

Deadline to submit articles for "The Epistle" is the 15th of each month.

May 6 • 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. • Mission & Music Festival

May 11 • 11:30 a.m. • Worship Committee Meeting

May 16 • 5:15 p.m. • Vestry Meeting

May 21 • Last day of formation classes until fall schedule resumes

May 28 • Pentecost Sunday • "Wear Your Red" • Celebrate with cake and fruit in the Parish Hall during formation hour

May 29 • Parish Office closed in observance of Memorial Day



An Introduction to Curate Katie Sorey

Greetings, St. Paul's!

My name is Katie Sorey and I look forward to serving as your Curate beginning this summer. A little bit about me. I grew up in Jackson with my parents and my two sisters and I was raised in the United Methodist Church — my family was very active in our congregation. Church was a huge part of my growing up! Between choir practice, youth group and Bible studies it felt like we were there three or four days a week. My church family had a huge hand in raising me, so I treasure being part of that community for children and youth today.



I attended Millsaps College in Jackson (Go Majors!), where I majored in Religious Studies and minored in Education. After college I got my Master of Divinity at Duke Divinity School in Durham, NC. I returned to Jackson where I continued discernment while holding a few different jobs ranging from a church administrative assistant and bartender to dog-sitter and working in Student Life at Millsaps College. During this time, I was

welcomed into the Episcopal Church with wide open arms and I began my vocational discernment after being confirmed by Bishop Seage in 2018. I was ordained a Deacon in December. I complete my Diploma of Anglican Studies at Sewanee's School of Theology in May and will be ordained a priest on June 17.

I love trying new things with new people, so invite me to tag along to whatever brings you joy! I also enjoy listening to music, reading, traveling, spending time with family and friends, cross-stitching (poorly), playing guitar (even more poorly) and attempting to play golf — and that's not going well. either.

Fun facts about me:

- My favorite Bible verses are Philippians 4:4-9.
- My favorite hymn is "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling."
- I have a gray tabby cat named Josie
- I was the school mascot in high school and college.

It would turn some heads if someone at St. Paul's were able to recite the words to the third Creed in Christendom called the Athanasian Creed. We have it in our prayer book — hidden in the Book of Common Prayer — under historical documents and it comes up in confirmation class for about ten seconds.

Athanasius, whose feast day is in the month of May, lived in the fourth century at a time when many people, especially people called the Arians, could not comprehend the idea that God could be fully human and fully God, what we now know as the incarnation. "Jesus became what we are that he might make us what he is." The saint spent his entire life advocating for the faith as we know it today and was exiled five times for fighting for it.

The Athanasian Creed begins with a phrase that is still misunderstood and partially why we rarely use it.

"Whosoever will be saved, before all things it is necessary that he hold the Catholic Faith.

Which Faith except everyone do keep whole and undefiled, without doubt he shall perish everlastingly."

It sounds harsh and exclusive. Though it is important to remember that this is not talking about nonbelievers. It is talking about those who are the Body of Christ. You and me... the Church... Christ's Body... keep the faith. As C. S. Lewis says, "keep; not acquire, or even believe, but keep."

This is a good reminder for Easter people. Keep the faith that has been wonderfully given to us. It is the greatest gift. And we don't think about it very often, but we are to be responsible stewards of this gift. We hold

the universal mystery of the Triune God and into a life-changing relationship with Jesus Christ. And it is a message we are called to proclaim, that others may come to know and keep this faith as well.

On this note, I am beyond excited to welcome someone who will have the cure (care) of helping us keep the faith. I am elated to welcome our new curate, The Reverend Deacon Katie Sorey will be graduating from Sewanee around the time you read this article and will be ordained to the priesthood in June. She will begin in July. Please share in my excitement and welcome her into our parish family as you read her bio on the back page.

I also want to thank you St. Paul's for keeping the faith during Holy Week and continuing into Eastertide. Thanks to our altar guild, choir, acolytes, staff, vestry, wardens and for your presence.

While we no longer use the Athanasian Creed in the formal worship of the Episcopal Church, this promise in the Baptismal Covenant expresses a similar intention: to keep the Catholic Faith by remaining in it, conforming to it, and guarding and protecting it.

"O Lord, who established your servant Athanasius, through wisdom, in your truth: Grant that we, perceiving the humanity and divinity of your Son Jesus Christ, may follow in his footsteps and ascend the way to eternal life, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen."

Austin

Scenes from Holy Week 2023



Above, left, Father Austin uses the cross on Palm Sunday to demand "Open in the name of the Lord!" Directly above, our Agape Meal. And bottom left, during the Easter Vigil, Father Austin lights the Pascal Candle.



We rejoice in the birth of Todd Arrington Coffin, born April 8. Proud parents are Robert & Vaughan Coffin; big brother is Charlie; & grandparents are Bob & Susan Coffin. Proud great-grandparents are George & Nancy Arrington.

Search Committee Announced

The Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Mississippi has announced the members of the search committee charged with the holy and historic task of seeking the 11th Bishop of Mississippi.

With a search timeline that has a tentative date for consecration of our new Bishop on July 20, 2024, The committee has established a dedicated website to the search process. To see the search committee members, visit MSBishopSearch.com.



EYC members enjoyed Spring DOY weekend at Bratton Green. From left: Ann Revere Davis, Lucy Van Veckhoven, Lucy Simmons and Sellers Breaux.



Camp Bratton-Green Summer Schedule Set

Special 1 - June 12- June 17. Adults ages 40+. Directed by the Rev. Patrick Sanders and the Rev. Chris Robinson.

Special 2 - June 19- June 24. Adults ages 18-39. Directed by Emily Belote and the Rev. Will Compton.

Junior 1 - June 26 - July 1. Ages 13-16. Directed by Merry Barnes and the Rev. Deacon Rufus Van Horn.

Elementary - July 3- July 8. Ages 9-11. Directed by the Rev. Abram Jones and the Rev. Stephen Kidd.

Middler - July 10- July 15. Ages 11-13. Directed by the Rev. Carrie Duncan, Jason Woodcock, and Leah Beth Turpin.

Junior 2 - July 17- July 22. Ages 13-16. Directed by the Rev. Walton Jones and Wil Oakes.

Primary - July 24- July 27. Ages 6-9. Directed by the Rev. Annie Elliott and Jace King.



Our EYC enjoyed a nature walk at Bonita to celebrate Earth Day April 22. From left during the walk were: Payton Hanschke, William Davis, Carlyle Breaux and Sadie Reed.

Our Great 50 Day's Celebration

continues Wednesday evenings at 6 p.m.

May 3 • Mexican Night

May 10 • Italian Night

May 17 • BBQ Night

See you there! Prices are \$10 adult, \$8 elementary students and younger and \$30 family of four or more.

We Remember in our Prayers

For our Parish family: Andrea Carver, Cheri Barry, Cliff Odom, Delena Avara, Don Pringle, DJ Wells, Ducky McCormick, Elliott Street, Eve Morrison, Jo Van Devender, Lynn Waddle, Margaret Van Dyke, Marsha Miller, Mary Dunn, Peggy Carrico, Susan Hamilton, Tadley, Wanda Blount and Woodie Abraham.

In our senior living communities: Joyce Welsh, Lora Jones and Nita Neville.

Extended family and friends: Adele Whitlock, Alisha Crowell, Anne Rice Wooley, Ben Avara, Betty Perry, Bill Jones, Bill Selman, Brooke, Charlotte Chaney, Christy Covert, Clancy, Cory Gaylor, Davey Simmons, David, Dee Dee Peoples, Diane Dunn, Donna Polizzi, Emily Rush, Evie Warden, Francois DuPlessis, Frances, Frank Baker, Frank Barrett, George Farr, Hays Monsour, Jada Dooley, James, Jan, Jeana Bennett, Jo Nell Brown, Jim Thompson, John, Katie Schaffer, Ken Fisher, Kennedy Grice, Kevin Williams, Kylie Temple, Leland Tew, Lou Dubose, Martha Hudson, Martha Mazingo, Marti & Will Sorey, Matt White, Melinda Vinson Northern, Michael, Michelle Nelson, Mike Covert, Mize, Nick, Nell Nichols, Norman, Pat Carver, Patrick Leach, Penny Purnell, Randy Moore, Richard Graham, Rick, Roger, Sandra Gray, Sandy Carrier, Shirley Hunter Croft, Stefanie Lynn Roman, Thomas Little, Tom Schram, Tony Sansone, Trent Hartzog, Wanda Farr, Wanda Scott, Willie Spencer, Zack Martin and Mason.

We Pray for those who have died especially: Freddie Bea Watson, sister of Robert Loeb

We pray for those serving in the Armed Forces, for all who serve overseas and their families, especially Andrew Behm, Shum Benson, Cody Blackwell, Connor Covert, Graham Ford, Nick Mullen and DJ Robinson.

We pray for our Bishop Brian, our Rector Austin and his family.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

May 4Alban McGehee

May 5Jerome Kittrell

May 8Rebecca Wilson

May 10David & JoAnn Culpepper

May 11Clay Holladay

May 12Susan Hamilton

May 13Ben Avara, Larry & Susan Nowak

May 14Leslie Hiatt, Bill Simmons

May 15Sherree Maddox, Wesley McGehee

May 16Simmons Davis, Kay Dickson

May 17Patrick Lewis

May 18John & Sonya Carrier

May 19John & Rainey Breaux, Ralph Young

May 20Hayes Lancaster, Steven Slade

May 21Albree Florey, Gibson Hasselle,

Rick & Claire Hasselle,

Judge & Catherine Little

May 23Tim & Claire Hanschke, Michael Harwell,

Lillie Langston, Melinda Perry

May 24Polly Covert, Reid & Mallory Davis,

Bryan Holladay, Wilson Tucker

May 26John & Ann Compton

May 27Gabrielle Kennedy

May 28Jackson Florey

May 28Steve & Lynn Waddle

May 30Maurie Simmons

May 31William & Jamie Tucker

Services	MAY 7	MAY 14	MAY 21	MAY 28
VESTRY COUNTERS	Marty McIntyre & Chris Stump			
8 A.M.	PENTECOST			
CHALICE	John Carrier	Malcom Gee	Bob Covert	Malcom Gee
READER	John Carrier	Malcom Gee	Polly Covert	Malcom Gee
USHER	John Carrier	Malcom Gee	Bob Covert	Malcom Gee
10:30 A.M.				
READER 1	Rick Barry	Katie Simmons	John Compton	
READER 2	Melissa Calcote	Gary Jones	Jo Benson	Rick Entrekin
PRAYERS	Stacey Harwell			Joan Moore
USHERS	Lisa Howell	Michelle Lewis	Joey Martin	Will Simmons
	John Howell	Patrick Lewis	Graham Martin	Stephen Wilson
ACOLYTES	Hayes Lancaster	Cameron Burchfield	Annie Martin	Payton Hanschke
	Gavin Smith	Olivia Lewis	Jack Martin	Rowan Hanschke
	Landon Smith	Caroline Lewis	Maggie Martin	Sarah Katherine Simmons
				Malcom Gee
ALTAR GUILD	Malcom Gee	Malcom Gee	Malcom Gee	Malcom Gee
	Connie Arline	Connie Arline	Stacey Harwell	Stacey Harwell
	Melissa Calcote	Melissa Calcote	Gayle Yochim	Gayle Yochim
			Joan Moore	Joan More
CHALICE	Eddie Simmons	Jo Benson	Rob Calcote	Gary Jones