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From the Rector:

My Papa was a master gardener. He developed a flower named after my Nana. Papa wrote the definitive book on flora and fauna in the Coastal Bend. His gardens were so magnificent that after he died, several of them were donated to the Audubon Society, and are resources for gardeners and enthusiasts alike to this day.

Sadly, his great gift was not passed down to his grandson. But the lessons he modeled have served me well.

Papa dug and planted and watered with thoughtful excellence. But he also pruned. He would take out his shears and clip his plants at just the right time in just the right way.

Lent is pruning season.

Like the dead limbs on a tree, people develop habits or behavior that does harm to their lives.

In Lent, we remember the forty days Jesus spent in the Judean wilderness. We recall the forty years the Hebrew people spent in the desert, being pruned and trained by God. Likewise, in this season, the Holy Spirit leads us into a type of wilderness. There are no weddings in Lent. No baptisms. No joyful hymns. We do not say 'All____a' during Lent.

For centuries, Christians have entered into Lent in hopes that God might prune their unhelpful habits, and nurture healthy spiritual practices which will strengthen their faith.

Join millions of other believers in the observance of a Holy Lent. Embrace a healthy spiritual discipline—Bible study, service, prayer, worship—which strengthens your faith. Abstain from something you enjoy as a sign of your desire to 'take up the cross and follow Jesus' (Luke 9.23).

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. Retrieve your garden tools and plant healthy habits in your life.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

David +

from the associate rector...

The Rev. Dr. Matt Boulter / *Associate Rector*

What's Up with Father Matt's Book?

Have you noticed that more and more people are talking about “the end of the world”?

One conspicuous example is the recent Netflix film *Don't Look Up* (I thank Father Welty for commending this film to me) in which the director's ultimate point is that the world really and truly is ending, but in our culture, no one (or at least not enough people) even care.

Whether it's climate catastrophe, or pandemic fears, or the collapse of western civilization (a more modest version of “the end of the world”), concern about “the end” is, these days, on many peoples' minds.

For folks who worry about the end, what's the solution, the salvation we urgently need? In our culture two candidates are the most prominent: technology and human rights/democracy.

Many people in our culture—perhaps Tesla owner Elon Musk is the most prominent example—argue that our great hope is technological innovation; this alone can save us. If only we could manufacture more EV's (electric vehicles) and build more wind farms, this contingent typically thinks, our climate problems would be solved.

For others, however—worried about a more political problem, that of social justice—a different solution is needed: that of expanded human rights, rooted in more and more proliferation of democracy and its egalitarian values. My standard example of this view is Barak Obama, who (quoting MLK) quipped that “the long arc of history eventually bends toward justice.”

But, friends, notice: both of these “versions of salvation” (the theological term would be “soteriology”) make a certain assumption about history: that it is progressive, that things in human history are getting better and better. In other words, both soteriologies—that of modern technology and that of democratic human rights—agree in a narrative of historical progress. To these two progressivisms one could add a third: that of modern economics. Do you know anyone who's comfortable with the prospect of zero percent GDP growth nationally? If so I'd like to meet them. We all assume that it will—or at least it should—continue to rise.

Speaking theologically, all three of these assumed narratives are versions of eschatology. “Eschatology” is the branch of theology that treats the issue of “the end times” or “the last

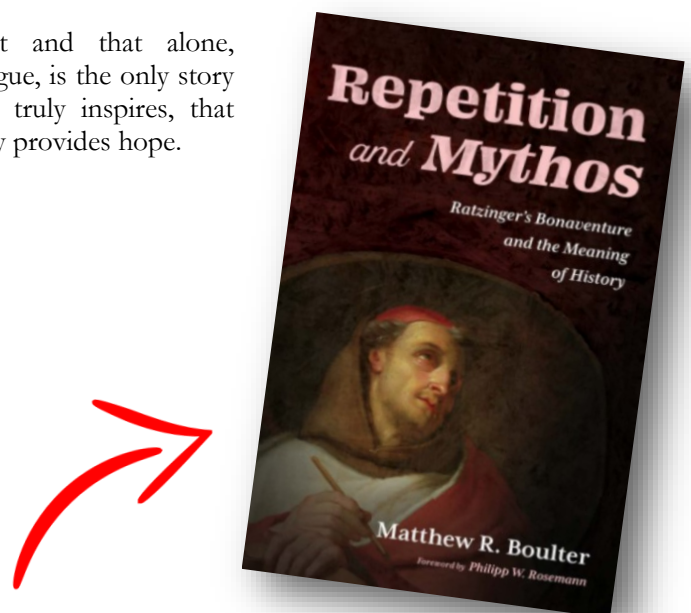
things.” All three versions are secular eschatologies, to be sure, but they are eschatologies nonetheless.

Now, over the last few days several parishioners have told me that they've purchased my book. (As happy as this makes me—Wow!—do keep in mind that the book is a philosophy Ph D dissertation and, sadly, is not written at a popular level!) The question (or at least one of the questions) I'm asking in the book is: what is the origin of these secular, progressivist eschatologies? Why do so many of us implicitly, subconsciously, “buy into” them? Where do these secular eschatologies come from?

The answer, surprisingly, is found in the work of a thirteenth-century Franciscan friar at the University of Paris named St. Bonaventure. Or at least that is the answer proposed by Joseph Ratzinger (a.k.a. Pope Benedict XVI) in a book he wrote as a young man in the 1950's called (in English) *The Theology of History in St. Bonaventure*.

My book, in turn, is an analysis and development of Ratzinger's work on St. Bonaventure. In it I try to show that these secular eschatologies—those myths of human progress which assume that utopia is in our grasp—are actually counterfeit versions of the real thing. And what is that? Nothing other than the Providence of God who orders history—from the beginning in Genesis 1 to the end in Revelation 21—for his glory and for our good.

That and that alone, I argue, is the only story that truly inspires, that truly provides hope.



Father Matt's book—available wherever fine books are sold—is entitled *Repetition and Mythos: Ratzinger's Bonaventure and the Meaning of History*.

music at Christ Church Jeffrey Ford / Choirmaster & Organist

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH | **CHANCEL CHOIR**

Jeffrey Ford, *Organist/Choirmaster*

Dr. Ian Aipperspach, *Assistant Organist*

Sopranos

Candice Aipperspach
Sophie Breen
Rosemary Cobb
Stacy Dickerson
Elizabeth Huggler
Holly Marsh

Altos

Laurie Dowell
Karen Ford
Valerie Huggler
Hannah Rosser
Maggie Taliaferro

Tenors

David Dickerson
Chris Raney
Tony Rives
Bob Taliaferro
Matthew Williams

Basses

Gerald Bieritz
Robin Hood Brians
Hunter Holcomb
Sam Staggs



Sunday, March 27

WINTER MUSIC SERIES

9am & 11am services, featured **Orchard Ensemble**:
Mark Miller, **violin** | Ute Miller, **viola** | Laura Ospina, **cello**

CHORAL EVENSONG

6:00pm, with the **Chancel Choir**
Downtown in the Nave

The Music Ministry along with the Children's and Youth Ministry present...

MARDI GRAS

Tuesday | March 1 | 6-8pm Christ Church | Downtown

This will be an evening for the whole family.
Fun activities for the children & youth!

Plan now to come hear this fantastic music combo,
as well as, eat amazing gumbo.

Tickets:

christchurchtyler.org/mardi-gras-2022

\$10 age 11 & up | \$5 children 4-10 yr (free 3 & under) | \$25 family

Tickets may be bought ahead of time or at the door.

Includes: Robin Hood's Lafayette Style Cajun Turkey Gumbo & Seafood Gumbo

New: Father Bob's South Carolina Style Seafood Gumbo

Served over rice, with garlic, bread, salad & King's Cake. Cash wine bar.

Hot dogs & chips for children.

All proceeds go to the music department for new choir robes.

Guest Musicians:

GEORGE FABER
piano

J.T. PUNDT
trumpet

JOE MONK
drums

Tickets will be for
sale on Sunday
before and after the
9 & 11 services.



children's ministry

Tina McGee / Director of Children's Ministries



Fun for all ages!

This parish wide event will be fun for everyone. Special activities for children will be making their own mask and or crown, decorating a cookie, beads to make bracelets, face painting and balloon creations. A photo booth for family pictures will be available. Hot Dogs and Chips for those that don't like Gumbo. All proceeds benefit the choir. You can purchase your tickets early on the Christ church website! See you there.



VBS 2022

June 20-24

All Saints Episcopal School

June 27-July 1

Promise Academy

youth ministry

Laura Albea / Director of Student Ministries



March 1st

Youth Mardi Gras party on the 4th floor

March 2nd

EYC meets for Ash Wednesday at CCD.

*Youth will be sitting near
the back of the nave.*

Join us for this special time of
remembrance.

-Laura Albea-

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CHILDREN'S CORNER BIRTHDAYS!

2/27 **Matthew Ward**, 2/28 **Evie Noteware**,
2/28 **Michael Peveto**, 3/1 **Walt Eagleton**,
3/2 **Coralie Bailey**, 3/2 **Henry Bailey**



BiOY

We are reading the entire Bible.
YOU CAN STILL START!

*All Christian Formation in 2022 will be
based on the previous weeks readings.*

Scan the QR code or go to
christchurchtyler.org for more information.



thanksgivings & supplications

In Our Prayers

Please consider including the Prayer List in your daily devotions:

Lisa, Cynthia, Christi, Charles, John, Jim, Diane, Jennifer, Virginia, Dalton, Kirby, Chris, Sally, Rhonda, Isaiah, John, Gregory, Russell, Mike, Mark, Linda, Marian, Larry, Paul, Frieda, Suzanne, Diane

The Anglican Communion: *The Diocese of Mount Kenya South (Kenya)*

The Episcopal Church: *Dioceses of Michigan & Milwaukee (WI)*

Diocese of Texas: *Christ the King—Humble & Church of the Good Shepherd—Humble*

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please contact The Rev. Stephen Stine with prayer list changes or additions 903.530.8168.

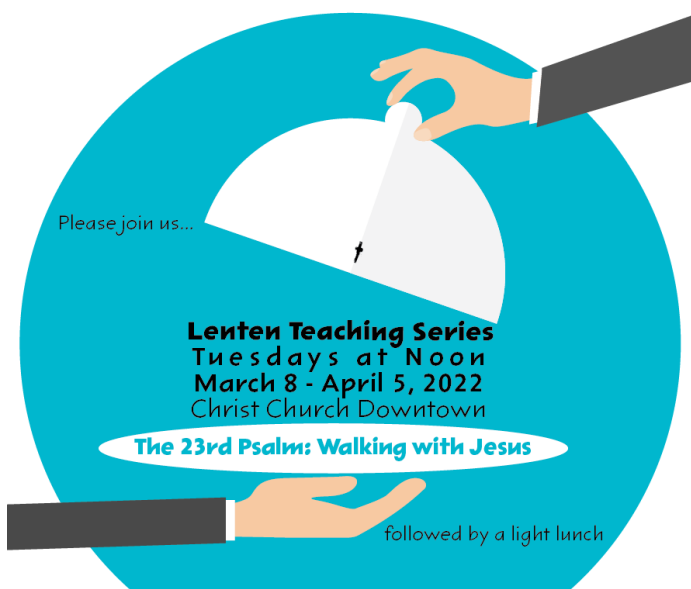
In Memoriam

Our sympathies to the family & friends of

Julie Casey,
step-mother of Elaine Phillips.

Ed Bosworth,
brother of Michael Bosworth.

Betty McLane,
mother of Naomi Perkins.



Each service of Noonday Prayer will include a short homily by one of the Christ Church clergy.

Tuesday, March 8 | **The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want** | Fr. David

Tuesday, March 15 | **He restoreth my soul** | Deacon Stine

Tuesday, March 22 | **Yea, though I walk through the valley of death** | Fr. Matt

Tuesday, March 29 | **Thou preparest a table before me** | Fr. Ted

Tuesday, April 5 | **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me** | Fr. David

Please join us for the study of this most popular Psalm that points us to Jesus as the Good Shepherd.

A light lunch will follow the service in the Parish Hall.



Praying the Rosary

Praying the rosary will be available in the chapel at 11:30am, before each Tuesday Lenten speaking series.

Using the rosary (Anglican prayer beads) encourages contemplative prayer. Touching each bead in order helps maintain focus as much as the repetition of the prayers themselves. Prayer beads are available for use. Please come 10 minutes early if you would like instruction.

SCHEDULE:

Tues, March 1

8:00am | Men's Bible Study with the Rector CCD

6:00pm | **MARDI GAS Party** CCD Parish Hall

Wed, March 2 **ASH WEDNESDAY**

10:00am | Wednesday morning small group

6:00-7:30pm | EYC

Thurs, March 3

10:30am | Women's Bible Study with the Rector CCD

6:00pm | Loaves & Fishes

Tues, March 8

8:00am | Men's Bible Study with the Rector CCD

11:30am | Praying the Rosary CCD Chapel

Noon | Lenten Teaching Series CCD

followed by light lunch in the Parish Hall

Week of March 14-18

No Bible Study(ies) with the Rector CCD

Sunday, March 27

9 & 11 | **Winter Music Series**

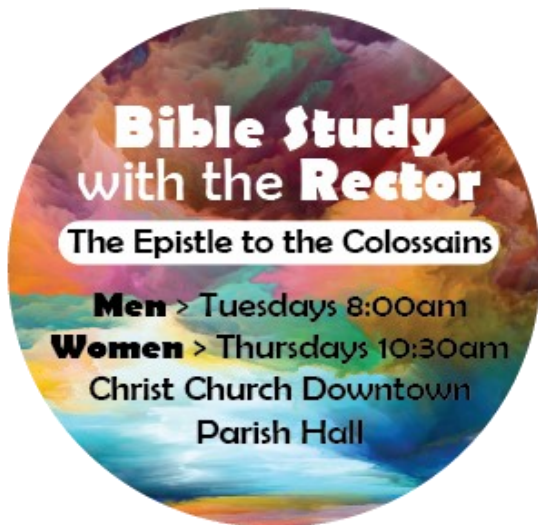
6:00pm | **Choral Evensong**

Sun, April 10

Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 17

Easter Sunday



Supper Club

Join us!



Friday, March 18

contact Kim Meyer (903) 530-6186 or Stacey McKinley (903) 939-0125



The Bob Rowlett Memorial Open Golf Tournament



Friday, May 6, 2022

Pine Springs Golf Club

5630 CR 334 | Tyler, TX 75708

Find more information about all of these at
www.christchurchtyler.org.

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In the event of a pastoral emergency,
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at 903-279-8777, The Rev. Dr. Matt Boulter, 903-944-8494,
The Rev. Ted Welty, 903-714-7052 or
The Rev. Stephen Stine at 903-530-8168.
*You may also call the church office, 903-597-9854,
during normal business hours.*

Lectionary for upcoming Sundays Year C BCP 1979 Lectionary

Sunday, February 27

The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

Exodus 34:29-35, Psalm 99

1 Corinthians 12:27—13:13, Luke 9:28-36

Sunday, March 6

The First Sunday in Lent

Deuteronomy 26:[1-4] 5-11, Psalm 91

Romans 10:[5-8a] 8b-13, Luke 4:1-13



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Worship Schedule

Sunday Schedule

7:30 am CCD: The Holy Eucharist *Rite I*
9:00 am CCD: The Holy Eucharist *Rite II*
11:00 am~ CCD: The Holy Eucharist *Rite I*
11:05 am~ CCS: The Holy Eucharist *Rite II*
~live-streamed christchurchtyler.org

CHRIST CHURCH: ONE CHURCH—TWO CAMPUSES

CCD: Christ Church *Downtown*, 118 S. Bois d' Arc, Tyler, TX 75702 (office address)

CCS: Christ Church *South*, 15747 Old Jacksonville Hwy, Tyler, TX 75703

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spirit-filled community of
apostles reaching out and
transforming lives for Christ.*