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Christmas at St. Alban's Church

ECW Christmas Luncheon & Ornament Exchange







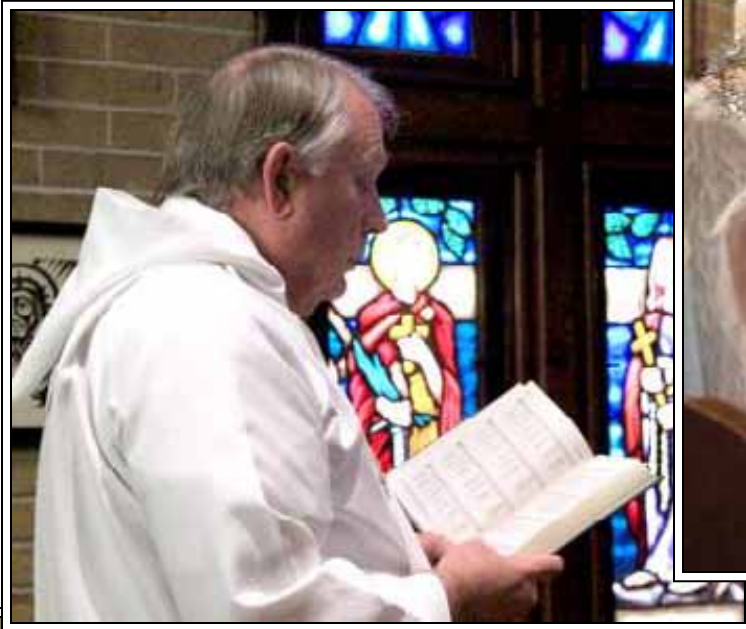
Sights & Sounds of Christmas Children's Chapel



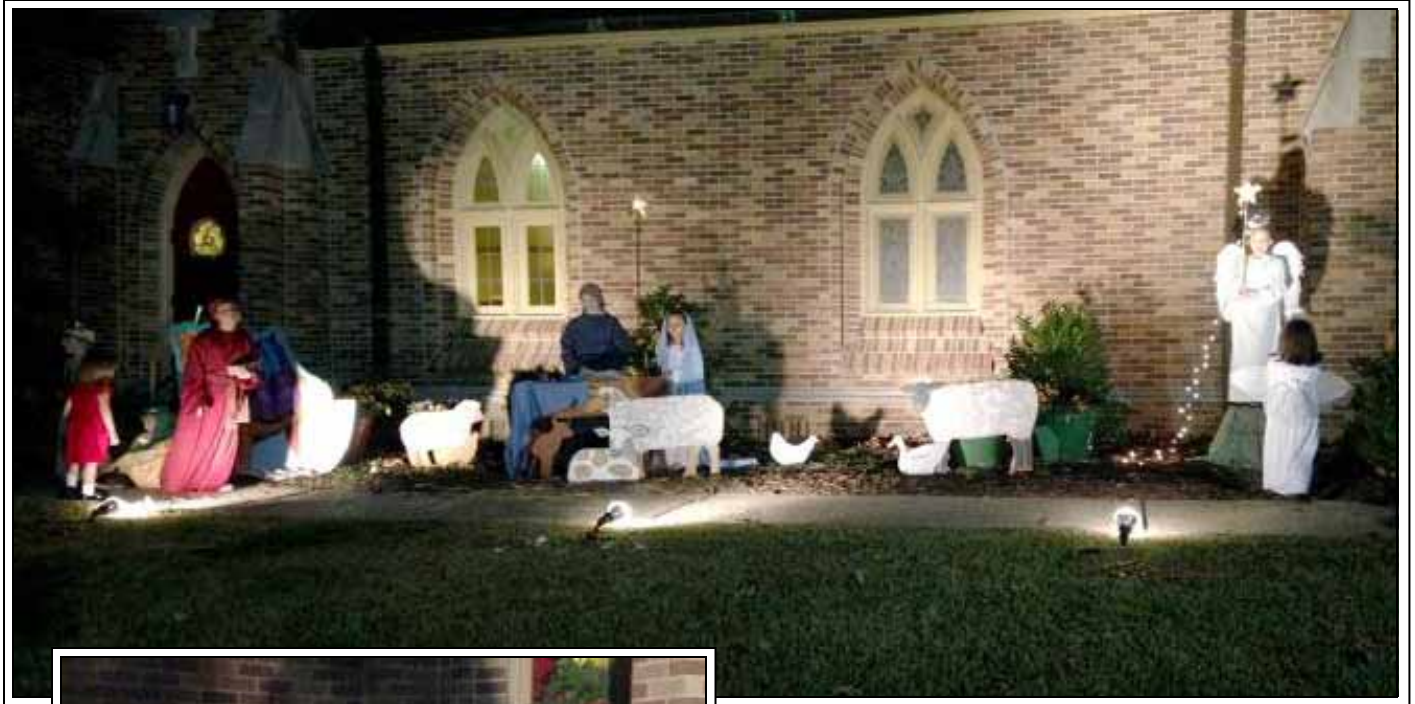
Gifts for the Needy

Children's Christmas Pageant



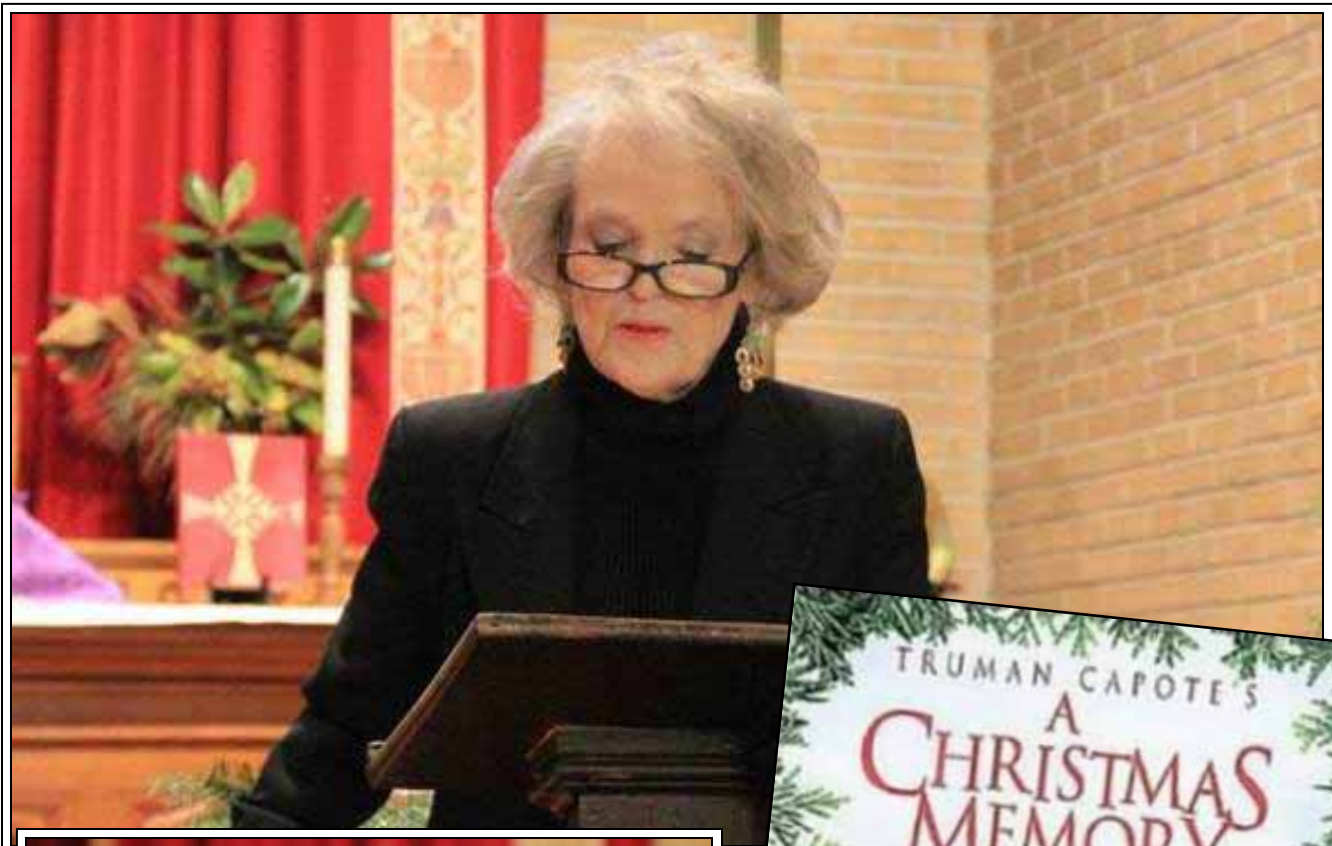


Christmas Eve: "O Holy Night ..."





Mary Ruth Jones Reads Truman Capote's
"A Christmas Memory"



† Billie's Corner



A dear friend of mine introduced me to the practice of selecting a word each New Year to rely upon as a stronghold and a source of wonderment. She said she didn't have to look far—she just noticed what it was that she desired in her life. For example, one year she narrowed down her cacophony of longings to “CONTENTMENT.” She said that she gradually noticed how often the word contentment was referred to in one of the daily meditations she read—or a book she had overlooked among the books on her bookshelf—or a featured article in a magazine or television program.

The more familiar she got with the word contentment, the more she recognized it in her life. And most significantly, by the end of the year, she realized that her contentment did not depend upon the circumstances in her life—that in the midst of a struggle she could pull back into *contentment* and become refreshed and refueled. She had identified what gave her contentment; the quiet of the morning, prayer, scripture, Holy Communion, the companionship of dear friends, the astonishing beauty of a sunrise or sunset, her grandchildren. Contentment is her constant friend now!

As the New Year approaches, I am wondering what my 2017 word would be. I had no shortage of longings when it came to the daily challenges of living life—how could I possibly settle on one word? And then I ran across a familiar catchphrase - one that could easily be discarded because it sounded like an overused jingle—“*Have an attitude of gratitude.*” And just like my dear friend, the word gratitude started showing up. So this year, *gratitude* and I are going to get to know each other better. As the wisdom of my friend has revealed to me, it takes a full year to let the meaning of a word seep into our being. I wonder how an “ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE” will influence me?

How about joining me? I wonder how your individual word will influence our Saint Alban's community as a whole.

In Peace

Billie+

✠ Josie's Journal

Serving as the Bishop's Chaplain

In January of 2011, during the tenure of Bishop Duncan Gray III, the ninth Bishop of Mississippi, I was ordained as *deacon*. I recall that the day was beautiful as rays of sunshine streamed through the stained glass windows of St. Andrew's Cathedral. My family stood beside me, anticipating my ordination into a ministry of *servanthood*.

Prior to the ordination, Bishop Gray addressed the candidates by reading from the *Book of Common Prayer*: "God now calls you to a special ministry of servanthood directly under your bishop... You are to serve all people, particularly the poor, the weak, the sick and the lonely... You are to assist the bishop and priests in public worship and in the ministration of God's Word..." Everything seemed bright and beautiful as a new world opened before me.

In 2014, after Bishop Gray retired, I continued serving as chaplain with Bishop Brian Seage, the tenth Bishop of the Mississippi Diocese. The role of chaplain is one that must be learned since it involves the handling of the bishop's crozier (hooked staff) and mitre (headdress) during special services—beginning with the processional—continuing through the service—and ending with the recessional. There is a "time and a place" for everything and the crozier and mitre must always be in the right place at the right time.

I love my role as deacon and as a chaplain to the bishop. To quote A.W. Tozer, "I am Thy servant to do Thy will, and that will is sweeter to me than position or riches or fame, and I choose it above all things on Earth or in Heaven."



In Peace

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Schedule of Events

Weekly Activities & Services

Church Office Hours

Monday–Wednesday: 9:00 AM–4:00 PM

Sunday

Eucharist, 8:30 & 11:00 AM
 Adult Sunday School, 10:00 AM
 Choir Practice, Nave, 10:00 AM
 Children’s Chapel during 11:00 AM Eucharist

Wednesday

12 Steps to Spiritual Wholeness Meeting, 7:00 AM
 Centering Prayer Support Group, 8:30 AM
 Healing Service & Eucharist, 6:00 PM

Thursday

Cursillo Grouping, 12:30 PM
 Bible & More Discussion Group, Parish House, 6:00–8:00 PM

Sunday, January 1—Eucharist, 8:30 & 11:00 AM, Communion from Reserved Sacraments; Choir Practice and Adult Sunday School, 10:00 AM; No Children’s Chapel

Wednesday, January 4—Quiet Day, *Come In, Light a Candle, Say a Prayer, Be Still, Leave in Peace*, 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM

Thursday, January 5—Vestry Meeting, Parish House, 6:00 PM

Sunday, January 8—**ONE EUCHARIST, 10:00 AM**

Annual Parish Meeting, 11:00 AM

- Annual Ministry Reports
- Vestry Elections
- No Sunday school for adults or children
- Potluck Luncheon
- Nursery Provided

Sunday, January 8—*Second Sundays at St. Mary’s*, Bolton, 4:00 PM, featuring St. Philip’s Episcopal Church Evensong Choir

Sunday, January 15—Children to serve at 11:00 AM Eucharist

February 3-5—Annual Council, Jackson

January Birthdays

1 Carol Simmons	19 Kenon Ruska
Canada Stewart	20 Austin Sumrall
3 Lynda Hubbard	26 Anna Selby
4 Richard Selby	27 Betsy Selby
8 Mary Carleton	29 Heaven Leigh Merritt
12 Hannah Huntley	29 Susan Price
16 Joy Brabston	30 David McLaughlin
Sadie Williamson	31 Robert Ulmer
17 Sergio Panelo	

January Anniversaries

27 Bo & Kristen Gayle	27 Stanley & Deborah Lee
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Prayers for the People

For those Sick or in Need:

Alan Kolodny	Evelyn Glenn	Mary Ann Seage
Angie Standish	Glenda Ferguson	Mary Ruth Jones
Ann Hanks	Hallie Jo Ragsdale	Martha Benson
Aryana Strawn	Jackson Monti	Norma Jones
Barbara Ramsay	Jim & Sherry Horan	Parker Ramsay
Bertha Kolb	Jim Dantin	Peter Meyers
Betty Biedenharn	Joan Parsons	Rachelle Ferris
Brian Buchanan	Josie Williams	Richard & Margo Massey
Charlie Brantley & Family	Key Davis	Rt. Rev. A. C. "Chip" Marble
Dale Gibson	Kristi Biedenharn	Sallie Terry
Dalton Glatt	Linda & Jim Dooley	Shirley Lowery Powers
Damion Hansford	Liz Curtis & Family	The Anita Collins Family
Dan & Mary Carleton	Lucas Guynes	The Selby Family
Dr. Peter Boelens	Marcia Jordan	Wilma Mitchell

Lurgical Schedule—Sundays in January

	January 1	January 8	January 15	January 22	January 29
	The Holy Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ	First Sunday After the Epiphany	Second Sunday After the Epiphany	Third Sunday After the Epiphany	Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany
First Reading	Numbers 6:22-27	Isaiah 42:1-9	Isaiah 49:1-7	Isaiah 9:1-4	Micah 6:1-8
Psalm	Psalm 8	Psalm 29	Psalm 40:1-12	Psalm 27:1, 5-13	Psalm 15
Second Reading	Galatians 4:4-7	Acts 10:34-43	1 Corinthians 1:1-9	1 Corinthians 1:10-18	1 Corinthians 1:18-31
Gospel	Luke 2:15-21	Matthew 3:13-17	John 1:29-42	Matthew 4:12-23	Matthew 5:1-12
	Communion From Reserved Sacrament Deacon Josie	One Service 10:00 AM Annual Parish Meeting			
Master of Ceremonies	Ann Tompkins	Susan Price	Beth Guynes	Deacon Josie	Jennifer Normand
Lay Worship Leader					
8:30 a.m.	Tommy Skinner		Tommy Skinner	Harvey Smith	Tommy Skinner
11:00 a.m.	Herb Jones	Richard Price	Betsy Selby	David Pruett	Ann Tompkins
Old Testament Lector					
8:30 a.m.	Penny Freund		Penny Freund	Penny Freund	Penny Freund
11:00 a.m.	Mary Ruth Jones	Ed Shelnut	Peter Williams	Lance Stewart	Sharon Hanks
Epistle Lector			Lawson Selby		
Psalm Leader			Canada Stewart		
Crucifer & Acolyte	Ann Tompkins Canada Stewart	Koury Collins	Beth Guynes Heaven Leigh Sunny Faith	Kerri Williams	Jennifer Normand
Crucifer (Wooden)			Harris Southall Michael Southall		
Gospel Bearer		Deacon Josie	Gabby Rushing	Deacon Josie	Deacon Josie
Torch Bearers			Gloria & Sam Hall		
Prayers of the People	David Pruett	Sharon Hanks	Bruce Carleton	Deacon Josie	Deacon Josie
Oblation Bearers	David Pruett Bonnie Pruett	Sally Southall Michael Southall	Gloria Hall Sam Hall	Richard Price Susan Price	Courtney Taylor Marcie Turner
Ushers & Greeters	Allan Leese Peter Meyers	Lance Stewart Leigh Divine	Jonah Artman Josh Artman	Dalton Thames Sara Margaret Porter	David Normand Allan Leese
Standing Communion Station	Ann Tompkins David Pruett	Richard Price Susan Price	Deacon Josie Herb Jones	Deacon Josie David Pruett	Deacon Josie Harvey Smith
Altar Guild	Mary Ann Wright Margo Massey	Ann Tompkins Beth Sojourner	Kerri Williams Judy Morrissey	Cassandra Price Beth Guynes	Sharon Hanks Betty Rushing
Coffee Host	Bonnie Pruett Butch Mitchell Betty Rushing	Potluck	Courtney Taylor Rev. Billie Betsy Selby	Dalton Thames Sara Margaret Porter	Ann Tompkins Jennifer Normand
Nursery Assistant	Betty Rushing	Bonnie Pruett	Courtney Taylor	Ann Tompkins	Betty Rushing
Children's Chapel	Betsy Selby	Betsy Selby		Betsy Selby	Betsy Selby
Offertory Counters	Rymn Parsons Ann Tompkins Janice Herrington	Rymn Parsons Ann Tompkins Sharon Hanks	Rymn Parsons Ann Tompkins Jennifer Normand	Rymn Parson Ann Tompkins Herb Jones	Rymn Parson Ann Tompkins Jennifer Normand
Healing Service	January 4 Ann Tompkins	January 11 Tommy Skinner	January 18 David Pruett	January 25 Tommy Skinner	