



# THE GRYPHON'S ROAR

## FEBRUARY, 2011



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**“We at St. Mark’s are on a journey seeking God in you,  
 ourselves, and all creation”**

### Weekly Schedule

Sundays	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist
	9:15 AM	Sunday school
	10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist
	5:00 PM	AA Meeting
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	9:00 AM	Breakfast – Sept. – May
Wednesday	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Fridays	8:00 PM	AA Meeting
1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday	8:00 AM	Quiet Day

The Rt. Rev. John Bauerschmidt	Bishop of Tennessee
The Reverend Battle Beasley	Rector
Frank Brannon, M. Div.	Pastoral Care Coordinator
Ron Balcarras	Senior Warden
George Noren	Junior Warden
Charles Cross & Les Worsley	Treasurers
Kevin Curtis	Clerk of the Vestry

Next month deadline for submissions is Sunday, February 20, 2011  
**Gryphon submissions to: [submitgryphon@aol.com](mailto:submitgryphon@aol.com)**

### **St. Mark's Vestry:**

Sampson Udeh, Don McEwen, George Noren,	(2013)
David Winters, Eileen Cardwell, Ron Balcarras	(2012)
Greg Noren, Cyndy Fahnestock, Kate Pilcher	(2011)



**Father Battle's sermons are now available on the St. Mark's web site.**

Dear People of God,

The collect for purity, with which we most often begin our worship, prays in part, "to you all hearts are open, all desires known and from you no secrets are hid." I am struck by this prayer virtually every time we pray it. Is my heart always open to God? If I'm honest the answer is no. There are times when I'm angry at a situation or person and I don't want to be open to God's compassion for that situation or person. Times when I'm in a hurry or fearful, when I'm sure I'm right and others are wrong. Times when I'm simply not paying attention to others around me. And yet, my heart being open or shut to God is not simply a matter of my will or effort or intention. Even when I want my heart to be open to God, it is largely God's working in me that makes it so. My heart is open to God because God desires my heart to be open. God opens my heart so that God can pour the Spirit deep within me to let the love of Jesus pour into and through me. God opens my heart to make His desire known to me and to help me to recognize my own selfish desires which are keeping me from recognizing God's presence in my life. God opens my heart so that the secrets of my heart, the ones I have buried deep to keep myself from recognizing them, might be made known to me in the Light of Jesus' love for me. That love which redeems all things restores all things, that love which purifies all things. I am reminded when I pray these words that it is indeed God's grace that gives life and light to all of us. In our journey of faith may we all continually grow in our awareness of our hearts being opened, our desires known and our secrets being gently, lovingly revealed in the Light of Christ.

Peace,  
Battle+

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## February Birthdays

Thom Granger	2
Frank Brannon	6
Jesse Weigel	6
Laura Button	8
Iva Kurz	11
Susie McEwen	13
Mary Ann Campbell	14
Clara Robnett	15
Ann Baker	17
George Kurz	24
Doug Baxter	25
Judith Dunlap	26
Lesley Worsley-Hynd	26
Chase Walls	27

## February Anniversary

Don & Susie McEwen – 17, 1973



Save the Date!!  
Saturday, May 21, 2011



for

The Spring Thing!

at St. Mark's

**Yes, You MAY!** start collecting things for white elephant sale, rooting plants, choosing recipes, and, most important, **VOLUNTEERING** your time and talent. Please contact **Eileen Cardwell** with your ideas for a successful festival full of fun, food, families, frivolity, foot-stompin' music, and a whole lot of cheap stuff to delight the bargain hunters!



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## **A word from the Senior Warden – Ron Balcarras**

As the new Senior Warden of our St. Marks Vestry, I would like to thank the Vestry and the congregation for this humbling honor. I am very excited to work with each elected Vestry member throughout this upcoming New Year to bring the best administration and leadership to St. Marks.

At this time, I would like to recognize outgoing Senior Warden Greg Noren and Junior Warden Kate Pilcher for all the inspirational leadership and hard work they gave last year to St. Marks. Greg and Kate helped me to see all the functional workings of St. Marks and also helped me to gain a clear understanding of what is needed to lead by glorious example. Thank you both for being enlightening mentors to me and the other Vestry members.

This also marks the end of the three year commitment of Jim Hall, Judy Robnett and Suzanne Lindsey to the Vestry. On behalf of the entire congregation, thank you all for your leadership, your passion and your dedication to St. Marks.

The Vestry for 2011 includes – Greg Noren, Kate Pilcher, Cyndy Fahnestock, Eileen Cardwell, David Winters, Don McEwen, Sampson Udeh and Junior Warden George Noren. Please reach out to any one of us if you have any questions about St. Marks and we'll be sure to help in any way we can.

Our Vestry Retreat is Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> this year, and we promise we will be focusing on Parish Leadership, Congregational Life and Spiritual Foundation. We will be sure to excel by assisting our Rector, promoting our out-reach/in-reach, maintaining our property, offering fiscal responsibility and enhancing our congregations' spiritual journey.

I ask for your supportive prayers for the Vestry as we enter this year. We will do our very best for our St. Marks Family.



## **One Flaw in Women**

Women have strengths that amaze men.

They bear hardships and they carry burdens, but they hold happiness, love and joy.

They smile when they want to scream.

They sing when they want to cry.

They cry when they are happy and laugh when they are nervous.

They fight for what they believe in.

They stand up to injustice.

They don't take "no" for an answer when they believe there is a better solution.

They go without so their family can have.

They go to the doctor with a frightened friend.

They love unconditionally.

They cry when their children excel and cheer when their friends get awards.

They are happy when they hear about a birth or a wedding.

Their hearts break when a friend dies.

They grieve at the loss of a family member, yet they are strong when they think there is no strength left.

They know that a hug and a kiss can heal a broken heart.

Women come in all shapes, sizes and colors.

They'll drive, fly, walk, run or e-mail you

The heart of a woman is what makes the world keep turning .

They bring joy, hope and love.

They have the compassion and ideas.

They give moral support to their family and friends.

Women have vital things to say and everything to give.

HOWEVER, IF THERE IS ONE FLAW IN WOMEN,  
IT IS THAT THEY FORGET THEIR WORTH.



## **Episcopal News Service**

Since the early days after many parts of Haiti were devastated late in the afternoon of Jan. 12, 2010 by a magnitude-7 earthquake, Episcopalians have been giving their prayers, expertise and money to the country.

And in the latest of those efforts, the Episcopal Church on the first anniversary of the quake formally inaugurated a church-wide fundraising campaign called Rebuild our Church in Haiti. The first step in that rebuilding effort will be the Episcopal Diocese of Haiti's Holy Trinity Cathedral complex in Port-au-Prince, according to an Episcopal Church Foundation press release.

The complex once housed Holy Trinity Music School, Holy Trinity Professional School, primary and secondary schools, and a convent of the Sisters of St. Margaret, as well as the church with its world-renowned murals depicting biblical stories in Haitian motifs, which were crafted by some of the best-known Haitian painters of the 20th century.

In October, the Episcopal Church's Executive Council reaffirmed its February challenge to the church to raise money to help the diocese begin to rebuild. Duracin has asked that the initial effort be focused on the cathedral for its profound symbolism not just for the diocese but also for the country. The council designated the foundation to coordinate the appeal.

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Brain Club 11:00 – 2:00  Choir 7:00 PM	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> AA Meeting 8:00 PM	<b>5</b> Vestry Retreat
<b>February</b>						
<b>6</b> EPIPHANY V  AA Meeting 5:00 PM	<b>7</b> DOK 6:30 PM	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Choir 7:00 PM	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> AA Meeting 8:00 PM	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> EPIPHANY VI 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday for 2 <sup>nd</sup> Harvest  AA Meeting 5:00 PM	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Brain Club 11:00 – 2:00  Choir 7:00 PM	<b>17</b> Vestry Meeting 6:30 PM	<b>18</b> AA Meeting 8:00 PM	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> EPIPHANY VII  AA Meeting 5:00 PM	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Choir 7:00 PM	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> AA Meeting 8:00 PM	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> EPIPHANY VIII  AA Meeting 5:00 PM	<b>28</b>				<b>2011</b>	

## FEBRUARY 2011 LAY MINISTERS' SCHEDULE

Please watch for your name each month. If you are unable to serve on the assigned date, please arrange a swap with someone else listed for that month, and let Les Worsley (361-6005) know the name of the person with whom you swapped. If that isn't possible, please call Les or the Rector (361-4100) **in advance**. Nursery Workers, please call Lynn Poehl (367-1330). We want to avoid last minute substitutions. A SUGGESTION: Place this schedule on your refrigerator door and highlight your name as a reminder when it is your turn to serve.

**ALTAR GUILD** - Suzie Dobbs and Donna Floyd

	February 6	February 13	February 20	February 27
<b>8:00 a.m.</b>				
CB	C. Burger	D. McEwen	D. Parsons	J. Seufert
R	D. McEwen	M. O'Reilly	L. Poehl	D. Parsons
A	M. Torlay	B. Meyer	D. McEwen	S. Rice
U	H. Stewart	D. Parsons	S. Stewart	H. Stewart
<b>10:30 a.m.</b>				
CB	J. Parris / L. Worsley	D. Baxter / B. ClenDening	K. Curtis / E. Gilliam	D. Floyd / C. Hardison
R	D. Floyd / E. Gilliam	C. Hardison / G. Kurz	V. Mashingaidze / S. McEwen	Greg Noren / George Noren
A	B. ClenDening / V. Mashingaidze	D. Floyd / G. Noren	G. Russ / K. Oku, Jr.	L. Worsley / C. Udeh
U	K. Curtis / E. Gilliam	P. Hall / I. Kurz	V. Mashingaidze / S. McEwen	C. Robnett / S. Udeh
OB	S. McEwen	S. Udeh	P. Worsley	P. Carr-Brannon
CH	P. Carr-Brannon / P. Hall	E. Gilliam / S. Hammontree	H. Granger / K. Pilcher	D. Russ / S. Winters
NW	L. Poehl / H. Hittle	L. Poehl / G. Maxwell	L. Poehl / J. Parris	L. Poehl / K. Tantis
GR	I. Kurz	V. Mashingaidze	S. Udeh	P. Carr-Brannon

## MARCH 2011 LAY MINISTERS' SCHEDULE

**ALTAR GUILD** - Candy Burger and Pat Worsley

	March 6	March 13	March 20	March 27
<b>8:00 a.m.</b>				
CB	M. Torlay	C. Burger	D. Parsons	D. McEwen
R	L. Poehl	M. Rice	C. Burger	G. Leverett
A	J. Seufert	M. Torlay	D. McEwen	B. Meyer
U	D. Parsons	S. Stewart	H. Stewart	D. Parsons
<b>10:30 a.m.</b>				
CB	V. Mashingaidze / S. McEwen	G. Noren / J. Parris	L. Worsley / D. Baxter	B. ClenDening / K. Curtis
R	L. Noren / C. Ogubie	C. Robnett / D. Winters	J. Parris / P. Carr-Brannon	D. Baxter / D. Floyd
A	B. ClenDening / G. Noren	D. Floyd / K. Oku, Jr.	G. Russ / L. Russ	L. Worsley / C. Udeh
U	P. Carr-Brannon / K. Curtis	B. ClenDening / E. Gilliam	P. Hall / I. Kurz	V. Mashingaidze / S. McEwen
OB	K. Curtis	E. Gilliam	D. Floyd	P. Hall
CH	C. Campbell / M. A. Campbell	P. Carr-Brannon / K. Curtis	J. Dunlap / E. Gilliam	H. Granger / K. Pilcher
NW	L. Poehl / H. Hittle	L. Poehl / L. Worsley-Hynd	L. Poehl / G. Maxwell	L. Poehl / J. Parris
GR	G. Kurz	B. ClenDening	K. Curtis	I. Kurz

**KEY:**

**CB:** Chalice Bearer. First name reads the Prayers of the People. Second name leads the Psalm.

**R:** Reader    **U:** Usher

**A:** Acolytes. First name is the Server and the second name is the Crucifer.

**OB:** Oblation Bearer. Takes Bread and Wine to the Altar during the Offertory.

**CH:** Coffee Host. Makes coffee, provides refreshments for coffee hour, and tidies the kitchen after coffee hour.

**NW:** Nursery Workers    **GR:** Welcoming Team Greeters



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