr EYC, also. For questions, please contact Ede or Rachel.

Children's Sunday School – Starting February 8 until April 12, we will be incorporating the First Communion sessions. Instead of classroom 2, we will be occupying ½ of the space in the Parish Hall. It will be a 10 week curriculum that will conclude on Easter. Please notice as follows:

Nursery: Infants – 3 year old

Nursery classroom: K3-K5 (curriculum to be determined)

Parish Hall: 1st – 5th grades and any interested from Jr

2 Timothy 3:15-16 "...from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness."

EYC (First Communion curriculum)

Children's Chapel – We continue to invite anyone who would like to lead Children's Chapel to sign up and pick up instructions in the Children's Chapel binder located in the chapel.

Great Wednesdays – Christian fun time! Before, during, or after our bible study, we read good books, play various games (outside if weather permits), or watch movies. During our once of month Evening Eucharist, we seek kids to volunteer to do the readings during service. It is a great opportunity for our kids to practice their public speaking. Thank you, Mary Catherine and James, for January's service.

Please contact Ede Craig if you have any questions at cell# 341-2402 or via email at edecraig@cox.net.

Reminder: If your kids are scheduled to acolyte, we will dismiss them early from Sunday school to meet their duties. Please help us build their responsibility by reminding them of their scheduled times and making sure they fulfill it.

Galatians 6:9-10 "And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith."

Prayers of the People

IMMEDIATE PRAYER LIST (Said at each SUNDAY and WED. services for at least two weeks)

Susan Abottrolli • Krista Battalio • Aaron Biles • Linda Biles • Lillian Buice • Gen Birdsong • Oliver Gene Byrd • John Brewer • Melba Cooper • Pauline Elwood • Jennifer Ericson • Susan Goodreau • Pam Herberer • Shirley Humphrey • Cliff Land • Charlie Lee • Bill Martin • Louise Mazzera • Kathy McEntire • Marilyn Milmore • Bill Newman • McKenzie Oerting • Louis Pagnanella • Christopher Scanlon • Sellina Scanlon • Maebelle Scholle • Paula Suhrheinrich • Aaron Teel • Dick Tossie • Gene Tossie • Sherry Tossie • Lynn Vanlear • David Vowels • Jenny Wallace • John Watkins • Mary Williams • Michael Wolfe

CONTINUING PRAYER LIST (Said at WED. services for three months and for personal daily prayer and other services.) Names may be removed or renewed, according to circumstances.

Our Members: Dottie Adams • Sherry Atha • Bill Barnard • Heather Duncan • Edda Glosque • Amanda Harper • Mary Harrison • Carol Hoffman • Jay Hoffman • Patty Krueger • Robert Neal • Bob Pollard • Connie Pollard • Linda Rupert • Fay Scordato • Jack Stenger

Our Extended Family & Friends: Roland Byrd • Chris Cochran • Margaret Cockman • Greg DiGiralamo • Jim Dorsey • Pauline Elwood • Wayne Elwood • David Fouts • Joan Garneau • Kay Gartman • Keith Gilson • James Glover • Victoria Godwin • Jim Goodson • Javier Herdia • Valerie Hood • Neil Iversen • Jared Johannsen • Lowell Johannsen • Keith Jones • Jessica Knott • Veronica Lane • Louise Mazzara • Alicia McDowell • Jerry McDowell • Jodey McMillan • Carol Nix • Lucille Osborne • Mildred Pierce • Katie Potter • Steve Ramirez • Kevin Reid • Mary Royalty • Emily Silverwood • Gary Smith • Iris Suber • Martha Trammel • Philip Trammel • Tommie Turner • Madeleine Varner • Ariel Walker • Christine Whetston • Carl White Sr. • Ruth Wilson • Rebecca Wise

Our Homebound: Ed Boyington • Joyce Fulton • Carlene Johnson • Mig Smith

MILITARY PRAYER LIST for all service men and women on duty here and abroad, especially:

Josh Asselin • Ben Boyer • Lance Breeding • Raymond Buckalew Jr. • Travis Collard • Richard Cuny • Mike Darrah • Karin Eagan • Daniel Einsphar • Brian Fitch • Jason Fitch • Logan Fleming • Tyler Gardner • Ryan Garrison • Nick Gibson • Tim Gilson • John Glover • Alonzo Gonzales • Derrick Guthrie • Jeremy Harper • Zane Higgins • Jay Hunter • Grey Jewett III • Richard Kattau • Michael Lewis • Ken Libbin • David Lukavsky • Gary Marsh • Chris Miller • Mark Mitchell • Daniel Newsome • Marc Orgain • Nathan Pierce • Brad Post • Chase Rudd • Jason Sjodin • Shaun Southall • Ben Walton • Doug Wiessman • John Vieira

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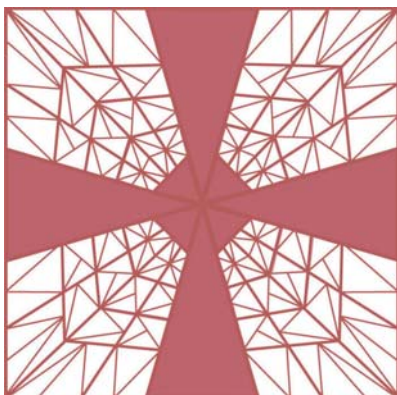
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Manna Souper Bowl Sunday 8:00/10:00 a.m. Holy Communion 9:00 a.m. Sunday School	2 CLC-Stretch & Grow 6-8 p.m. Girl Scout Leaders	3 7:30 a.m. Clergy Breakfast 6-8 p.m. Girl Scout 424	4 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion	5	6	7 7:00 p.m. AA Fr. Jeff Drill
The 38th Annual Diocesan Convention February 5-7 at All Saints Church, Mobile, Al.						
8 8:00/10:00 a.m. Holy Communion 9:00 a.m. Sunday School	9 CLC-Stretch & Grow	10 7:30 a.m. Clergy Breakfast 6-8 p.m. Girl Scout 424	11 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion	12 12:00 p.m. Club 55 Luncheon 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Leaders	13	14 7:30 a.m. Brotherhood of St. Andrew 9:00 a.m. Daughters of the King 7:00 p.m. AA
Fr. Jeff Drill 2/7-2/21						
15 8:00/10:00 a.m. Holy Communion 9:00 a.m. Sunday School	16 CLC-Stretch & Grow	17 7:30 a.m. Clergy Breakfast 6-8 p.m. Girl Scout 424	18 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion	19	20	21 7:00 p.m. AA Happening @ St. Simons-Ft. Walton Bch
Fr. Jeff Drill 2/7-2/21						
22 8:00/10:00 a.m. Holy Communion 9:00 a.m. Sunday School Happening	23 CLC-Stretch & Grow	24 <i>Shrove Tuesday</i> 7:30 a.m. Clergy Breakfast 5:30 p.m. Pancake Supper 6-8 p.m. Girl Scout 424	25 <i>Ash Wednesday</i> 7:00 a.m. HC 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion 6:30 p.m. HC NO DINNER	26	27	28 7:00 p.m. AA

Great Wednesdays

5:00 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal
 5:30 p.m. Great Wednesday Dinner
 6:15 p.m. Youth/Children's Programming
 6:15 p.m. Adult Christian Formation
 7:15 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Italic font indicates meeting held in Parish Hall.

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WORSHIP

UPCOMING EVENTS

Regular Schedule

Sundays	8:00 a.m.	Holy Communion
	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Holy Communion
Wednesdays	10:00 a.m.	Holy Communion (1st Weds-Healing)
3rd Wednesday	6:30 p.m.	Holy Communion

(Please see calendar for details)

February 1	Manna Souper Bowl Sunday
February 12	Club 55
February 5-7	Diocesan Convention
February 20-22	Happening
February 25	Ash Wednesday No Dinner

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Picture Directories!

We will be taking pictures for the new church directory. Pictures will be taken after each service and appointments will be made for a photographer to visit our homebound members. Please visit the information table in the Narthex.

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