



Crossings

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS ✠ EPISCOPAL
875 COTTON STREET, SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA
APRIL 8, 2015

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
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Deadline

Material for *Crossings* must be received by **12:00 Wednesday**.
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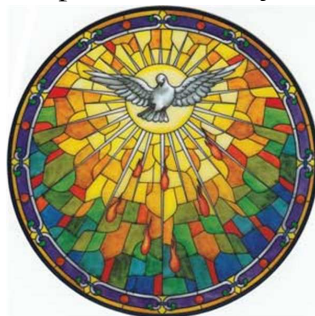
The Acts of the Holy Spirit

A friend who is a priest always says that the Acts of the Apostles should have been named “The Acts of the Holy Spirit.” The book begins just after Jesus’ Resurrection and is Volume II of Luke’s account. In his Gospel Luke takes us from a few months before Jesus’ birth, through his life, teaching, death, resurrection, and ascension. Centered in Jerusalem, the Gospel is full of counterparts to people in the Hebrew Scriptures and miracles and teachings that show Jesus’ (and Luke’s) particular concern for those who have no power and no hope.

Luke states his purpose in a short prologue to his Gospel. He sets out to write an “ordered account” of the beginning and spreading of the word. He does this with the precision of the physician scholars believed him to have been. The Gospel begins and ends in Jerusalem; that is his plan. The angel of God announces to Zechariah that he and Elizabeth are to be the parents, in their old age, of John the Baptizer. In Jerusalem the risen Jesus enlists his disciples to preach in his name repentance for the forgiveness of sins, beginning from Jerusalem and going out from there. He then instructs them to “stay in the city . . . until [they] are clothed with the power from on high,” and he ascends to heaven.

And what power that is! The Book of Acts opens with a brief recap of the Gospel’s events and Jesus’ announcement that the disciples will be baptized with the Holy Spirit to be “witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the earth’s remotest end.” From the beginning, then, the Holy Spirit is known to be the power and inspiration for everything good the apostles accomplish in spreading the Gospel. And it does spread like wildfire! This is the birth, the infancy, and the phenomenal growth—really, the explosion—of the Church.

The Apostles



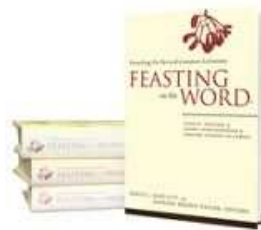
Life after life in the Book of Acts is changed radically as the Holy Spirit unites with the Truth of the Gospel. The coming of the Holy Spirit upon people, was, clearly, the completion of the Gospel. The disciples had worried that without Jesus, physical, charismatic, people wouldn't catch the fire. They needn't have worried. The Holy Spirit was up to the task.

Never has there been such an explosion of faith. Jesus had chosen his disciples wisely, and they, guided by the Spirit, chose their successors well. By the time St. Paul and the apostles died, the Church was well established, gathering and baptizing and changing lives with the promise of the Gospel in parts far out from Jerusalem. The Holy Spirit was in action! We will read some of her stories during the Easter Season. Watch for her footprints!

And watch for the Holy Spirit's movement in your own life. She may come dramatically, or she may come quietly. But if you put your trust in her she will bring you power to do the work God calls you to do. The Acts of the Holy Spirit are mighty! She is not a presence to be trifled with.

The Rev. Mary B. Richard

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



The Second Sunday of Easter, April 12

Acts 4:32-35, Psalm 133
1 John 1:1-2:2, John 20:19-31

(Acts 4:32-35) The image of a community so at one in heart and mind that not even physical possessions would be spared in face of need, shows the contemporary world an absurd picture of a people whom many would accuse of naivete, communism, or plain stupidity and poor judgment. But that is how resurrection words and lives, in a radically caring community, will always look to a world that lives in fear, isolation, and individualism.

Andre Resner, Jr.

The Third Sunday of Easter, April 19

Acts 3:12-19, Psalm 4
1 John 3:1-7, Luke 24:36b-48

(Acts 10:34-43) The image of a community so at one Jesus suddenly appeared in the midst of his early followers. He brought change to their lives as they moved from (1) fright and alarm to (2) joy mixes with disbelief and puzzlement to (3) open and understanding minds and hearts. That marked a shift in the core of their beings that led them forth to take great risks, witnessing to the risen Christ. Jesus did not bring them security. Rather, they risked all in followint his call. For they had come to understand that Jesus had conquered the ultimate threat, death itself, and their fears were groundless. Jesus' words "Peace be with you!" came to fruition in their hearts.

Nancy R. Blakley

If I didn't define myself for myself, I would be crunched into other people's fantasies for me and eaten alive.

Audre Lord

Calendar for April

Wednesdays	Holy Eucharist (Enriching Our Worship)	12:15 PM	Chapel
Thursdays	Holy Eucharist	11:00 AM	Hope House Back Yard
Saturdays	Holy Eucharist	5:00 PM	Chapel*
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)
	Holy Eucharist II	11:00 AM	Church
Saturday, April 11	Makers Fair	10:00 AM-6:00 PM	Municipal Auditorium parking lot and surroundings
	St. Luke's <i>Bluegrass & Barbecue</i> Fundraiser <i>Tickets \$50: Please buy them from Priest Mary</i>	6:00 PM	St. Mark's Parish Hall

5:00 Eucharist CANCELLED Saturday, April 11

As new things come into our neighborhood I realize more and more how fortunate we are to be in this location. The people who stayed here in 1954 and formed The Church of the Holy Cross did so because they believed the church should have a presence in the inner city. Sixty years later, we share their mission to minister where we live and move. It is our *raison d'être*.



New events and ministries have been coming gradually, benefitting our neighbors and opening the "inner city" to more people's awareness. One of these is the Makers Fair, where artists come in spring and fall to bring their creations. In April, the Makers Fair has combined with Shreveport Regional Arts Council's Big Scene and Holiday in Dixie, so hundreds, perhaps thousands, of people will come to enjoy art, music, children's activities, and food, and to see just what's happening in our Texas Avenue area.

This year the festival is April 11, from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM. Cotton Street and Texas Avenue will be blocked off to provide a safe place for people to mingle. The Holiday in Dixie Doo Dah parade will begin at 5:30 PM in front of Municipal Auditorium.



You can see that it will be very difficult to get to church for the 5:00 service, so I am cancelling the service. This is not something I do lightly; however, I do believe it is best. It's all part of the changes that are good for our neighborhood. Part of the change means that we must occasionally move over and make room for more good things. So come to the Makers Fair and the Doo Dah parade, and take part in the new life that's springing up in our neighborhood! I'll see you there!

Mary

Prayer List

Wanda Allen
Margaret Boudreaux
Jay Colvin
Evelyn Corley
Ron Dean
Jean Dooley
Suzanne Eddington
Shirley Enani
Floyd "Buzzy" Farrar
Stella Fields
Lady Martha Garner

Austin Gleason
Sissie Hilbert
Elizabeth Joyce
George Love
Leora Matthews
Mim McCoy
Page McCranie
Bernadette Palombo
Anna Philen
Linda Robinson

Brady Sessions
Logan Smith
Robert Todd
Cliff Townsend
Mattie Washington
Wayne Wilson
Bill Wright
Larry Wright
Mary Wright

If you would like to request an addition to the prayer list, please call the Church office, 222-3325. And please keep us updated on the people we are praying for. Unless we hear otherwise, to leave them on or take them off, we keep them on the list for six weeks, then remove them. They can always be added again if they still desire our prayers.

We pray for those who serve and are served by Hope House; for all who are homeless or hungry; for the people of Mexico, the Middle East and Ukraine; and for all who seek peace; for the young women in Nigeria and Christians kidnapped and killed and for all people persecuted for their faith; for law enforcement officers and the people they serve; and for our President and Congress, that they may work together to pass legislation to bring peace, 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. David's, Rayville, St. Columba's, Winnsboro, and the Rev. Walt Fries (Paulette); and for Good Shepherd, Vidalia, and the Rev. William Phillips (Lynn).

O God, we thank You for this universe, our great home; for its vastness and its riches, and for the manifoldness of the life which teems upon it and of which we are part. Grant us, we pray, a heart wide open to all this joy and beauty, and save our souls from being so darkened by passion that we pass heedless and unseeing when even the thorn-bush by the wayside is aflame with the glory of God. *Amen.*

Adapted from a prayer by Walter Rauschenbusch

Say Ministries

The Second Sunday of Easter April 12, 2015

Acts 4:32-35 ☞ Psalm 133
1 John 1:1-2:2 ☞ John 20:19-31
Sat. 5:00 PM: Larry Wright, Lector, Eucharistic Minister
Sun. 11:00 AM:
Lector: Steve Snodgrass
Prayers of the People: William Raymond
Eucharistic Ministers: Kendall Raymond, Fred Ogunyemi
Acolytes: Herschel Richard, Madeline Raymond, Aaron Horton,
Ushers: Christine Hennigan, Tom Hennigan
Altar Guild Sat. 5:00: Margaret Heacock, June Kirkland
Altar Guild Sun. 11:00: Ginger Paul, June Kirkland

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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.

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