



Crossings

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS ✠ EPISCOPAL
875 COTTON STREET, SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA
FEBRUARY 25, 2014

Holy Eucharist

Sunday: 9:30 and 11:00 AM
Saturday: 5:00 PM
Wednesday: 12:15 and 6:00 PM

Nursery

Sunday
9:45 AM – 12:30 PM

Choir Practice

Sunday: 9:45 AM

The Vestry

Ginger Paul, Senior Warden
Gerry Brooks, Jr. Warden
Becky Snodgrass, Secretary
Monty Walford, Treasurer
Melissa Fowle
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Robert Henley
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Deadline

Material for *Crossings* must be received by **12:00 Wednesday**.

Ron Dean is Retiring

After twenty-two years as Organist and Choirmaster at Holy Cross, Ron Dean is retiring. We will certainly miss him, and we wish him all the best as he begins the next chapter of his life.



Ron was born in Massachusetts, and began his schooling and musical training there. While at university, he served as Organist and Choirmaster of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Stockbridge, Massachusetts. From there he began his gradual move westward.

He attended graduate school at the University of Michigan, where his organ professor was the University Organist, the internationally known Robert Noehren. While at Michigan, he studied Music History and Literature and served as organist at First Church of Christ, Scientist in Ann Arbor.



Ron then served in the Army, where he was Director of a Regimental Chorus. After completing his service, he continued moving west—and south—accepting a temporary appointment at the College of Fine Arts at the University of Texas at Austin. He then intended to make his way back to the northeast, but instead was invited to join the faculty of the School of Music at Centenary College, and found to his surprise that the farthest north he got was a day's drive from Austin, Texas to Shreveport, Louisiana! He soon discovered that the academic environment of a small, selective liberal arts college suited both his taste and upbringing, and ended up remaining there for forty-two years! During that time he also served as Organist at First Church of Christ, Scientist, and as Organist and Choirmaster at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. When Ron retired from Centenary, he accepted a "temporary" position as Organist and Choirmaster at Holy Cross—and stayed on for twenty-two years!

Ron's interests include historical studies in organ building, performance, and

design through the American Guild of Organists, and he is a long-time member of the Organ Historical Society. He has also been interested in antique automobiles ever since, as a child, he visited an antique automobile museum in Massachusetts with his family. He is a member of Packards International, Packard Automobile Classics, and the Classic Car Club of America, which, in 2013, awarded his 1939 Packard Super-Eight Touring Sedan a first-place citation at the fall North Texas meeting.



A 1939 Packard Touring Sedan

We'll all miss Ron very much, and wish him all the best as he sets off on the next step of his journey! We're not saying "good-bye," though. Ron will be in church and perhaps "on the bench" from time to time!

Lynn Walford

The Basic Necessities of Life



As you know, we are using Episcopal Relief and Development's Lenten Meditations again this year. The booklets are available for you in the Narthex, the church office, and the undercroft. If you are unable to come to church, please call Laurie (222-3325) and ask her to mail you one. They are always excellent!

Episcopal Relief and Development is the official arm of the Episcopal Church that reaches into places in communities at home and abroad where disaster occurs. ERD also has ongoing work in nearly forty countries to overcome poverty and disease. You can always be sure that any donation you send to ERD is used well and carefully to help our sisters and brothers.

Each week this Lent the Meditations focus on an area where ERD offers aid and development. These are core statements that are the basis of ERD's work:

February 18-26	I believe that everyone should have access to clean water.
February 27-March 7	I believe that no one should go hungry.
March 8-17	I believe that all children and families deserve a healthy start in life.
March 18-24	I believe that no one should live in poverty.
March 25-April 4	I believe that together we can help a hurting world.

In your prayers during this Season of Lent, please remember our sisters and brothers on the other side of the world and in the neighborhood of our church and other places in our communities of Shreveport and Bossier City. Ponder the statements that guide the work of ERD, and ask God to guide us in our efforts to work with God toward the end that every person is provided the physical necessities of life as well as the knowledge that they are loved, needed, and valued.

The Rev. Mary B. Richard

The Fasting Fund

As we have done for several years, we have placed baskets in the church for donations to the Lenten Fasting Fund. We suggest that you give up one meal a week, or choose another fasting discipline, and give the money you would normally spend on the meal to the Fasting Fund. For several years we have been able to give a nice contribution to a ministry that provides meals for our neighbors. This year, several churches and individuals are bringing food to Hope House, and we would like to make a schedule to serve at least one meal regularly each week. Christine and Tom Hennigan have generously donated two large electric roasters to keep food warm, so we'll use the Fasting Fund to accumulate a pantry of tasty, nutritious food for our neighbors.

Daily Feast: Meditations on the Word, Year B
Louisville: Westminster, John Knox Press, 2012



The Second Sunday in Lent

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16, Psalm 22:22-30, Romans 4:13-25, Mark 8:31-38

(*Psalm 17:1-7, 15-16*) The pastoral gift of Genesis 17 is its reminder that at the center of our being rest blessing and promise, naming and covenant. We are followers of the One who established a never-ending covenant with Abraham and brought that covenant to fullness in Jesus Christ. In our baptism we have been given a new name, “disciple of Jesus,” that tells us everything we need to know about ourselves and everything we need to know about God. Through the extravagant grace of God, the life of the Church, and the waters of baptism, the covenant established with Abraham and Sarah has been opened to us. Even in the darkness of Lent and under the shadow of the cross, the promise that God made to Abraham remains. God is our God, and we are God’s people. This is a covenant that cannot be broken, even as we follow the one named Emmanuel, whose destiny is our destiny: the cross, the grave, the skies.

Craig Koucher

The Third Sunday in Lent

Exodus 20:1-7, Psalm 19, 1 Corinthians 1:18-25, John 2:13-22

(*Exodus 20:1-17*) Since the giving of the Torah on Sinai is celebrated during the Jewish festival of Shavout, a wealth of story and tradition surrounds the first hearing of the commandments. One midrash says that the people had little choice but to accept Torah from God, since God plucked up Sinai and held it over their heads, threatening to drop the mountain on them if they did not receive the commandments. In happy counterpoint more and more religious Jews observe the first night of Shavout by staying up all night to study Torah, Talmud, and other sacred writings together. They offer this annual all-night gathering, known as a *tikkun*, for the mending of the world

Barbara Brown Taylor

Would you like to remember or honor someone you love with flowers on the altar? If so, please call Laurie, 222-3325, and tell her. This is a beautiful way to contribute to the beauty of our worship and give to the glory of God!

Dare we believe that the leaders of the world’s great nations will wake up, will see the precipice towards which they are moving, and will change direction?

Alva Myrdal

Calendar for February

Most Tuesdays	Neighborhood planning meeting	1:00 PM	Undercroft
Wednesdays	Holy Eucharist (Enriching Our Worship)	12:15 PM	Chapel
Thursdays during Lent	Holy Eucharist, supper, study	6:00 PM	Undercroft
1 st and 3 rd Saturdays	Project-ING Bible Study	3:00 PM	Education Building
Sundays	Informal Eucharist	9:20 AM	Rose Garden or Chapel (Depending on weather)
	Choir Practice	9:45 AM	
	Bible Study	10:00 AM	Ed. Bldg. Library
	Holy Eucharist II	11:00 AM	Church
Wednesday, February 25	First Soup Day in Lent	11:00 AM-1:00 PM	Undercroft

Prayer List

Wanda Allen
Margaret Boudreaux
Michael Breedlove
Charlie Campbell
Jay Colvin
Evelyn Corley
Ron Dean
Jean Dooley
Suzanne Eddington

Shirley Enani
Floyd "Buzzy" Farrar
Lady Martha Garner
Austin Gleason
Sissie Hilbert
Elizabeth Joyce
Brenda Kelly
Diane Lockerman
George Love
Debbie Luna

Leora Matthews
Mim McCoy
Page McCranie
Bernadette Palombo
Jean Patterson
Anna Philen
Brady Sessions
Mark Skeeskic
Sharon Thornhill

Robert Todd
Cliff Townsend
Mattie Washington
Mary Alice Wilson
Wayne Wilson
Bill Wright
Larry Wright
Mary Wright

We pray for those who serve and are served by the Caddo Council on Aging;
for all who are homeless or hungry; for the people of Mexico, the Middle East and Ukraine;
for the young women kidnapped in Nigeria;
for law enforcement officers and the people they serve;
and for our President and Congress, that they may work together to pass legislation to lessen the danger of
violence and injustice in our country and provide for the needs of the most vulnerable.

In our Diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for St. Thomas', Monroe, and the Rev. Dawnell Stodghill (Whit),
and Archdeacon Bette J. Kauffman; for St. Patrick's, West Monroe, and the Rev. Robert Dandridge (Evelyn);
and for St. Alban's, Monroe, and the Rev. Whit Stodghill (Dawnell)

God in heaven, we pray that we might strive by your grace to grow in commitment and discipline to follow your ways. May the Spirit of God guide and encourage us to steer from the broad and wide path of the world toward the narrow but life-giving way of Christ. *Amen.*

Say Ministries

Sent II March 1, 2015

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 ☩ Psalm 22:22-30
Romans 4:13-25 ☩ Mark 8:31-38
Sat. 5:00 PM: Larry Wright, Lector, Eucharistic Minister
Sun. 11:00 AM:
Lector: Stephanie Hamblin
Prayers of the People: Lynn Walford
Eucharistic Ministers: Jo Ann Horton, Ginger Paul
Acolytes: Aaron Horton, William Raymond
Ushers: Wanda Allen, Herschel Richard
Altar Guild Sat. 5:00: Margaret Heacock, June Kirkland
Altar Guild Sun. 11:00: Jo Ann Horton, Ginger Paul

Sent III March 8, 2015

Exodus 20:1-17 ☩ Psalm 19
1 Corinthians 1:18-25 ☩ John 2:13-22
Sat. 5:00 PM: Larry Wright, Lector, Eucharistic Minister
Sun. 11:00 AM
Lector: Lynn Walford
Prayers of the People: Reece Middleton
Eucharistic Ministers: Kendall Raymond, Herschel Richard
Acolytes: Patrick Raymond, Herschel Richard
Ushers: Christine Hennigan, Tom Hennigan
Altar Guild Sat. 5:00: Margaret Heacock, June Kirkland
Altar Guild Sun. 11:00: Christine Hennigan, Tommie Sue Brooks

This Sunday is the Continuing Feast!

March is already here, and it's time for the Continuing Feast. This Sunday, March 1, after the 11:00 service, we'll gather in the Undercroft. Bring a dish, bring a friend, and bring your appetite!

Thursdays in Lent

6:00 pm in the Undercroft
Supper, Communion, a video and discussion:
Dianna Butler Bass, with Tim Scorer
The Dynamics of Experiential Faith

Dianna Butler Bass



Dianna Butler Bass explores the dimensions of religion and spirituality in today's world. She writes books, columns, and blogs, all aimed to help people understand faith both analytically and personally. In this series she discusses the awakening of spiritual awareness which, despite changes in our country's demographics and diminishing affiliation with traditional church denominations, is occurring in 49% of people in the United States today—what a spiritual awakening means, its place in our culture, and its effects on the future of faith.

We ask that you make reservations with the Church Office, 222-3325, and that you make a donation to help cover the cost of the meal.

Please come and journey together during Lent!

Tim Scorer



Looking forward: Please mark your calendars for **noon on Maundy Thursday**, and watch *Crossings* for our plans at Hope House. Lois Maberry is organizing a service at noon that day involving the Episcopal Churches of our Convocation. You'll want to be present! More details later.

Red River Radio Spring Pledge Drive



Would you like to help Red River Radio and St. Luke's Mobile Medical Ministry at the same time? If so, consider volunteering to work on the Red River Radio Spring Pledge Drive on March 4th. St. Luke's will have a team of volunteers working in two-hour shifts to take pledges over the phone. It's easy and fun, and as a thank-you for providing a volunteer team, St. Luke's will receive a day sponsorship, meaning that on the day of their choice St. Luke's will be mentioned at least five times on the radio. Best of all, you'll be supporting the St. Luke's ministry and our wonderful local Public Radio network. If you'd like to volunteer, please call Susan Perkins at 868-7120.



Holy Cross Soup Days are Here!

Soup Days in Lent are on Wednesdays, March 4, 11, 18, 25, and April 1, from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. If you are unable to help during these hours, please contribute homemade vegetable beef soup or homemade dessert, especially pies. You are welcome to bring soup or pies with you when you come to church on Saturday or Sunday. We will put them in the freezer for later use. The funds raised are used for ministry in our area and afar, as well as for projects at Holy Cross.



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Mission Statement: *The Church of the Holy Cross, Shreveport, Louisiana, strives to be the presence of Jesus Christ in our community and beyond, through worship of Almighty God, open inquiry, sharing fellowship, valued diversity, genuine inclusiveness, and servant leadership—encouraging all to exercise God's gifts and calling as we share the Gospel of Hope in programs, to serve without regard for religious affiliation, race, or economic status.*

Hope House: There is an ongoing need for coffee, sugar, creamer, laundry detergent, disposable razors, and personal size hygiene products (soap, shampoo, deodorant, etc.). Donations can be taken to 762 Austin Place or to the church office. Thank you for your continued support.

Forward Day by Day for **March and April**, in both standard and large-print editions, is available in the Narthex and the Undercroft.

If you cannot get to church and would like to receive Holy Communion or a visit at your residence or the hospital, please call the church office at 222-3325, and Communion will be brought to you.

Crossings is now also available via email. Simply send or call in your email address to the office.



The Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori, Ph.D.
The Rt. Rev. Dr. Jacob Owensby, Ph.D., D. D.
The Rev. Mary B. Richard
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The Rev. Donald D. Heacock
Mr. Bruce Power
Mr. Ron Dean
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