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Holy Week and Easter Services



Come Worship With Us!

March 20: Palm Sunday

Both services will begin in the courtyard

8:00 am Rite One Service

9:15 am: Sunday School for all ages

10:30 am: Rite Two Service

March 21 & 22

7:30 am: Morning Prayer

6:00 pm: Evening Prayer

March 23

7:30 am: Morning Prayer

6:00 pm: Stations of the Cross

March 24: Maundy Thursday

6:00 pm: Maundy Thursday Service

March 25: Good Friday

12:00 pm: Good Friday Service



March 27: Easter Sunday!

8:00 am: Rite One Service

9:15 am: Easter Brunch
and Easter Egg Hunt

Bring a side dish to share!

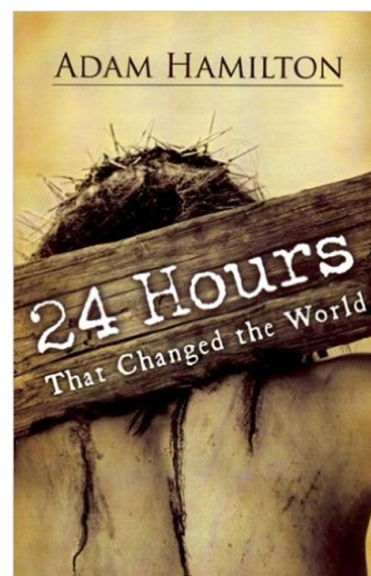
10:30 am: Rite Two Service

For more information on any of these services, please call the church office at 747-4000.

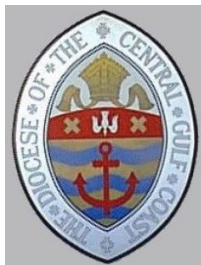
Lenten Series 2016 continues!
Wednesday Evenings following the five-thirty Service
and Soup Supper
March 2 & 9
Programs begin at 6:30

No single event in human history has received more attention than the suffering and crucifixion of Jesus of Nazareth. In this Lenten journey, Adam Hamilton guides us through the last twenty-four hours of Jesus' life through a video filmed in the Holy Land. His book may be purchased on Amazon or through Cokesbury but is not necessary to enjoy the program. Each chapter is designed to help the reader experience and understand the significance of Jesus' suffering and death in a way you have never done before.

The signup sheet to bring soup or bread is located on the Welcome Table.



HAPPENINGS FROM THE DIOCESE!



March 1, 2016: Episcopal Church Women Invitational Hosted by Christ Church ECW, Pensacola

March 4-5, 2016: Men's Conference
 Held at Beckwith Camp and Conference Center

March 12, 2016: Eight-Day Centering Prayer Retreat Held at Beckwith Camp and Retreat Center

March 31-April 3, 2016: Cursillo
 Held at Beckwith Camp and Retreat Center

April 18-22, 2016: Five-Day Iconography Workshop Held at St. Christopher's in Pensacola.

April 22-24, 2016: Young Adult Retreat
 Held at Camp McDowell in Alabama

For more information on these events and more please call the church office at 747-4000 or go to the Diocesan website at www.diocgc.org.

Taizé Worship Service

March 16, 2016 at 5:30 pm



Our Taizé service is comprised of music, silence and prayers only. We will have special music to lead in our worship. Taizé worship is informal and fluid, inviting the worshipper to move with the Spirit, through communal singing and corporate prayer, into a silence of communion with God.

**6:00 pm: Soup Supper
 and programs**



Mar. 4 Justin Rahn
 Mar. 5 Inge Churchill, Jerry Darnell, David Grossman, Molly McLendon, Nelson Scott
 Mar. 6 Catherine Churchill
 Mar. 8 Terrell Hartzog
 Mar. 9 Cassie Commander, Alexander Lovchuk, Samuel McLane, Madi Wilkins
 Mar. 10 Andrew Collier
 Mar. 12 Tom Caldwell, Ashley Metzler
 Mar. 14 Russell Brock, Noah Patterson
 Mar. 15 Lauren Williams
 Mar. 16 Kacey McEwen
 Mar. 17 Sarah Austin, Vincent McEwen
 Mar. 18 William Cramer, Peyton Lam
 Mar. 19 Boyd Faison, Nicholas Stewart,
 Mar. 20 Dana Dye
 Mar. 22 Tommy Harding, Kay Young
 Mar. 24 Nancy Breland, Sean Connolly, Georgie Hartzog
 Mar. 25 Dorothy Allen
 Mar. 26 Teresa Durgan, Chappell Syfrett
 Mar. 27 Anda Gagnet, Paul Hunt, Nicolas Pereira
 Mar. 28 George McInnis, Alex Russell
 Mar. 30 Kendall Lovchuk
 Mar. 31 Grace Smith



Mar. 4 David and Natasha Lithway
 Mar. 8 Jerry and Catherine Shores
 Mar. 15 Jimmy and Sue White
 Mar. 21 Sean and Nancy Connolly
 Mar. 22 Gene and Kathleen Wicker
 Mar. 23 Brent and Lori Faison
 Mar. 27 Bob and Lisa McLendon

March 13, 2016



The Convention of the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast *by Brian Leebrick*

Greetings from the Forty-Fifth Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast at St. Paul's Church, in Daphne, Alabama.

Father Steve and your five lay delegates spent three days here conducting the business of the Diocese—approving nominations for Standing Committee and other Commissions and Committees; approving the annual budget; approving resolutions; and hearing reports from the different arms of the Diocese. This work went smoothly and uneventfully, a nice change from some of the contention of the past.

More importantly, the Convention was an opportunity to hear the vision of Bishop Russell Kendrick, for the future of the Diocese. He spoke of new potential ways to train new priests, of new resources being made available to the churches of the Diocese, and about a new spirit of cooperation between local parishes.

Finally, Convention was also an opportunity to hear from our fellow churches about their blessings, struggles, and opportunities. For several hours, we were placed at randomly assigned tables with lay and clergy delegates from around the Diocese, and led through a series of discussion questions about our churches' opportunities for discernment, discipleship, and development. My personal take-away from that process is that our parish is in a very good place, but we need to continue to find new ways to equip our members to share the love of Christ with the community around us.



As a strong and rowdy group, in the past month, we looked at the words used to hurt and what it actually means.

A big impact was made with our youth following the use of a single word. We spoke about the use, meaning and unmeasurable consequences of using the “retard”.

With over a decade of working with children and adults with special needs, I regularly challenge those who deem this word appropriate to describe

ones physical or mental attributes.

The youth reflected and discussed what and how this word is used and also what unknown impact it can have.

The next week we viewed two clips. First was about unconditional love featuring the incredible story of Dick and Rick Hoyt the long distance father and son team.

The second is a talk by Nick Vujicic an awe inspiring man (and he Australian) check out his website <http://www.lifewithoutlimbs.org/>.

This link to the clip we watched about bullying is <https://youtu.be/l91cgdFCkJ0>

I am so proud of our youth.

Working on a couple trips; details to be confirmed soon.

Looking forward to the fun,
A.J. Jeffery, Youth Director
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SAVE THE DATE!
SHELL ISLAND SUNDAY!
JUNE 26, 2016



Did you miss a Sunday?
You can listen to the sermon online
on the church's website!
www.holy-nativity.org

Children's Ministry March 2016 *by Beverly McDaniel*

Mar.	Sun. School 9:15 Sunday School is meeting in Kids' Kingdom for now.	Children's Church 10:30 In Kids' Kingdom after the children's sermon at the beginning of the worship service. They return to "big church" for communion.	Nursery 10:15 Younger children enjoy being in the nursery with Catherine Churchill or Emily Brock and our faithful nursery Volunteers.
6	Beverly McDaniel 265-8033	"Jacob's Dream" Robert and Sharon Carroll 960-5510	Sandy Ciccarelli 265-9276
13	Beverly McDaniel 265-8033	"Jacob Gets Married" Alex and Laura King 625-0705	Kaew Sumpton 872-3782
20 Palm Sunday	Beverly McDaniel 265-8033	Palm Sunday (Children enter church with palms) Judy Bennett 215-1579 Beverly McDaniel 265-8033	Pat Spangler 215-5247
27 Easter	Parish Breakfast followed by Easter Egg Hunt A.J. Jeffery and HNEC Youth Group are in charge of hiding eggs.	Easter In courtyard before church Flowering of the Cross and Presentation of Mite Boxes Children stay in church for Easter Service	Teresa Durgan 913-3471

Wednesday Evening at Five-thirty has grown to become an integral part of parish life at Holy Nativity. It is a time for worship, fellowship, food, and lots of fun...even during Lent. For Children's Ministry, it is also an opportunity to explore the lessons from Sunday School and Children's Church more comprehensively. Bring your children to join us, and you can join the adults as Fr. Steve leads discussion based on the book and video, *Twenty-four Hours That Changed the World*, about Jesus facing crucifixion. Kaew Sumpton will be in the nursery for the little ones during the service and the program, and they can go with you for Soup Supper.

On Sundays, and on Wednesday evenings, we are tracing the history and genealogy of the Israelites in Genesis from Abraham and Sarah through Moses and the Exodus. We are also incorporating stories and real life situations to help us become more aware of the needs and feelings of others. Again this year, we are encouraging the children to use their own efforts to earn the money for their Lenten mite boxes. Please offer them opportunities to do additional work and extra chores so they can experience the blessings of generosity and caring for others. If your child has not gotten a mite box, please see me, or you may create one from any small box or bowl or sandwich bag...just something to bring in donations on Easter Sunday.

Also in preparation for Easter, please bring candy-filled plastic eggs or bags of wrapped candy (no gum please) to any of the services, or drop them by the church office through March 20, Palm Sunday. With Spring Break falling during Holy Week, we need to get the bags of candy earlier this year so that the Youth Group will have time for filling the plastic eggs that we already have. On Palm Sunday, please have the children come to Kids' Kingdom by 10:15 to get their palm branches and prepare for the processional from the courtyard into church.

On Easter Sunday, we will enjoy the Easter Breakfast at 9:15 followed by the egg hunt at 10:00. I will be asking many of you to help on Easter morning by supervising the Flowering of the Cross, the presentations of the mite boxes, and the Easter Egg Hunt. The Dad Patrol will be on duty to maintain our Christian virtues of kindness and sharing.

Please remind your children to bring their Easter Baskets, mite boxes, and flowers, and you can bring cameras and phones for many pretty pictures. The older I get, the more I understand the importance of making our faith celebrations memorable and meaningful for our children. If you have questions, comments, or suggestions, I welcome your calls.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10:00 am-Bible Seminar	2 4:00 pm-Children's Choir Rehearsal 5:30 pm-EfM 5:30 pm-five-thirty service, Lenten Soup Supper, and program 6:30 pm-Choir Rehearsal	3	4	5
6 The 4th Sunday in Lent 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite One 9:15 am - Christian Education for all ages 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite Two with Children's Chapel	7	8 10:00 am-Bible Seminar 6:00 pm-EfM Alumni Dinner and Program	9 4:00 pm-Children's Choir Rehearsal 5:30 pm-EfM 5:30 pm-five-thirty service, Lenten Soup Supper, and program 6:30 pm-Choir Rehearsal	10 2:00 pm - 8:30 pm Supper at Grace volunteer work	11	12
13 The 5th Sunday in Lent Spring Forward! 88:00 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite One 9:15 am - Christian Education for all ages 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite Two with Children's Chapel 11:30 am; Cursillo Reunion Meeting	14	15 10:00 am-Bible Seminar	16 4:00 pm-Children's Choir Rehearsal 5:30 pm-EfM 5:30 pm- Taize Service, Lenten Soup Supper, and program 6:30 pm-Choir Rehearsal	17	18	19
20 Palm Sunday 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite One 9:15 am - Christian Education for all ages 9:15 am-Vestry Meeting 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite Two with Children's Chapel	21 7:30 am-Morning Prayer 6:00 pm-Evening Prayer	22 7:30 am-Morning Prayer 6:00 pm-Evening Prayer	23 7:30 am-Morning Prayer 6:00 pm-Stations of the Cross	24 6:00 pm-Maundy Thursday Service	25 12:00 pm- Good Friday Service	26
	Spring Break-School Out!					
27 Easter Sunday 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite One 9:15 am - Easter Brunch and Easter Egg Hunt 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite Two with Children's Chapel	28 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED! 5:30 pm-Book Club At Panera Bread 6:30 pm-Book Club at the Parish House	29 10:00 am-Bible Seminar	30 4:00 pm-Children's Choir Rehearsal 5:30 pm-EfM 5:30 pm-five-thirty service, supper, and programs 6:30 pm-Choir Rehearsal	31	Cursillo at Camp Beckwith	

Worship Lay Ministry Schedule for March 2016

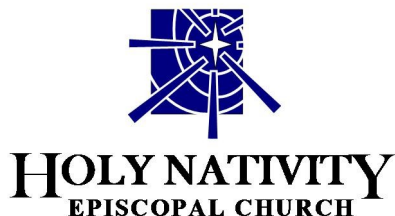
Mar. 6, 2016	Mar. 13, 2016	Mar. 20, 2016 Palm Sunday	Mar. 27, 2016 Easter Sunday
Altar Guild: Nancy Hebert and Inge Churchill	Altar Guild: Max and Joyce Dannecker and Gene and Kathleen Wicker	Altar Guild: Kaew Sump-ton, Nancy Dingus, and Inge Churchill	Altar Guild: Nancy Bre-land, Victoria Williams, and Rhonda Miller
Greeters 8:00 am: Dorbre McMullen 10:30 am: Tony and Jenny Collier	Greeters 8:00 am: Larry and Kay Young 10:30 am: Sandy Ciccarella and Joe Ferrante	Greeters 8:00 am: Dennis and Rita Boston 10:30 am: Charlie Com-mander and Mary Ellen Pet-tis	Greeters 8:00 am: Ursula Hixson 10:30 am: Sue White, Mary Ellen Harding, and Charles and Mary Bonham
Ushers 8:00 am: Dan and Laura Johnson 10:30 am: John Thompson and Chris Mills	Ushers 8:00 am: Susan Nelson and Jerry Darnell 10:30 am: Russell and Beth Brock	Ushers 8:00 am: Terry Jangula and Tim Pride 10:30 am: Bob and Lisa McLendon	Ushers 8:00 am: Jim Hixson and Parker McClellan 10:30 am: Dick and Nancy Hebert, Bill Bradford, and Steve Dick
Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Lou and Inge Churchill 10:30 am: Kelly Roberson and Edyth Brown	Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Byron Matthews and Karen Tucker 10:30 am: Joe Ciccarella and Nancy Breland	Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Gayle Ahrens and Gene Wicker 10:30 am: George McInnis and Joyce Dannecker	Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Suzanne Grossman and Theresa Townsend 10:30 am: Mike Dickey and Kelly Roberson
Acolytes 10:30 am: Jack Thompson, Paul Brust, James Thomp-son, Tyler Shores, Grace Ennis, Hannah Hickman	Acolytes 10:30 am: Ginny Leebrick, Camryn Commander, Joseph Thompson, Linda Taylor, Kate Leebrick, Bekah Lee-brick	Acolytes 8:00 am: Lauren Stewart 10:30 am: TBA	Acolytes 8:00 am: Lauren Stewart 10:30 am: TBA
Lector at 10:30 am Beverly McDaniel	Lector at 10:30 am Jackie Rahn	Lector at 10:30 am Rich Doran	Lector at 10:30 am Don Hodges
Tablecloth Ministry: Mary Ellen Pettis	Tablecloth Ministry: Kacey McEwen	Tablecloth Ministry: Michele Hahn	Tablecloth Ministry: Teresa Durgan

Maundy Thursday, Mar. 24th at 6:00 pm

Chalice Bearers: **TBA**
 Ushers: Tim Phillips and Dawn Johnson
 Greeters: Monica and Alex Phillips
 Acolytes: **TBA**

Good Friday, Mar. 25th at 12:00 pm

Chalice Bearers: **TBA**
 Ushers: Dan and Laura Johnson
 Greeters: Dorbre McMullen
 Acolytes: **TBA**



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DIOCESE OF THE CENTRAL GULF COAST

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The Rev. Steven B. Bates - Rector
The Rev. Tom Weller, Associate
Mr. Mike Dickey, Postulant for Holy Orders

CHURCH STAFF

Youth Director - Andrew Jeffery
Children's CE Director - Beverly McDaniel
Administrative Assistant - Madge Smith
Director of Choirs - Stacey Holliday
Church Organist - John Durgan
Church Bookkeeper - Kathy Mills
Sexton - James Rahn
Nursery Attendants - Catherine Churchill and Emily Brock

THE VESTRY

Fr. Steve Bates - Rector
Gayle Ahrens 15-18
Peggy Bowen 16-19
Beth Brock 15-18
Mike Dickey 15-18
Tiffany Ennis 16-19
Mark Godwin - Treasurer
Tom Hairston 16-19

Jim Hixson 15-18
Brian Leebrick 14-17
Madge Smith - Clerk
Hercules Pettis 14-17
Stewart Sumpton 14-17
Joy Thompson 16-19
Todd Williams 14-17

SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP SERVICES

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>8:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist - Rite I *</i>
	<i>9:15 a.m. - Adult and Youth CE, Children's Sunday School (Sept. - May)</i>
	<i>10:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist - Rite II**</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>5:30 pm - five-thirty Eucharist * and programs</i>

**Nursery Provided*

***Children's Church and Nursery Provided*