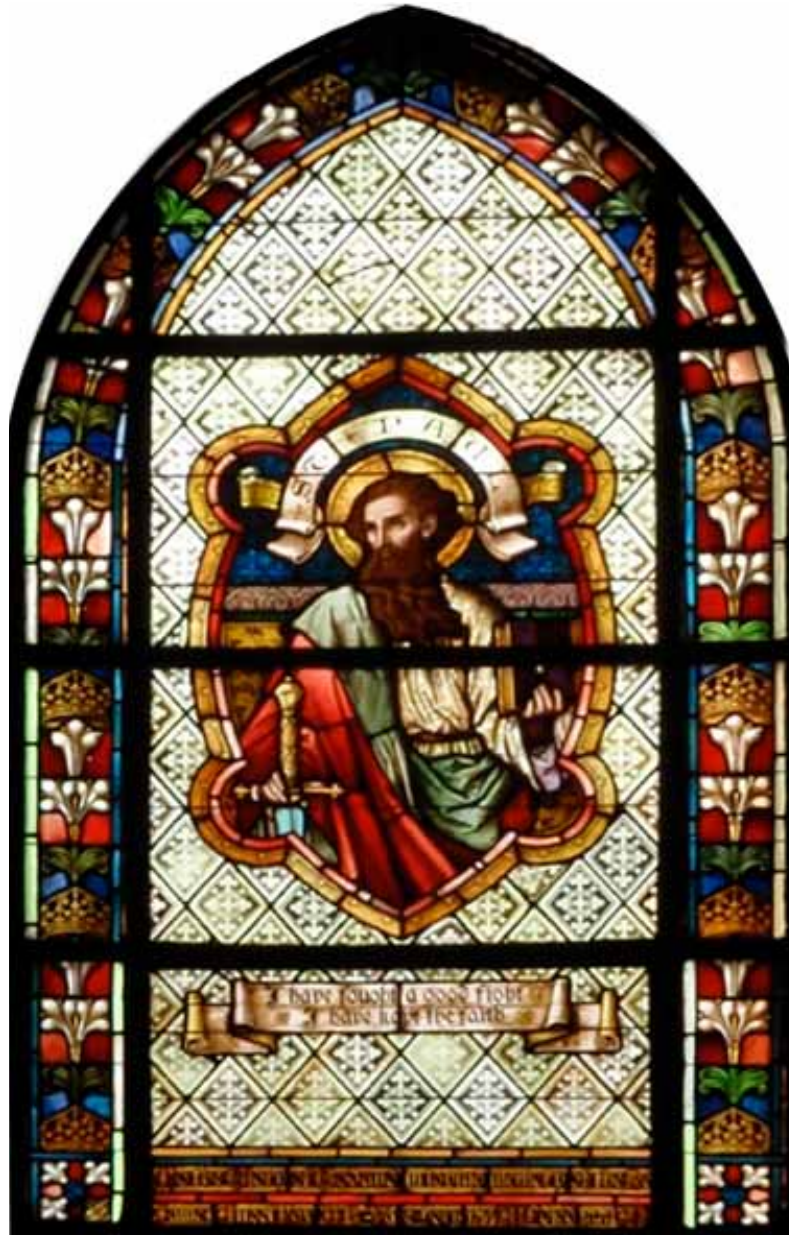




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***St. Paul Memorial Window
Dedicated circa 1886
To The Reverend James Angel Fox, 1794—1881***

All Saints' Day: Luminaries Light Memorial Windows



In our prayers, we ask that God grant them eternal rest and that we would be kept in communion with all the Saints until we are reunited with them around the heavenly throne of God.



In Memory of
Jimmy Graham
By His Loving Wife Dodie



Given to the Glory of God
In loving memory of
Charles R. Kolb
By Bertha Ragsdale Kolb



In Loving Memory of
Dr. Charles Ramsay and
B. B. Ramsay
By loving wife and mother,
Barbara Ramsay



To The Glory of God
In Loving Memory of
Leo Vance and Sarah Berryman Scott



Hannah Latimer Fox
In Memoriam
Born July 31, 1861
Died Sept. 16, 1863
Of Such is the Kingdom of Heaven



In Loving Memory
Jim Ethridge
The Lord is my Shepherd



In Memory of
H. M. "Bubber" Weissinger
*I pray that I may try to
Practice the presence of God
And by doing so, never feel
Alone or helpless again*



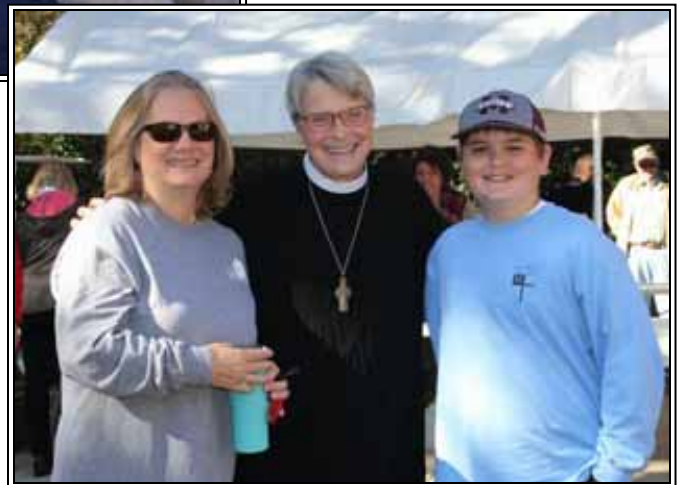
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of
Adelbert William Price, Sr.

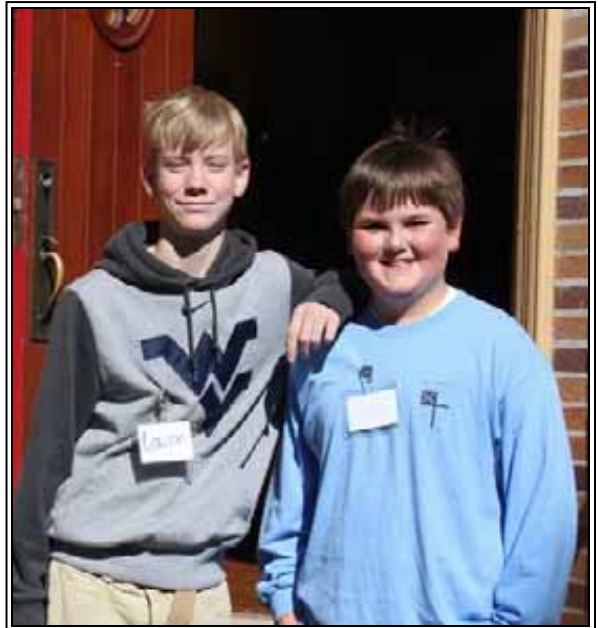


*Suffer the Little Children to Come unto Me
For of such is the Kingdom of Heaven
Given to the Glory of God
And in Loving Memory
John Berryman Scott
by Margie A. Scott and Children*

*For all the Saints, who from their labours rest, who Thee by faith before the
world confessed, thy name, O Jesus,
be forever blessed. Alleluia*

Dinner on the Grounds









† Billie's Corner

Slow Down, Pay Attention

STOP AND LISTEN

“Silence for the soul is like punctuation to language. Without the silencing effect of punctuation, without space between words, it all becomes gibberish. And so with life. Without silence, without the pauses, life is like a run-on sentence, which can be crazy-making, and will not make sense. We need silence to punctuate our soul.”

Brother Curtis Almquist, *Society of Saint John the Evangelist*

“Slow down! How can I slow down! I have so much to do between now and Christmas; so much decorating, cooking and shopping. I can’t begin to slow down. I’ve got Christmas cards to address, and grocery shopping to do, and parties to attend, and gifts to purchase, wrap and deliver. I need to speed up!”

I wish I could say that the above description of pre-Christmas anxiety—“*far too much to do and far too little time*”—was something I observed in other people. But the truth is, I described myself and how I approached Christmas for years and years. Advent was something that I heard about at church on Sundays, but it had no relevance to my day-to-day life during the weeks preceding Christmas. Jesus may have been “*The Reason for the Season*,” but that “*reason*” had to wait until my family and I attended the Christmas Eve service at church.

Who was that person? My pre-Christmas perpetual motion was anything but preparation for coming of the Immanuel: God with us. Today, I consider Advent a gift, the invitation to linger in silent anticipation of the birth of the Infant Jesus. Advent offers us a pregnant pause where we can stop and experience the blissful prospects of the birthing of Jesus into our humanity—into the joys and sorrows of our lives.

The days of Advent take on rich meaning when we set aside some time each day to ponder and reflect—to sit still—to discover the value of waiting in a world that prefers immediate gratification.

SLOW DOWN, PAY ATTENTION—the mystery of the Incarnation of God is about to be birthed into our lives and our lives will be changed forever more.

In Peace,
Billie

✝ Josie's Journal

Advent... Waiting, Anticipating and Preparing



As we await the coming of Baby Jesus, will our hearts have room for Him? What preparations are we making for His coming? This year, I will begin Advent by attending a December 1–3 workshop in New Orleans presented by Fr. Richard Rohr, author of numerous books including *Everything Belongs* and *Eager to Love: The Alternative Way of Francis of Assisi*. The workshop will feature his latest book, *The Divine Dance: The Trinity and Your Transformation*, co-authored with Mike Morrell.

Also, one of the new things I plan to try this year is the *Advent Tea Calendar*—24 days of specialty teas to add a “touch of delight” to the Christmas countdown. This will be my first year to try the tea calendar for Advent. I will let you know how it goes! As you prepare for Christmas, you might be interested in the booklet, *Oh Holy Night*, available at St. Alban’s for parishioners.

I look forward to preparing a place in my heart for the birth of Jesus during the season of Advent. I want to phase out things that are not productive and replace them with new inspirational ideas. For sure, the *hustle-bustle* of shopping is not on my list. I plan for Advent to be a time for reading, reflecting, sipping advent tea and attending the Holy Eucharist.

In Anticipation,
Josie

December Birthdays

1 Harvey Smith, Jr.	18 Kristen Gayle
3 Ashley Abraham	22 Jennifer Normand
10 Patti Dunham	26 John Bonar
11 Clarissa Walker	27 Linda Gerache
12 Pam McCoy Ethridge	28 Dominick McCarthy
Joan Leese	Sara Margaret Porter
13 Michael Bailey	29 Buddy Hanks
15 Jim Butler	Ann Jones
Jim Harper	

December Anniversaries

3 John & Anita Bonar	23 Allen & Linda Kitchens
14 Jerry & Kay McWilliams	29 Rudolph & Allison Price Nieto
16 Jimmy & Ann Jones	David & Mary Ann Wright

Prayers for the People

Allen & Nancy Teeter	Hallie Jo Ragsdale	Lynette Smith
AmeriCorps Youth	Hollis Newman	Margarette Swett
Analiese Wasson	Howard Quarles	Marlene McLaurin Family
Ann Hanks	Jackson Monti	Mary Jo Wright
Ann & Jimmy Jones	Jean Inman	Martha Benson
Barbara Ramsay	Jennie Robertson	Mary Ann Seage
Bertha Kolb	Jerry McWilliams	Michael Morrissey
Betty Biedenham	Jim & Sherry Horan	Mike Bieser
Bo Whittenberg	Jim Dantin	Milli Gasaway
Bradley Freeman	Jim Jones	Norma Jones
Bryan Brabston	Jimmy & Mamie Bright	Parker Ramsay
Camille Doiron	John Hardy	Paula Bandy
Carol Green	John Tompkins	Peggy Lynn
Charlie Brantley Family	Kristi Biedenham	Philip Summerlin
Christine Nelson Family	Larry Sanders	Rachelle Ferris
Dalton Glatt	Linda & Jim Dooley	Selby Parker Family
Damion Hansford	Linda Washington	Lance Tompkins Family
Dan & Mary Carleton	Liz Curtis & Family	The Selby Family
Glenda & Lee Ferguson	Lucas Guynes	

Victims of Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, Jose and Maria
 Victims of Southerland, Texas and Las Vegas Shootings
 Victims of the Earthquake in Mexico & California Wildfire

Schedule of Events

Weekly Activities & Services

Church Office Hours

Monday–Wednesday: 9:00 AM–4:00 PM

Phone: (601) 636-6687

Sunday

Eucharist, 8:30 & 11:00 AM

Choir Practice, 10:00 AM

Adult Sunday School, 10:00 AM

Nursery, 10:00 AM

Children's Chapel, 11:00 AM

Tuesday

Bible & More Discussion Group, Parish House, 6:00–8:00 PM

Wednesday

12 Steps to Spiritual Wholeness Meeting, 7:30 AM

Centering Prayer Support Group, 8:30 AM

Healing Service & Eucharist, 6:00 PM

Thursday

Cursillo Grouping, Parish House, 12:30 PM

Sunday, December 3—First Sunday in Advent. Advent Wreath Workshop, Parish House, after 8:30 & 11:00 AM Eucharist

Sunday, December 3—Inquirer's Class & Soup lunch, rectory, following the 11:00 AM Eucharist

Wednesday, December 6—Helen "Briggie" Emrick, Burial Service, Lakewood Memorial Park, 10:00 AM, Funeral Eucharist, St. Alban's, 11:30 AM.
12-Steps cancelled due to funeral

Saturday, December 9— ECW Luncheon and Ornament Exchange, 11:00 AM–1:30 PM, Main Street Market, 902 Cherry Street. Cost \$20.00 per person. Please RSVP Sharon Hanks, 601-529-6315 or slhanks1945@att.net

Sunday, December 10—Second Sunday in Advent. Final December Inquirer's Class & Soup Lunch following the 11:00 AM Eucharist at the rectory

Sunday, December 10—Second Sundays at St. Mary's Church, Bolton, 4:00 PM. Galloway Methodist Concordia Ensemble will perform "Seasons and Holy Days." Reception following the concert in the Terry Brantley Parish Hall

Sunday, December 17—Third Sunday in Advent. Intergenerational Christmas Pageant, 11:00 AM Eucharist. Betsy Selby & Stacy Weaver, pageant directors, Lance Stewart, guitar music. Potluck Christmas Reception following 8:30 & 11:00 AM Eucharist

Sunday, December 24— Fourth Sunday in Advent. Please note that it falls on Christmas Eve. The Fourth Sunday in Advent services will be celebrated at 8:30 & 11:00 AM. Christmas Eve services will be celebrated at 6:00 & 10:00 PM

- Fourth Sunday in Advent 8:30 & 11:00 AM Eucharist
- Christmas Concert, 5:45 PM and Christmas Eve Eucharist, 6:00 PM
- Christmas Concert, 9:45 PM and Christmas Eve Eucharist, 10:00 PM

Monday, December 25, 2017—No Christmas Day Services. Rev. Billie will travel to New Mexico to be with her daughter and son-in-law

Wednesday, December 27— Healing Service and Liturgy of the Reserved Sacrament, Deacon Josie, 6:00 PM

Sunday, December 31—First Sunday after Christmas. Liturgy of the Reserved Sacrament, Deacon Josie, 8:30 & 11:00 AM



Saturday, December 9— ECW Luncheon and Ornament Exchange

Liturgical Schedule—Sundays in December

	December 3 <i>First Sunday of Advent</i>	December 10 <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>	December 17 <i>Third Sunday of Advent</i>	December 24 <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>	December 31 <i>First Sunday after Christmas</i>
First Reading	Isaiah 64:1-9	Isaiah 40:1-11	Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11	2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16	Isaiah 61:10-62:3
Psalm	Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18	Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13	Psalm 126	Luke 1:47-55	Psalm 147
Second Reading	1 Corinthians 1:3-9	2 Peter 3:8-15	1 Thessalonians 5:16-24	Romans 16:25-27	Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7
Gospel	Mark 13:24-37	Mark 1:1-8	John 1:6-8, 19-28	Luke 1:26-38	John 1:1-18
LWL 8:30 AM	Ann Tompkins	Tommy Skinner	Harvey Smith	Theo Williams	Theo Williams
11:00 AM	Harvey Smith	David Pruett	Betsy Selby	Theo Williams	Theo Williams
MC	Ann Tompkins	Deacon Josie	Beth Guynes	Deacon Josie	
OT Lector 8:30 AM	Penny Freund	Penny Freund	Penny Freund	Penny Freund	Penny Freund
11:00 AM	Elisabeth Gent	Ed Shelnut	Betsy Selby	Kerri Williams	Theo Williams
Psalm			Canada Stewart		
Epistle			Macy Weaver		
Crucifer & Acolyte	Jennifer Normand	Koury Collins	Beth Guynes Gray Weaver Peter Williams	Kerri Williams Peter Williams	
Wooden Cross			Gloria Hall Sam Hall		
Torch Bearers & Choir					
Gospel Bearer	Jenny Newman	Deacon Josie	Gabby Rushing	Peter Williams	Peter Williams
Prayers of the People	Jenny Newman	Deacon Josie	Kerri Williams Peter Williams	Kerri Williams Peter Williams	Deacon Josie
Oblation Bearers	Sara Margaret Porter Dalton Thames	Betty Rushing Cynthia Strawn	Gloria Hall Sam Hall	Dale Gibson Dawn Rickard	
Ushers & Greeters	Lance Stewart Canada Stewart	Allan Leese Dale Gibson	Jonah Artman Josh Artman	Dale Gibson Dawn Rickard	Dale Gibson Allan Leese
Standing Communion	Jenny Newman Ann Tompkins	Deacon Josie David Pruett	Deacon Josie Ann Tompkins		
Altar Guild	Cassandra Price Beth Guynes	Ann Tompkins Beth Sojourner	Kerri Williams Judy Morrissey	Cassandra Price Beth Guynes	Deacon Josie will Set Altar
Coffee Host	Ann Tompkins Jennifer Normand	Cynthia Strawn Betty Rushing	Potluck Christmas Reception	Rev. Billie	Bring Left Over Christmas Goodies
Nursery	April & Ashley	April & Ashley	April & Ashley	April & Ashley	April & Ashley
Children's Chapel	Betsy Selby	Betsy Selby	Christmas Pageant	Betsy Selby	Betsy Selby
Offertory Counters	Ann Tompkins Sharon Hanks Jennifer Normand	Ann Tompkins Sharon Hanks Theo Williams	Ann Tompkins Sharon Hanks Betsy Selby	Ann Tompkins Sharon Hanks Herb Jones	Ann Tompkins Sharon Hanks Jennifer Normand
Healing Service	December 6 Theo Williams	December 13 Tommy Skinner	December 20 David Pruett	December 27 Theo Williams	