

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church



Issue 102

March 25, 2015

A Celtic Prayer

(This was shared with us recently when Fr. Gedge Gayle gave his talk about Iona)

May the blessing of the rain be on you—the soft sweet rain.

May it fall upon your spirit so that all the little flowers may spring up, and shed their sweetness on the air.

May the blessing of the great rains be on you, may they beat upon your spirit and wash it fair and clean, and leave there many a shining pool where the blue of heaven shines, and sometimes a star.

May the good earth be soft under you when you rest upon it, and may it rest easy over you when, at the last, you lay out under it, and may it rest so lightly over you that your soul may be out from under it quickly, and up, and off, and be on its way to God.

Dear Lord, Give me a few friends who will love me for what I am, and keep ever burning before my vagrant steps the kindly light of hope... And though I come not within sight of the castle of my dreams, teach me to be thankful for life, and for time's olden memories that are good and sweet. And may the evening's twilight find me gentle still.

Bless those minding cattle, and those minding sheep, And those fishing the sea while the rest of us sleep.

If God sends you down a stony path, may he give you strong shoes.

May the rains sweep gentle across your fields, May the sun warm the land, May every good seed you have planted bear fruit, And late summer find you standing in fields of plenty.

Bless this house, O Lord, we pray.

Make it safe by night and day. Bless these walls so firm and stout, keeping want and trouble out.

Bless the roof and chimney tall,

Let them peace lie over all.

Bless the doors that they may prove

Ever open to joy and love.

Bless the windows shining bright,

Letting in God's heavenly light.

Bless the hearth a-blazing there,

With smoke ascending like a prayer. Bless the people here within..

Keep them pure and free from sin.

Bless us all, that one day, we

May be fit, O Lord, to dwell with Thee.

AMEN

Announcements:

- Sermon: [Snake Bite](#)

Church Schedule

Wednesday, March 25 – Hilda Blanchard

March 29, 2015

TEAM 4

Eucharistic Ministers	Kathy Theriot, Jay Theriot
Lector	Becky Becnel
Acolyte	Kalli Willet
Eucharistic Visitor	Beulah Rodrigue
Ushers	Sharon Pontiff, Randy Knight
Vestry Member on Duty	Randy Knight
Altar Guild	Shanna Himel, Penny Jefcoats
Homes Visited Today:	Ingree Guedry, Margaret Shaffer

ART AT ST. JOHN'S

Saturday - April 11 ** 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

An outdoor fine art event for local artists

See original works in oils, acrylics, pastels

watercolors, ceramics and more

Other Planned Features:

Food, Music, Children's Activities, Cemetery Tours

COME TO VISIT WITH LOCAL ARTISTS

AND PASS A GOOD TIME

Contact Person – Mike Strausser

985-447-9328 (H) or 985-713-9780 (C)

Links & Documents

SMEC Website:

www.stmatthewshouma.org

Partners in Faith:

www.rebuildstmatts.com

Morning and Evening Prayer

www.missionstclare.com/english/

Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana

www.edola.org

SMES Website:

www.stmattsschool.com

SMES Dolphin Diaries Blog:

<http://smes.edublogs.org/>

Prayers & Thanksgivings

Barbara & Alex S., Kathy, Todd, Allison, Ann, Robert, Marie, Margaret, Frances, Sharon, Sybil, Marian, Dorothy, Johanna, Angelle & Taylor, Emily, Rocelle, Warren, John, Harold, Gordon, Andy, Fannie, Andr e, Calvin & Rhea, Phil and Shirleen, Pete and Paula, Russell, Jennifer, Hunter, Karen, Tessie, Jeanette, Jordan, Tilley, Penny, and our Partner-In-Mission sister parish, San Jose in Honduras. We give thanks and pray for St. Matthew's Episcopal School, Larke Leonard, Head of School, members of the Board, faculty, staff and students, our Parish Vestry and Building Committee.

Happy Birthday!

2-JoAnne Plessala	15-Allison Forest
3-Andree' Alexander	15-Kirsten Bazet
7-Sally Ellender	19-Janie Rhymes
7-Wyatt Rushing	21-Lona Smith
8-Danae' Himel	22-Mary Ellen Dupont
9-Kaitlyn Lirette	22-Shirley Use'
10-Madeline Ford	22-Pam Duncan
14-Julio Medina	26-Buddy Daisy
14-Cassia Carmichael	
15-Ray Rhymes	

Happy Anniversary!

5-Julio and Rina Medina
5-Lee and Debbie Stiel

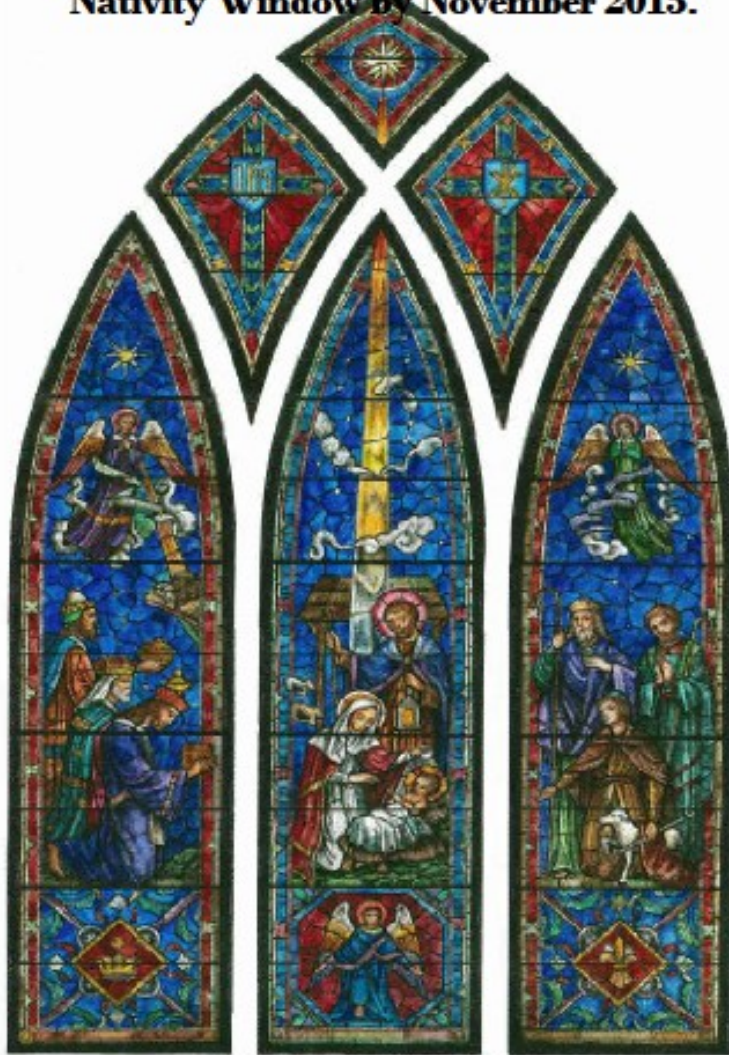
BIRTHDAY PRAYER

Watch over your child, O Lord, as his days increase; bless and guide him wherever he may be. Strengthen him when he stands; comfort him when discouraged or sorrowful; raise him up if he falls; and in his heart may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of his life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



St. Matthew's Episcopal Church Nativity Community Window Fund

Become a part of history and help us restore the community's
Nativity Window by November 2015.



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