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Common Prayer

our common life together consists of our worship of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

Common Learning

our common life together consists of teaching one another how to be obedient to Jesus in all things

Common Service

our common life together consists of loving one another and the world as Jesus loves us

Pentecost & Holy Baptism

While the Sacrament of Holy Baptism can be administered on any day in the Church Calendar, the Church encourages the following four feast days as most appropriate for such an occasion: the Baptism of Our Lord, the Easter Vigil, Pentecost, and All Saints' Day. We are blessed with the opportunity to administer baptism to Freya Martin for this year's Feast of Pentecost on Sunday, May 19. If you are interested in having your child(ren) baptized, please contact Fr. Wes.

Pentecost is a wonderful day for baptism since it marks the birthday of the Church, the day the Holy Spirit descended upon the early followers of Jesus. After this spectacular event, the Apostle Peter stood before a large crowd and testified to the good news that God's ancient promises have come true through the crucified and risen Jesus. Three thousand people responded that day by receiving baptism, joining the community of "those who are being saved" (Acts 2:46). Join us as together we renew our own baptismal vows.

The Diaper Project Update

Thank you to all who contributed to this year's Easter Offering towards The Diaper Project! Through your generous contributions, we were able to raise enough funds to purchase a whole pallet of diapers to get us started.

We will begin distributing diapers in June. Distribution days will be exciting times to see our Mission Abbey vision come to life with families from all over the community coming to the church and leaving with one of their basic needs met. If you would like to get involved, please contact Olivia Abernathy at olivia@allsaintsjackson.com.

Adult Formation Hour

Our Adult Formation Hour gives us time to slow down and prepare ourselves to encounter God through a time of community, learning, and prayer. We hope everyone will continue to take advantage of this opportunity afforded us by our new building. Here's the upcoming schedule for our reflection time during the Adult Formation Hour:

May 5	The Sixth Sunday of Easter	Jason Crawford
May 12	The Seventh Sunday of Easter	Robin Salyers
May 19	The Feast of Pentecost	Robin Salyers
May 26	Trinity Sunday	BREAK FOR SUMMER



Join in Our Common Life

Noonday Eucharist

MAY 1 & JUNE 5 | 12:00 PM
ALL SAINTS | NAVE

Join us on Wednesday, May 1 and Wednesday, June 5 for Noonday Eucharist as we fast and pray for the College of Bishops to prayerfully discern together who will be the next archbishop of the Anglican Church in North America.

Men's Monkly

SATURDAY, MAY 4 | 9:00 AM-12:00 PM
ISAAC LANE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | 746 LEXINGTON AVE.

Our next Men's Monkly is a service project for our PIE Partner school Isaac Lane Elementary. Bring your weeding and mulching tools. We will meet at the school and then afterwards head to Hub City Brewing for lunch. We also encourage you to bring your children middle school and older to help.

Ascension Day Service

THURSDAY, MAY 9 | 12:00 PM
ALL SAINTS | NAVE

Forty days after Easter Sunday is always Ascension Day when we celebrate the lordship of Jesus over all things. Join us for a Noonday Eucharist as we observe this key tenet of our faith.

Ladies Koinonia

SUNDAY, MAY 19 | 6:00-8:00 PM
SHEILA WILLIAMSON'S HOME | 32 COUNTRY CLUB CV.

The ladies of All Saints are invited to gather together for a time of fellowship and meaningful discussion around the TV series, *The Chosen*.

Morning Prayer

MON-THUR | 8:15-8:45 AM
ALL SAINTS | NAVE

Considering going deeper into our practice of Common Prayer by joining us for Morning Prayer, Monday through Thursday at 8:15am in the Nave.

Healing Prayer

EVERY TUESDAY | 12:00-2:00 PM
ALL SAINTS | NAVE

Members of our Healing Prayer Crew are available to offer prayers to anyone in need. No appointment necessary, and feel free to invite others. Everything is confidential and done with care.

Centering Prayer

THURSDAYS | 9:00-9:30 AM
ALL SAINTS | NAVE

A new weekly opportunity to practice centering prayer with others meets every Thursday morning from 9:00 to 9:30. You are invited to participate whenever you are able.

Youth Encounter

WEDNESDAYS | 5:45 PM
ALL SAINTS PARISH HALL OR HOST HOME

All students 6th-12th grade are invited to join for a time of teaching, fellowship, and food each Wednesday evening. Contact Fr. Kevin Vailes for more information.

Outreach Highlight The Place

by Kim Howerton

The Place-Jackson, a 501 (c)(3) non-profit recovery home for women, was established in May 2022 and accepted its first resident in February 2023. The Place's mission is to educate and empower women who are without adequate resources and support. Our goal is for each woman to leave The Place-Jackson confident in her self-worth and strength. We accomplish this goal through education, long-term personal development, and safe shelter. After these women have completed intensive treatments, The Place-Jackson provides a safe community and educational programs. The programs build knowledge, self-esteem, and independence. Educational programs include personal health and wellness, financial planning and budgeting, and employment skills. The goal of living in a safe community is to develop

healthy citizenship skills. By providing a safe community and education, The Place empowers these women to accomplish more than they ever dreamed.

The Place
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This Spring, after being homeless for several years, our first resident was able to transition to her own home. While at The Place, she obtained her GED and driver's license and continued her recovery journey. She credits The Place with saving her life. From the first day, we were confident that she would achieve remarkable things.

Several other women continue their journey at The Place. Each woman's journey is unique and although each woman is at a different stage, she supports her fellow residents. They are growing as individuals and as a community. Their growth is inspiring.

Just as The Place believes in each woman's worth, All Saints believed in The Place. Members of All Saints mentored our young and inexperienced founding members. They gave guiding advice and joined conversations that shaped The Place and its first board. Also, we are thankful that All Saints provided a place for people to give tax-deductible gifts. These first gifts played a vital role in The Place's ability to open its doors. Now, The Place is a 501 (c)(3) organization and accepts donations directly. These donations along with All Saints' support allow The Place to continue to serve even more women.

In addition to being thankful and excited about the residents' growth, we are excited that our board is growing. We are transitioning from a working board of four women to an advisory board of eight.

If you know a woman that The Place could help, please contact us. Also if you are interested in volunteering or would like to recommend a potential board member, please email The Place at contact@theplacejackson.org.

The Blessing Place at The Mission Abbey

by Dn. Terry Blakley

The Blessing Place at The Mission Abbey is a ministry organization at All Saints under which blessing prayer and practices are activated throughout our community. It is blessing prayer in action; that is, blessing prayer offered alongside small acts of compassion and kindness to people and organizations in and around West Tennessee.

As lovers of Jesus, we carry the Shalom of God, the peace and favor of God, everywhere we go. Relying on the leadership of the Holy Spirit, we seek a lifestyle of speaking God's blessing, upliftment, encouragement, and redemptive love to people we encounter in everyday patterns of life.

One way the team has been developing this lifestyle of blessing is by visiting businesses, organizations, and worksites with words of blessing and tokens of kindness (e.g. fresh flowers or warm doughnuts). With permission from the worksite manager, we express our appreciation to each employee, thanking them for their hard work and service. We then offer to pray God's blessing and favor to any who wish us to do so. We are careful to pray with great respect, quickly and quietly. Few have refused offers of blessing prayer. Most have responded with gratitude, sharing specific prayer requests as we pray.

Sometimes there are tears, and many times there are hugs. We call this kind of outreach to the community *Blessing Blasts*! It is so named because we have so much joy in sharing the love and blessings of God everywhere we go! It's a real blast! So far, we've done Blessing Blasts at schools,

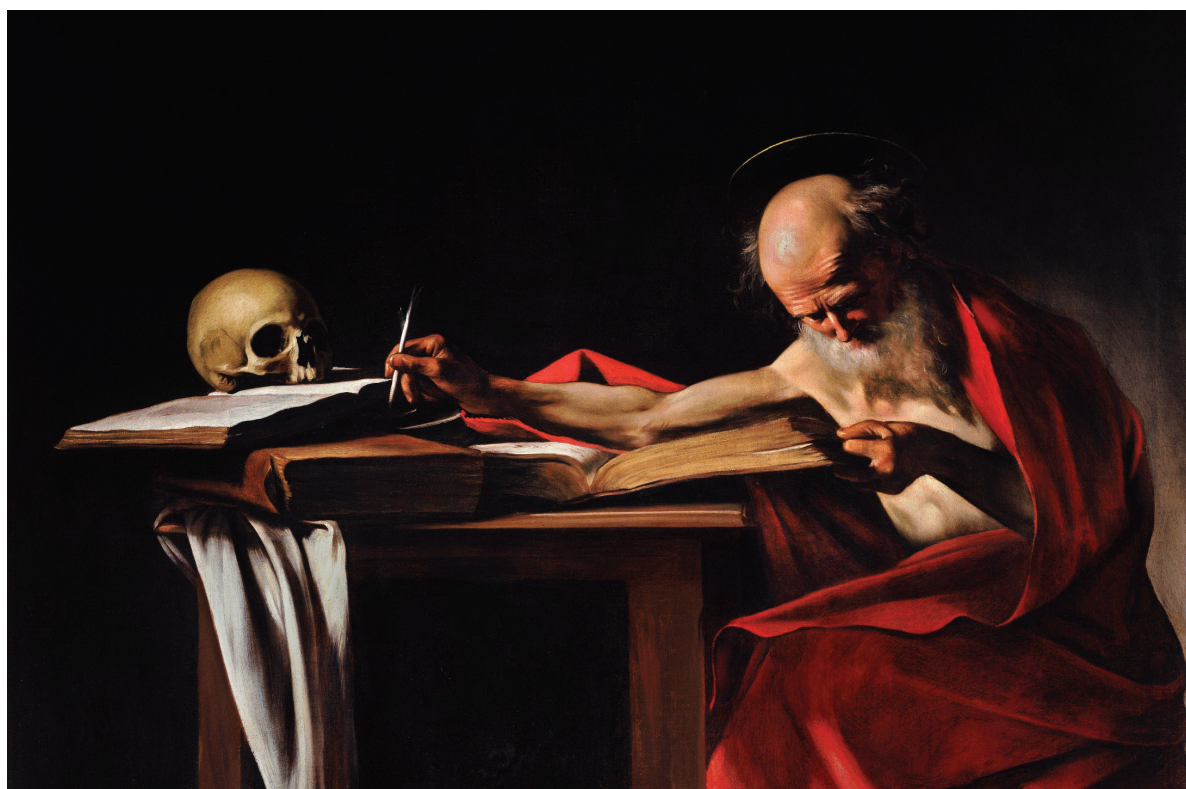
restaurants, office supply stores, medical offices, car dealerships, city parks, nursing homes, the VA, mental health facilities, training centers, and even to the workers at a city solid waste center.

Blessing Blasts are just one of the initiatives at The Blessing Place at The Mission Abbey. Stay tuned! There are lots of ways you can join in on blessing the people and places in and around West Tennessee!

The Blessing Place at The Mission Abbey will be officially commissioned at All Saints on Sunday, May 19.

Prayer Workshop: Join us on Saturday, May 18 for this fun and inspiring workshop, *The Way of Blessing: Discovering the Heart of God to Bless and Heal*, in which you will learn how to activate the blessings of God through small acts of kindness in word and deed. You will also get to participate in a *Blessing Blast* to a local Goodwill Store, and learn about a lifestyle of blessing prayer! There is no cost for this event and lunch is included with registration. Scan the QR code to register.





Just One Thing

Jerome

by Dr. David Thomas

Bishop Bill noted during his recent visit that there remains a great deal of translation work to be done. This is not a new commitment. Christians have, from the start, been interested in and committed to translation. At least one scholar has observed that Jesus was the first translation: the Word became flesh and lived among us. That, I think, is the basic idea behind translation of Scripture: let the Word appear here, now, speaking Aramaic, or Portuguese, or Farsi. Let it dwell among us, living, active, and sharp, to build up and tear down. (The Christian commitment to translation goes the other direction, too, receiving culture, ideas, and individuals. Christian commitment to communication between people has been a powerful conduit and gift.)

One of the most well-known Christian translators was a contemporary of Augustine, Jerome. Jerome was from the Balkans, approximately where Bosnia is now, and was born c. 347 AD, making him a little older than Augustine (b 354). Jerome was a priest, theologian, and scholar, an important early model for joining the callings of scholar and monk and writing more than any other ancient Christian except Augustine. He had skills in language that relatively few people had. Augustine's Greek remained modest, although

“Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ.”

– St Jerome, *The First Book of the Commentary on Isaiah*, 1.

it improved with age, and he never did learn Hebrew. Jerome, though, was fluent in Greek early in life. As an adult, he learned Hebrew and Aramaic and was familiar with Syriac and Arabic.

This became valuable due to developments in the church. As you know, the New Testament was written in Greek. It was translated into Latin, but the Latin translations were not as reliable as needed, marred by flawed Greek manuscripts, colloquial language, and other problems. Latin Old Testaments were not translated from the original Hebrew Scriptures, but from the Greek Septuagint, a pre-Christian Greek translation of Hebrew Scriptures which included additional, related texts. Furthermore, as the center of Christianity gradually shifted to Rome instead of Jerusalem, Latin became increasingly central, while fewer and fewer people read Greek. It thus became important to have a new, better, and authoritative translation.

Enter Jerome. Pope Damasus I appointed Jerome his private secretary in 382 A.D. Nearing forty years old and “the best equipped Christian scholar of his day,” Jerome’s linguistic, theological, and epistolary mastery made him an indispensable aid. As part of his effort to bring unity in the church, Damasus asked Jerome to write a new translation of Scripture from the most reliable manuscripts. Over the next few years he completed the gospels and the psalter. Five years later, perhaps in 390, he began to translate the Old Testament from the original Hebrew, disdaining the Greek Septuagint with its extra

texts. (He recognized the potential controversy: “with my eyes open I thrust my hand into the flame.”) The result, completed c. 405, was the Latin Vulgate, the first complete translation of the Bible from the original languages.

The immediate reception of Jerome’s work was not favorable. Religious conservatives won the day and the Old Latin texts, especially of the New Testament, continued to be used. But the Vulgate – with apocryphal texts included over Jerome’s protest – gradually entered the life of the church, slowly over the ensuing centuries becoming the dominant translation. It was affirmed as the official Latin Bible of the Catholic Church in the mid-sixteenth century. For over a thousand years, even well into the twentieth century, the Vulgate was the dominant biblical text in the world.

One closing note: During his lifetime, this bookish, difficult man was equally disliked and appreciated. By the late Middle Ages, though, his reputation had been considerably polished. Renaissance scholars admired his elegance with language, his vast learning, his commitment to original sources, and his masterful ability to draw classical ideas into the Christian fold. And during the Reformation (1500s), Protestants sided with Jerome on the Old Testament canon and removed the books that were not in the Hebrew Scriptures. Jerome was a master translator, flawed, sometimes at war with himself, but giving to the Church a text and a model of translation greater than he (or Damasus) could have asked or imagined.

Highlights from the Bishop's Visit



Meet Our New Confirmands

Dianne Fields

VOCATION: Personal Commercial Real Estate
HOBBIES: Flower gardening, walking, and reading
ORIGINALLY FROM: Jackson, TN
WHY YOU'RE AT ALL SAINTS: "I appreciate the sacraments, reverence, and beliefs of the church. I also enjoy the warmth and friendship of parishioners."

Natalie Gristy

SCHOOL: Madison Academic High School
HOBBIES: Volleyball, reading, and going to the lake
ORIGINALLY FROM: Jackson, TN
WHY YOU'RE AT ALL SAINTS: "It's a big family and I always get to meet new people. Plus my dad is the priest!"

Emmeline Krebs

SCHOOL: Homeschool
HOBBIES: Reading, art, and video games
ORIGINALLY FROM: Nashville, TN
WHY YOU'RE AT ALL SAINTS: "The acceptance of the people and that my parents attend."

Gareth Krebs

SCHOOL: Homeschool
HOBBIES: Skate boarding, biking, and video games
ORIGINALLY FROM: Nashville, TN
WHY YOU'RE AT ALL SAINTS: "My parents attend and I enjoy that Anglicanism brings movement into the service."

James Martin

VOCATION: Underwriter and dad
HOBBIES: Grilling, legos, and car shopping
ORIGINALLY FROM: Selmer, TN
WHY YOU'RE AT ALL SAINTS: "I found a church that supports my young family in both body and soul, and encourages us toward righteousness. Also, that within the rich theology of the church, we can differ and there is still unity in Christ."

Sarah Martin

VOCATION: Librarian and Mom
HOBBIES: Needlework, reading, and all things cozy
ORIGINALLY FROM: Syracuse, NY
WHY YOU'RE AT ALL SAINTS: "I love the comfort of the liturgy and the embodied worship. Also, I wanted to raise my daughter in a church tradition that values her personhood as a girl."

Micah Psungo

SCHOOL: JCM-Early College High/Jackson State Community College
HOBBIES: Basketball, soccer, music, writing/journaling, and working out
ORIGINALLY FROM: Jackson, TN
WHY YOU'RE AT ALL SAINTS: "My parents have been at the church since its foundation, so I've naturally just grown up here."

Levi Vailes

SCHOOL: Augustine School
HOBBIES: Baseball
ORIGINALLY FROM: Jackson, TN
WHY YOU'RE AT ALL SAINTS: "My dad, the priest."

Reuben Vailes

SCHOOL: Augustine School
HOBBIES: Baseball and chores
ORIGINALLY FROM: Jackson, TN
WHY YOU'RE AT ALL SAINTS: "It's where my family is."

Congratulations '24 Graduates!

O God, by whom the meek are guide in judgment, and life rises up in darkness for the godly: Grant these graduates, in all their doubts and uncertainties, the grace to ask what you would have them do, that the Spirit of wisdom may save them from all false choices; that in your light they may see light, and in your straight path they may not stumble: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Collect #77: For Guidance (BCP, 669)



Grace Creasy

Grace is graduating from Christian Brothers University in Memphis with a Bachelor of Applied Arts in Marketing. After graduation, she plans to work in marketing and real estate.



Micah Psungo

Micah is graduating from JCM-Early College High as well as Jackson State Community College with an Associates degree in Psychology. After graduation, he plans to continue his studies at the University of Memphis, Lambuth to pursue a Bachelor's in Psychology.



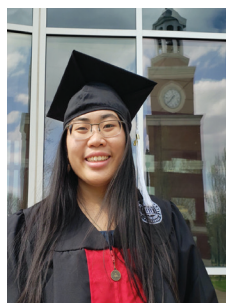
Nate Barnard

Nate is graduating from Union University with a bacehlor's degree in mathematics. After graduation, he will be moving to Chattanooga to work for Blue Cross Blue Shield Tennessee as an Actuarial Assistant.



Marshall Box

Marshall is graduating from University School of Jackson. After graduation, he plans to attend the Univeristy of Tennessee-Knoxville where he will be a long snapper on the football team.



Lydia McGinnis

Lydia is graduating from Union University with a degree in Intercultural Studies, double minor in History and Spanish. After graduation, she plans to return to Nashville with hopes of pursuing work in nonprofit or ministry spaces serving multicultural populations.

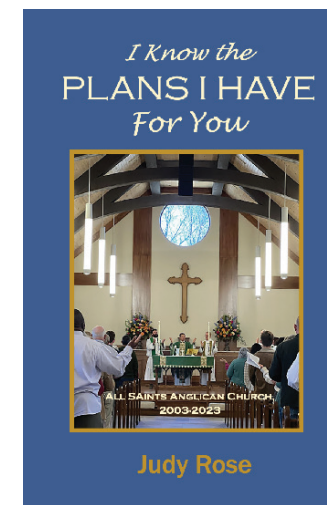


Fr. Kevin Vailes

Fr. Kevin is graduation from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary with a Masters in Theological Studies with an emphasis on Historical Theology and Church History. After graduation, he plans to continue his role at All Saints as Priest of Parish Ministires.

Documenting 20 Years of All Saints History

by Judy Rose



Every people has a history, a unique story to tell, and All Saints Anglican Church is certainly no exception. Scripture repeatedly commands God's people to remember his wondrous works on their behalf. In I Chronicles we read that we are to "remember the wondrous works He has done, his miracles and the judgments He uttered." And Joel 1:3 reminds us, "Tell your children of it, and let your children tell their children, and their children to another generation." This book is an effort to help us remember our remarkable history and all that God has done for us – how we came to be, how God blessed us along the way, and how he continues to bless us today.

When Jeff Garrety first came to me about twelve years ago with the suggestion that I should write a history of All Saints, enlisting the collaboration of Linda Hayes and Charles Richards, my first reaction was feeling honored that he would ask me to do this. My second reactions was a feeling that I would not be able to undertake such a daunting task. It was a great idea, but best left to someone else to do. I had never before written a book and the prospect was somewhat intimidating. At the same time, though, there was a feeling of excitement at being able to share the wonderful story of All Saints' first twenty years.

The idea stayed with me and at times prodded me that I needed to get on with it, but it wasn't until the spring of 2022 that I felt a strong urging from the Holy Spirit that I should do this. I awoke one morning to a clear message, like a text message alert to my brain, about what the first several chapter headings of the book should be. I had not even been thinking about the book recently, so this really got my attention. I have learned that it is never good to ignore the Holy Spirit, and so it began.

This book is not a solo endeavor. I would not have been able to write any of this history without the generous help of many people who provided documents, notes, letters, and conversations about the story of All Saints. To those people I am eternally grateful.

Thanks to the Vestry, a copy will be made available for each household at All Saints.

If you would like to contribute financially toward this project, scan the QR code or write a check to All Saints with "All Saints book" in the memo line.



MAY at a glance

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With your help, we were able to successfully transition all online gifts from Tith.ly to the new platform! As always, thank you for your continued generosity to the ministry here at All Saints.



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