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#### YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:



Our Vestry and Clergy- our brother, Joseph, Julian Christopher Buuck, Stephen, Sandie Jordan, Barbara Myers, Joyce McClellan, Christopher Anglin, Lynn, Charles Lutes, Gerald Delaunay, Lila, Bob King, Mary McIntosh, Frank Parratt, Karen Gallet, Lisa Bordelon, Maggie Patin, Janet, Jamie, Ken Wade, Nita, Ryan Green, Billy Hall, Hazel, Marvin, , Mary Fay Freshley, Michael Reed, Nicholas Blonski, Margret DeLarue, Catherine Elizabeth, Henry, Emily Taylor, Lee, Alison Higginbotham, Renee Reina, Tammy Carpenter, Dr Kerri Remmel, Rebecca Jayne, James Alan Vaughn, Sawyer Billeaud, William and Ann Shower, Laura, Maddox, Curtis Melancon, Charlene, Faye V. Turner, Hedy Stevens, Louise Haddock, Father Gary Schexnayder, Miller, Nagham El Karhili, Kasey, Jack Larmier, David, Carlin Craig, Kasey, Sharon, Kristen, Melissa Barker, Jonathan Barker, Catherine and Carol Baker, John Bateman, Arthur White, Lou Ann St. Julien, Katherine Attrep, David, Thomas Rowe, Ashley Alexander, Kennedy Shuler, Christopher Hebert, Marion, Sterling Lejeune, Sylvia Turner, Roxanne Myers, Andrew D., Mary Beth Tompkins, Donald Shaffer, Jack Seale, Micah and Kelly Champagne, John Baker, Diana Fay Lejerne, Hunter Watts, Steven Manual, Eddie Martin, Noelle Freeland, Bart Freeland, Martha and David Mills, Donna Hebert, Jim, Lazane Frost, Molly Zeringue, Jeanne Zeringue, Kevin Barry, Jan and Charles, Cynthia and Bill Rogers, Dusty Nassif, Renae Lyles, Pam, Rebecca, Auggie and Brandy, Ed Walker, Emily Marie, Miller King, Pat Fontenot, Paige, Alex Martin, Claire Onks, Chad Lyle, William K., Jan K., Alicia, Maggie Johnson, Tolley Odom, Karen Anderson, Aimee White, Marion, Betsy Vigorito, Albert Freeman, Becky Slagle, Lynda Gaiennie, Jeanette Parker, Donna Platt, Alyssa Willson, Bagaglio family, Blanche Pearson, Jerry Godwin, Gloria Cheraie, Amidie Shaw, Dan Monk, Janet Limouze, HMC, Jacob, Elinore Toomsen, David Lowe, Andre LeJeune, Rick Lang, Mary Coy, Terry Lankford, Henry W., Kara Attrep, Wyatt, Joe and Christina, Albert Davis, Jennifer Wilson, Susan Potter, Randy Harelson and family, Tran Thomas and family, Joe Hynes and family, Bill Chadwick and family, Beth Houston, Margaret Ruffin, Myra Tener, Susan Oglesbee, Ann Jacobs, Joey Hewitt and family, David Snyder, Penny Immel, Janet Bernhardt, Morgan Rutledge, Jake Rushing and family, Jan Hamilton, Reese Forest, Fiona Chisholm, Ella Mitchell, Peezie Alfred, Eddie and Rebecca LeBlanc, Brooks Citron, Mary Connor, friends and family serving in the armed services. (Names stay on the prayers list for three weeks unless otherwise requested.)

#### Members of the Vestry

Kelly Cox, Senior Warden ([kcox@baslimited.net](mailto:kcox@baslimited.net)) Bryce Godwin, Junior Warden ([brycegodwin@gmail.com](mailto:brycegodwin@gmail.com))  
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#### Class of 2024

Susan Davis  
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Myra Tener

#### Class of 2025

Mark Gremillion  
Colleen Sicard  
Kirk Headley  
Patricia Coleman

#### Class of 2026

Natalie Duhon  
Kelly Cox  
Robert Sawvel  
Bryce Godwin

# The Tidings

JANUARY

2024

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

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## Annual Parish Meeting & Ministry Fair

### Sunday, Jan. 28, 10am

Please join us in Coughlin Hall to elect new vestry members and delegates to diocesan convention, for a presentation of the 2024 budget, and an opportunity to take counsel together about where our Lord is calling us in the year ahead. Written reports will be available from the senior and junior wardens, parish treasurer, and AES Head of School, and they will all be present to take questions. Like last year, please come early for our Ministry Fair to learn more about all of the ministries at our active parish, and perhaps to sign up for a new one for the new year! Our candidates for vestry are below. Our four candidates for diocesan convention are Larry and Karen Cox, Doug Goings, and Kathy Knierim. We do not presently have candidates for alternate delegates; if we do not receive any, they will be appointed by vestry as needed. Many thanks to outgoing vestry members Mike Lavergne, Myra Tener, Bryan Groves, and Susan Davis.

In keeping with parish bylaws, qualified electors at the annual meeting must be communicants in good standing who are at least 17 years of age, members for at least one year, and contributors of record during the previous year. Even if you are not yet a qualified elector, we hope you can join us!



*George Arceneaux* is from Houma, Louisiana and has lived in Lafayette since 1986. He is an attorney at Lis-kow & Lewis, where he has worked as a litigator and trial attorney representing energy clients in environmental and other matters. He and his wife Lynn are the parents of three chil-

dren: George, Hugh, and Emma. George enjoys dogs and the outdoors, especially hiking, birding, and hunting. George and Lynn usually attend the 8:30 service.

*Douglas Goings* is a new member of Ascension, but he and his wife Carol are not new to Ascension. Before moving to Georgia in 1995, Carol taught at



Ascension Episcopal School for several years. Doug grew up in French Settlement, Louisiana, and recently retired from Georgia College and State University after 45 years of service as a professor of information systems and business communication. In his previous church, Doug served on vestry for two terms, one of them as senior warden during a challenging time for the parish. He has also served as a delegate for diocesan convention in the diocese of Atlanta. At Ascension, Doug is active as an usher, in the men's group, and in outreach ministry.



*Elizabeth Schutz:* The Episcopal Church of the Ascension is central to my family's origins and future. As children, Austin and I were members of Ascension with our families. We both have wonderful memories here and were drawn to return as members with our children (Wells – age 12 and Rex – age 9) when we moved back to Lafayette in 2020. Austin and

I spend most of our time cheering on the boys at their sporting events, working in our yard, or hosting family and friends. I am excited about the growth happening in our children and youth offerings and believe that worship opportunities for youth are important in the life of the church. I am thankful to be considered for Vestry service and, if elected, would count it as an honor.



*Louis Simon* is from Rayne, Louisiana and has lived in Lafayette since 1986. He is a retired attorney whose legal practice primarily dealt with commercial litigation and business and contract matters. He also served as Administrator and General Counsel for the Louisiana Board of Ethics.

Louis previously served as a member of the Vestry and as Senior Warden. He and his wife, Susan, are parents of three children, Caroline, John, and Lizzie, and one grandson, Finn. Louis is an avid reader and enjoys travel and bird watching. Louis and Susan attend the 8:30 service.



From the Rector



The Rev'd Joseph Daly, Rector

Happy New Year! As the new year begins, I am happy. For a myriad of reasons, I am grateful. Above all, I am hopeful for, despite the overwhelming challenges we face in the world around us and within us, Heaven and Earth, Time and Eternity, Creator and Creation have merged in flesh and blood. God has embraced us all in the Christ who became one with us so we might be one with him.

With that universal good news we celebrate at Epiphany, I am happy to announce that the Rev'd Emily Hylden begins 2024 as the All School Chaplain of Ascension Episcopal School, serving particularly the Downtown and River Ranch campuses. She will join the Rev'd Jake Schlossberg, Chaplain of the high school in Sugar Mill Pond. Her ministry within the school will allow the Rev'd Dr. Jordan Hylden to give his full attention to our parish. And, of course, the Rev'd Honey Becker will continue her service of outreach and pastoral care. So I ask for your prayers and support of Emily and our entire Ascension clergy team.

These changes address the ongoing needs of our church and school during my continued medical leave of absence. Two years ago, I was diagnosed with cancer. Six months later, my medical care required me to transition to disability afforded by the national Church Pension Fund. Thanks be to God, I do not have any visible cancer and my medical team remains vigilant in monitoring my health against any reoccurrence.

I am healing. However, the impact of the disease is permanent, affecting my daily energies and activities. Initially, it was hoped that I would return fully to active ministry but, now, that is unlikely. Plainly put, as my health continues to change, I may return to Ascension in a modified manner to accommodate my situation or not at all. The Church Pension Fund has initiated a process of securing long term care in conjunction with social security and Medicare. This bureaucratic process takes time and, for reasons beyond my control, it is even longer than normal. That said, if there is any change in my position as rector, the vestry and I will communicate it without delay.

Throughout all this, your church vestry, staff, volunteers and clergy have extended themselves to care for our parish and parishioners for which I am deeply grateful and hopeful. Thank you for your patience and, please, keep praying for them, for each other, for Ascension.

# BOOK CLUB

Jan 29: *A Shining*, by Jon Fosso  
a reworking  
of *Dante's Divine Comedy*

MONDAY at 6:30 PM  
at POUR, River Ranch

Ascension Men

Bible study will be every week on Wednesdays, at lunchtime at Bon Temps on odd weeks, with breakfast at Hub City on even weeks.

Ascension Men will also continue their ministry at St. Joseph's Diner on Friday, February 2 and Friday, March 1. Contact Louis Simon for details.

## Men's Bible Study

1ST, 3RD, AND 5TH WEDNESDAYS, BON TEMPS GRILL  
(JAN 3, 17, AND 31, 12:15PM)

2ND AND 4TH WEDNESDAYS, HUB CITY DINER  
(JAN . 10 AND 24, 7:45AM).



From the Treasurer

November income activity from Stewardship Pledges and Non-Pledge Contributions was lower than budget expectations while Plate Offerings have been consistently higher than budget expectations. November's activity fell short of expectations, but our Year-to-date income is still above budget expectations and the Church of Ascension's cash position remains strong.

For a second consecutive month, our expenses were lower than budget – with November under budget by \$12k, while Year-to-date expenditures are under budget by \$38k.

Many thanks from the Office Staff for your generous gifts at Christmas.

Thank you!



Outreach Ministries

Socks and Underwear Drive: Thanks for supporting the Socks and Underwear Drive. Because of your generous support, United Christian Outreach will be able to supply many families in our community with these essential necessities.

The Outreach Ministry Committee would like to thank the students of Ascension Episcopal School, Downtown and Sugar Mill Pond campuses for the hundreds of beautiful Christmas cards they created. The cards along with a ham were given to the many families in the community who are served by United Christian Outreach. Thanks to Father Jake and Susen Brown for allowing the students to participate in this project.

EPIPHANY SERIES

# YOGA

Saturdays, 10am  
January 13 - February 10  
Coughlin Hall  
All levels welcome!

## ASCENSION KIDS

Sunday, Jan 28th

SKYZONE &  
King Cake  
3814 Ambassador  
Caffery  
2:30 - 4pm

RSVP  
Angelle Adams

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Every Tuesday at 4pm, you are invited to meet for a cup & casual conversation with your clergy at **Community Coffee House** - Corner of S. College & Johnston Streets

## coffee with a cleric

JANUARY  
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9 - The Rev'd Honey Becker

16 - The Rev'd Jordan Hylden

23 - Dcn HB

30 - Fr. JLH

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