

Deadline to submit articles for "The Epistle" is the 15th of each month.

June 18 • 5:15 p.m. • Vestry Meeting

Summer Office hours June & July

Monday to Thursday from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Friday from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

One Service at 9:30 A.M.
Holy Eucharist Rite II

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Sundays in June & July

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Nursery available starting at 9:00 AM

Waves of Gratitude

Summer 2024 VBS

July 9, 10, 11

5:30pm-7:30pm at

Church of the Mediator

Hosted by St Paul's and Mediator

Episcopal Churches

More info with sign ups to come.

Questions, want to volunteer, call your church office.

A United Thank Offering program

A Prayer for Pilgrimage

Camino Blessing

Most merciful and gracious God, Bless and keep your son, Austin and all others who make the Camino pilgrimage. May they find companions on the way, have guidance at the crossroads, find strength in weariness, be afforded defense in dangers, have shelter on the path, find shade in the heat, find light in the darkness, find comfort in discouragement, and have firmness of their intentions, that they may arrive safely at the end of their journey, enriched by your steadfast love and transformed by your grace. Amen.

coffee with the curate

At The Daily Grind

Wednesdays

May 29

June 12 & 26

July 10 & 24

2:00 PM to 4:00 PM



Join Mtr. Katie for Coffeehouse Office Hours at the Daily Grind on Poplar Springs Drive every other Wednesday from 2 to 4 p.m. Coffeehouse Office Hours are a way for parishioners to connect with their priest outside the church building. Grab a hot cup of joe or a cool sweet treat as we fellowship together.

Peace & Comfort in the Nearness of God

"Let us recall the presence of Christ."

This is how a seminary professor of mine started every session of class. These words invited us to be still and remember Christ in the midst of a busy school day. That holy stillness was disrupting. It disrupted the silly conversations we had with our classmates. It disrupted the frantic, last-second studying we tried to cram in before a test. Welcomed or not, being forced to press pause on whatever we were doing and remember the myriad of ways Jesus is present with us.

There are times where it is easier to feel connected to the Holy One; on a mountain top, in the woods, in a loving embrace or even in church, of all places! It is far easier to recall the presence of Christ in places that feel set apart from the chaos of life, or as the psalmist wrote to "be still and know" that God is God.

There are times it is more challenging to feel connected to God; being stuck in traffic when we're running late for school or work, when our kids are too busy bickering in the backseat, or when we watch the news and see images of the terrible things happening across town and around the world. Those are times we might relate more to the psalmist's plea of, "have mercy

on me, Lord, because I cry out to you all day long."

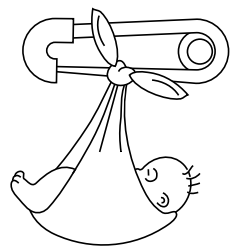
Summer is a strange season. It is the season where many of us have fewer obligations with school and work, so we find ourselves with extra time for leisure and rest. On the other hand, the summer calendar seems to fill up impossibly fast with appointments, trips, camps and visits that it flies by in a hurry. Summer is a season that lies somewhere between complaints of "I'm so bored," or "there's nothing to do" and cries of "there's not enough time to do everything!"

As we find ourselves swinging between the extremes of summer, I invite us to remember my professor's invocation at the beginning of class; let us recall the presence of Christ. There are many ways we can disrupt our daily goings-on by recalling Christ's presence. Christ is with us in the drudgery of our daily chores like washing the dishes after a stressful day at work. Christ is with us as we serve our neighbor by giving them a cold drink of water on a hot and humid day. Christ is with us as we prepare our hearts and minds for worship during the prelude at church.

May we find peace and comfort in the nearness of God.
—Mtr. Katie



We rejoice in the birth of Rose Forrester Hadel born May 7 to proud parents Michael & Katie Hadel.



On Pentecost Sunday our EYC took to the trails at Bonita. Meanwhile, back at St. Paul's we wished Father Austin a bon voyage for his sabbatical — and his boys got a big kick out of the gifts we presented.



Dear Parish Family,
Jo and I will be in Florida for three Sundays — June 30, July 7 and July 14. My former parish, Holy Trinity in Gainesville, has asked me to serve as organist for those Sundays and to make recommendations on repairs to the organ. Their organist-choirmaster recently resigned. John Lowe succeeded me at Holy Trinity, and he has taken a position at St. Mary's-of-the-Highlands in Birmingham, AL. The Visser organ at Holy Trinity is almost 30 years old and in need of attention. Of course, I will be providing music for our services here at St. Paul's for those weeks via our sequencer on the organ and from assistance from "Ghost Organists." How fortunate we are to have such a marvelous device at St. Paul's! Please keep Jo and me in your prayers as we make our journey to the Sunshine State and we will see you when we return home in July!

—David Benson

A Prayer for Journeys

For Travelers

O God, our heavenly Father, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: Preserve those who travel; surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (BCP, p. 831)

A huge thanks to all of the volunteers who made our Mission & Music Festival such a huge success.

And we have a bit of leftovers (all frozen). We have bargains for 4 bags of frozen "uncooked" catfish for sale — \$30 per bag, 5-7 lbs. of fish per bag and 2 bags of "cooked" hushpuppies — \$10 per bag. Check out the little freezer in hallway and let us know if you purchase.

And finally, don't forget to pick up your tents and coolers. If you have picked up a tent, please check and make sure you have the correct tent and cover! Items to pick up are now at the bottom of steps going to the nursery.



We Remember in our Prayers

For our Parish family: Amy Cady, Chip Harwell, Don Pringle, DJ Wells, Eve Morrison, Jerry Wayton, Kay Dickson, Margaret Van Dyke, Mary Dunn, Patrick Leach, Pearce Dickson, Peggy Carrico, Tee, Wanda Blount and Woodie Abraham.

In our senior living communities: Joyce Welsh, Lora Jones Mary Weems and Susan Hamilton.

Extended family and friends: Alisha Crowell, Amanda Lockley, Bent Moulds, Betty Perry, Bill Selman, Brooke, Charlotte Chaney, Christy Covert, Christopher Alexander, Claire Griffith, Clancy, Cory Gaylord, Davey Simmons, David, Diane Dunn, Diane Grace, Donna Polizzi, Drew Wilson, Emily Rush, Evie Warden, Francois DuPlessis, Frances Leach, Frank Baker, Frank Barrett, Gail Richardson, George Farr, Gloria Addison, Hays Monsour, Jacob Neely, Jada Dooley, James, Jan, Jeana Bennett, Jennifer Abraham, Joe Roberts, Jo Nell Brown, Jim McGinnis, Jim Thompson, John, Josiah Christian, Ken Fisher, Kevin Williams, Kylie Temple, Lanier McCullough, Larry Houchins, Leigh Ziller, Leland Tew, Lou Dubose, Lynne Taleff, Maye P., Mark McCoayto, Martha Mazingo, Marti & Will Sorey, Mason, Matt White, Michelle Nelson, Mike Covert, Mize, Norman, Pat Carver, Paul Parker, Phyllis Campbell, Rachel Neely, Ralph Abraham, Randy Moore, Richard Graham, Rick, Ronnie Miller, Sandra Gray, Sandy Carrier, Scott Richardson, Shirley Hunter Croft, Steve Waddle, Susan Nichols, Taylor Wright, Tammy, Thomas Little, Thomas M., Tom Blackledge, Tom Schram, Travis Sadler, Trent Hartzog, Walker Mims, Wanda Farr, Wanda Scott, Zack Martin and Elen Bartlett.

We pray for those who have died, especially Nadia Edgerton Morris, sister-in-law of Janet Chalk.

We pray for those serving in the Armed Forces, for all who serve overseas and their families, especially Andrew Behm, Shum Benson, Cody Blackwell, Connor Covert, Graham Ford, Luke Graham, Zack Hendericks, and DJ Robinson.

We pray for our Bishop-elect Dorothy, for our Rector Austin and his family and our Curate Katie.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

June 2	Delena Avara, Katie Hasselle	June 14	John & Linda Carrier, Caroline Compton, Isabel Polson
June 3	Gary & Barbara Boone	June 16	Woodie & Helen Abraham
June 5	Scotty & Albree Florey, Robert & Lee Loeb	June 18	Dana Lawyer, Page Sikes
June 8	Robert & Missy Bailey	June 19	David Fitzgerald
June 10	Christopher Alexander, Michael & Mary Lawrence Crowe, Larry & Dottie Dudley, Mary Dunn	June 21	Patrick Leach, Chad & Dixie Tibbetts
June 11	Tom & Joy Greer, Karen Rea, Cooper Tibbetts	June 22	Larry Nowak, Hampton Thames
June 12	Anthony & Leslie Hiatt	June 24	Jean Merrell
June 13	Lisa Howell	June 27	Peggy Carrico, Olivia Lewis
		June 29	Chuck & Bobbie Rea

Services

	JUNE 2	JUNE 9	JUNE 16	JUNE 23
VESTRY COUNTERS	Marty McIntyre & John Rea (All month)			
9:30 A.M.				
READER 1	Wayne Wuestefeld	John Carrier	Bob Covert	Patrick Leach
READER 2	Polly Covert	Melissa Calcote	Geoff McIntyre	Polly Covert
PRAYERS	Candy Ward	Joan Moore	Bobbie Rea	Helen Abraham
USHERS	Lisa Howell	Jim Miller	Graham Martin	Perrin Burchfield
	John Howell	Marsha Miller	Joey Martin	Chris Burchfield
ACOLYTES	Lucy Simmons			
ALTAR GUILD	BJ Ray	BJ Ray	Gayle Yochim	Gayle Yochim
	Melissa Calcote	Melissa Calcote	Lee Loeb	Lee Loeb
CHALICE	Joe Benson	Gary Jones	John Carrier	Gloria Chancellor