



TAC Times – February 2021



February 7, 2021 - Annual Meeting, Mission Sunday, and Intinction

On **February 7**, we will celebrate another year of church life together with our **Annual Meeting**. During the **sermon time of each service**, we will hear **“The State of the Church”** after an unprecedented year. Due to the pandemic, we will not be able to have a meal of any kind as we have before, but we **will meet for Christian Education at 10:00 a.m. as usual**.



This is also **“World Mission Sunday”**, when we remember **Acts 1:8 - “And you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the Earth.”** This is each Christian’s call to engage in mission at every possible geographical level, from local to global, and our Propers will reflect that call.

From our Archbishop Foley Beach, we receive this message: “I’m writing to call your attention to the observance of **World**

Mission Sunday on February 7, 2021. Setting aside one Sunday on our liturgical calendar to highlight World Mission does not fulfill the Great Commission, but it reminds us that we have an eternal hope in the One who will not return until every nation has had the opportunity to hear the saving message of the gospel.

Romans 10:14-15 reminds us:

How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in?

And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard?

And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?

And how can anyone preach unless they are sent?

As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

The question we hope World Mission Sunday will challenge you with is: **What part does God want you to play in taking the gospel to the ends of the earth?** In other words, where are your “missional feet” taking you?... Let’s celebrate that God in his mercy allows us the privilege of being his hands AND feet in the global mission that we are called into together!”

If you are **interested in learning more about some of the missionaries and missions we support through Transformation**, you may **visit the bulletin board in the parish hall and speak to Mary Frank** for more information.



February 7 will also be special because we will **resume the practice of intinction for communion!** Intinction is the act of dipping bread into wine at the Eucharist so that a communicant receives both together. Here are the logistics for this renewed giving of the Body and Blood of our Lord:

The masked acolyte will stand next to the Celebrant holding the chalice of wine. The masked priest, after sanitizing his hands, will hold the ciborium which will contain both wrapped and unwrapped wafers. Communicants will hold out one hand if they want a wrapped wafer as we have been using. Communicants will hold out both hands together if they want an unwrapped wafer dipped in the wine and then dropped into their hand by the priest.

February 16, 2021 - Shrove Tuesday

We began the season of Epiphany on Twelfth Night, January 6th. The season of Epiphany may also be called **Shrovetide** with Shrove Tuesday being the last day of the season before moving into Lent. **To shrive means to confess and obtain absolution.** This is a time of cleansing, penitence, and celebration.



SHROVE TUESDAY

Shrove Tuesday began in the Middle Ages. Because foods such as meats, fats, eggs, and fish were restricted during Lent, families would have feasts to use up these items so they would not spoil and be wasted during the fasting of Lent. The English gave us the custom of making pancakes on **Pancake Day** to use up many of these items; the French call it Mardi Gras which means **Fat Tuesday**. The feasting of this day provides a contrast to the repentance and fasting to come, representing the paradox of living in the world but not of the world as we live the life of God. Shrove Tuesday is a time to begin meditating on those things in our earthly life which keep us from walking more closely with God, so we can spend the 40 days of Lent asking God to help us change or replace those things. It is enough time to really initiate change, not just to be miserable for 40 days.

During this time of Shrove Tuesday feasting, we can see connections of faith and festival:

- 1) Colors of the church: purple for justice and royalty, gold for kingship and power, and green for growth and faith

- 2) Coins and jewelry: these remind us of worldly possessions and power which pull us away from God or the lack of these things that can also distract us
- 3) Food itself: eating too much or too little, not making healthy choices, and using food for comfort instead of seeking the Great Comforter are all areas for possible examination
- 4) Masks: these may represent things we conceal or disguise about ourselves from others and even from ourselves; sometimes we even foolishly think we can hide them from God
- 5) King Cake: this cake is a circle representing the Father's everlasting love and our eternal life with Christ; the baby inside represents Jesus - we search for him in the cake as the wise men searched for him following the star and as wise men still search for him today

In healthier times, we hope to be able to gather together again for our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper.

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, February 17th is Ash Wednesday, the first day of the Lenten season.



We will have **services at noon and 7:00 p.m.** Our foreheads will be marked with ashes, created through the burning of palms from past Palm Sunday services, to humble our hearts and remind us that life on this earth passes away. Later, we will share communion, a gift we receive through the redemptive power of Christ's sacrifice for us.

Throughout the Old Testament, ashes are used as a sign of sorrow and repentance, and Christians have traditionally used ashes to indicate sorrow for our own sin, and as a reminder that 'the wages of sin' is death (Romans 6:23). Like Adam and Eve, we have disobeyed and rebelled against God, and are under the same judgment, "you are dust, and to dust you shall return" (Genesis 3:19b). But as we are marked with ashes in the same manner that we were signed with the cross in Baptism, we are also reminded of the life we share in Jesus Christ, the second Adam (Romans 5:17, 6:4). It is in this sure hope that we begin the journey of these forty days, that by hearing and answering our Savior's call to repent, we may enter fully into the joyful celebration of his resurrection.

The Season of Lent



The 1st Council of Nicaea occurred in 325 AD: This was a council of Christian bishops convened by the Roman Emperor Constantine the 1st; this first ecumenical gathering was an attempt to attain consensus in the church through an

assembly representing all of Christendom. They accomplished several things, including agreement on the nature of the Son of God, writing the beginning of our Nicene Creed

which we recite each Sunday, and establishing uniform observance of the date of Easter with its connected days of importance, establishing the 40 days of Lent which begin with Ash Wednesday. Because every Sunday is considered a feast day as we commemorate Christ's resurrection, Sundays are not considered days of fasting and thus are not counted in the 40 days; from Ash Wednesday to Holy Saturday minus the Sundays, we get the 40 days of Lent.

The season of Lent is a time of penitence, fasting, and prayer, in order to be made ready for the great Feast of the Resurrection. Lent began in the early days of the Church as a time of preparation for those seeking to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. It was also a time when Christians who had committed grave faults and notorious sins were cast out of the church to perform a public 40-day penance until Maundy Thursday of Holy Week. The forty days refer to our Lord's time of fasting in the wilderness as he prayed, sought his Father's will, and prepared for his earthly ministry. For us, these forty days provide a solemn time of listening and reflection in order that the Holy Spirit may help us identify those things in this earthly life that keep us from walking more closely with our God. We can then change those things with God's help as we experience the redemptive love of Jesus.

The Book of Common Prayer calls us to a "holy Lent", one that is dedicated and consecrated to God, sacred, and set apart. The Proper Preface used during the Ministry of the Sacrament in our worship services throughout the Lenten season reads: "You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you." During the season of Lent, we do not ring the Sanctus bells or use "Alleluias" in the service. This reminds us of the solemnity of the season and provides a meaningful contrast for Easter morning. May each of us use this season wisely, setting out on a 40-day journey with our Lord, bestowing and receiving forgiveness, experiencing the depth of His sacrifice for us, and, at the end, fully celebrating Christ's resurrection on Easter Sunday.

TAC Lenten Project - Bishop's Well Giving



Each Lent, TAC supports the International Diocese work with Bishop's Well, a ministry started by Bishop Bill Atwood and Ekklesia. This year, Bishop's Well has been stretched beyond the usual reaches with the need to help with emergency food and relief needs. This campaign is critical to support their needs and goals for this year. Originally begun to provide clean water to those who did not have access to it, the Bishop's Well expanded to be a Well of Resources to make positive differences in



people's lives in many areas, not just water. In addition to water wells and equipment to bottle and sell water, they have pursued projects to build radio stations, process mango juice for sale, and many other projects. The 2020 projects included Emergency food distribution in Argentina, Kenya, Uganda, and S. Sudan, 14 chlorine kits to safely make sanitizer & clean water in Africa & S. America, and products/education for general hygiene in South Sudan.

We can participate in "Save Change to Save Lives" through coin collection using the giant bottle in the narthex or by giving a tax-deductible gift to the church by check or credit card, marked specifically for Bishop's Well. Collection begins February 17 (Ash Wednesday) and continues through the final collection day, April 4 (Easter Sunday). Then, the church will send one large check to the International Diocese for this life-changing project.

Here are some ideas for Lent which will provide extra money to send for this effort: make your own coffee -- save \$50; drink water instead of buying a soda -- save \$75; skip a restaurant and pack your lunch -- save \$150. Thank you for your faithfulness to this project through the years!

Gifts of Hope

We continue to have a wonderful opportunity to make a difference in the future of 500 St. Jean Baptiste School students by purchasing a Gift of Hope. This is our sister school in Haiti, and this life-changing ministry is an excellent way to give thanks all year long for the blessings we have received from our Lord. Copies of the catalog, as well as order forms, are available on the table in the narthex. You can also request an electronic copy by contacting Anne in the church office or Susan Meeder at 913-486-6880.



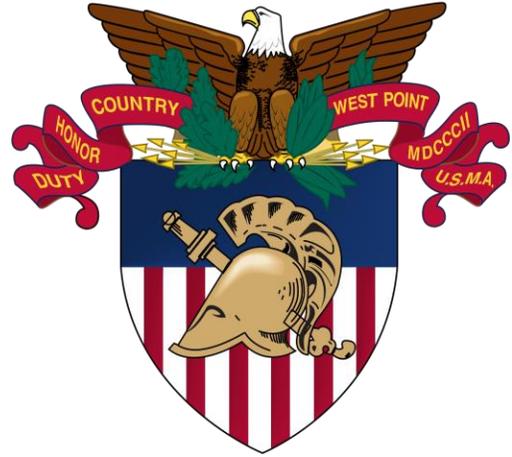
Clothing Drives

First, we send a huge **THANK YOU** for all the jackets and coats given for Austin Street Center in December and January. The Center was so thrilled and grateful. They have received all they can handle at this time.

We are now focusing our giving on gently-used **everyday wear and jackets for men and women** who are ministered to through **OurCalling, a day ministry for the homeless which our church also supports**. The contribution boxes will remain in the narthex for February and March.

Congratulations to Wyatt Richardson!

We are so proud to announce that **Wyatt Richardson** has been accepted into **West Point Military Academy** for the fall semester. He will report for boot camp in July. This is an incredible honor which goes to an extraordinary young man! We wish him the very best as he starts this journey, and we will pray God's blessings on him and his family during this transition.



2020 Contribution Letters

Please note that **Contribution statements for the 2020 year** have been sent out from the office at this time. If you have not received yours, or you believe there is an error, please contact Anne in the church office.

Prayer for Putting on Your Mask

Creator God, as I prepare to go into the world, help me to see the sacramental nature of wearing this cloth. Let it be a tangible and visible way of living love for my neighbors, as I love myself.

Christ Jesus, since my lips will be covered, uncover my heart, that people would see my smile in the crinkles around my eyes. Since my voice may be muffled, help me to speak clearly, not only with my words, but with my actions.

Holy Spirit, as the elastic touches my ears, remind me to listen carefully and caringly to all those I meet.

May this simple piece of cloth be shield and banner, and may each breath that it holds be filled with Your love.

In Your name, and in that love, I pray. **Amen.**



February 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 10:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study B – Debbie Pendergrass	2	3	4	5	6 7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Fellowship
7 Annual Meeting 8:30 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Christian Ed. 11:00 a.m. Worship	8 10:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study	9	10	11 8:00 a.m. Handymen	12 A – John & Peggy Ralston	13 7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Fellowship 10:00 a.m. Saturday Sisters B – Charles Coffee
14 Valentine's Day 8:30 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Christian Ed. 11:00 a.m. Worship	15 Presidents Day 10:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study	16 Shrove Tuesday	17 Ash Wednesday Services at Noon and 7:00 p.m. A – John & Linda Tomlinson	18	19	20 7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Fellowship 10:00 a.m. Order of St. Luke
21 8:30 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Christian Ed. 11:00 a.m. Worship B – Kathy Harrington	22 10:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study	23	24	25 8:00 a.m. Handymen	26	27 7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Fellowship 10:00 a.m. Saturday Sisters
28 8:30 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Christian Ed. 11:00 a.m. Worship						

February 7, 2021

PROPER S

OT **Genesis 12:1-3**
Psalm **86:8-13**
NT **Revelation 7:9-17**
Gospel **Matthew 28:16-20**

LAY SERVERS

8:30 am **Don Newman – OT, PoP**
 Christy Hopkins – NT, Psalm
11:00 am **Mark Carr – OT, PoP**
 Melody Carr – NT, Psalm

ACOLYTES

8:30 am **Daniel Mathews**
11:00 am **Daniel Mathews**

PRAYER MINISTRY

8:30 am **TBD**
11:00 am **Mickey & Val Atkins**

February 14, 2021

PROPER S

OT **1 Kings 19:9-18**
Psalm **27**
NT **2 Peter 1:13-21**
Gospel **Mark 9:2-9**

LAY SERVERS

8:30 am **Hellen Otieno – OT, PoP**
 Betty Spillman – NT, Psalm
11:00 am **Ed Prochaska – OT, PoP**
 Brandon Wallace – NT, Psalm

ACOLYTES

8:30 am **Brandon Wallace**
11:00 am **Brandon Wallace**

PRAYER MINISTRY

8:30 am **Sharon Parker & Mary Kadane**
11:00 am **John & Barbara Shaver**

February 21, 2021

PROPERS

OT **Genesis 9:8-17**
Psalm **25:3-9**
NT **1 Peter 3:18-22**
Gospel **Mark 1:9-13**

LAY SERVERS

8:30 am **Mary Kadane – OT, PoP**
 Mary Frank – NT, Psalm
11:00 am **Sharon Figueroa – OT, PoP**
 Linda Tomlinson – NT, Psalm

ACOLYTES

8:30 am **June Hines**
11:00 am **June Hines**

PRAYER MINISTRY

8:30 am **TBD**
11:00 am **Linda Celaya & Sharon Barnett**

February 28, 2021

PROPERS

OT **Genesis 22:1-14**
Psalm **16:6-12**
NT **Romans 8:31-39**
Gospel **Mark 8:31-38**

LAY SERVERS

8:30 am **Sharon Barnett – OT, PoP**
 Jim Messler – NT, Psalm
11:00 am **Mike Jones – OT, PoP**
 Sara Maneval – NT, Psalm

ACOLYTES

8:30 am **Pete Howk**
11:00 am **Pete Howk**

PRAYER MINISTRY

8:30 am **Debbie Pendergrass & TBD**
11:00 am **Larry & Susan Maupin**

ASH WEDNESDAY
February 17, 2021

PROPERS

OT **Isaiah 58:1-12**
Psalm **103 or 103:8-14**
NT **2 Corinthians 5:20 – 6:10**
Gospel **Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21**

LAY SERVERS

Noon **TBD – OT, PoP**
 TBD – NT, Psalm
7:00 pm **TBD – OT, PoP**
 TBD – NT, Psalm

ACOLYTES

Noon **June Hines**
7:00 pm **Pete Howk**

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