



# Crossings

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS ✠ EPISCOPAL  
875 COTTON STREET, SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA  
MAY 20, 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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## Come, Holy Spirit!

During the Easter Season we've read, in place of lessons from the Hebrew Scriptures, stories of the explosion in growth of the Church in the early weeks and months after Jesus' Ascension.

The Holy Spirit is given the credit and is present in many of the

stories. It's clear that preaching and healing alone could not inspire the Church's growth. The Holy Spirit, God's own presence, would be the soul of the Church. On the Day of Pentecost we celebrate the coming of God's Spirit to empower the Church and speed its growth.

One of the very first accounts in the Acts of the Apostles is of the Day of Pentecost, fifty days after Passover in the year of Jesus' death and Resurrection, in the century that would be the beginning of the Christian calendar. Jews had observed the Feast of Weeks, or Pentecost (in Greek, *the fiftieth day*) for centuries to celebrate the giving of the Law on Mt. Sinai. The Exodus from Egypt and the Law we know as the Ten Commandments are the foundation of Israel as a people. So Passover and Pentecost are foundational in their observances. Jews celebrate Pentecost today as Shavuot (*weeks*). The observance is mandated in the Torah to follow immediately the seven-week Counting of Omer, which begins on the second day of Passover. It is the completion of the seven-week counting period between Passover, when Yahweh freed Israel from slavery in Egypt, and the giving of the Law, which bound Israel to Yahweh as Yahweh's people committed to serving their God.

And so, on that day, fifty days after the Passover and (on our calendar) ten days after Jesus' Ascension, Jews from many countries gathered in Jerusalem to observe the feast of the giving of the Law. Jesus' followers gathered there as



faithful Jews. They were also waiting for the Holy Spirit to come (according to Luke's account), as Jesus had instructed them to do, and they had no idea when she would arrive or what her arrival would be like.

I imagine the coming of the Spirit was even more dramatic and disruptive than we infer as we read Luke's account. Fire and wind, speaking in tongues other than their native ones, power and courage that are hard for us to imagine.

Have you ever experienced the Holy Spirit coming into your life? For most of us her coming is not as dramatic as it was that day in Jerusalem. And yet, God's promise is given to each of us. We receive the Holy Spirit when we are baptized. Her power is given to us, never to be taken away, to be our inspiration and courage whenever we speak and act in God's name. It's overwhelming, when we think about it.

And if we don't understand the Spirit as deserving our highest respect, we misunderstand. This is God. Very God of Very God, just as Jesus is. God with us and in us, to guide, to counsel, comfort, empower us. Do we feel her? Do we rely on her? Do we trust her?

Many churches play down the Holy Spirit, and I think it's because we realize that in her power we are called to let go of the control we hold on to so strongly. We are called to trust without knowing what, exactly, will happen. We are called to imagine what we can do and be when we trust the power of the Spirit. How might our Church explode with God's work in the world if we were to trust more in the power of the Spirit? God's promises are only for good. Why is it so hard to trust the power of the Spirit?

*The Rev. Mary B. Richard*

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## ***Daily Feast: Meditations on the Word, Year B***

*Louisville: Westminster, John Knox Press, 2012*



### **The Day of Pentecost, May 24**

*Acts 2:1-21* ✞ *Psalm 104:24-34, 35b*  
*Romans 8:22-27* ✞ *John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15*

(*Romans 8:22-27*) Hope thus requires a willingness to risk trusting in that which is not empirically verifiable (God's promise), even when physical evidence suggests that doing so is foolish. One who hopes considers the unseen world of God's promises to be more real (and dependable) than the material world.

***Matthew S. Rindge***

### **Trinity Sunday, May 31**

*Isaiah 6:1-8* ✞ *Psalm 29*  
*Romans 8:12-17* ✞ *John 3:1-17*

(*Isaiah 6:1-8*) Prophets are often called to speak the word of the Lord to those who have forgotten the distinction between holy and human. The sudden shift from the historical reference to Uzziah to the heavenly throne of God is meant to set us on edge: God is holy, we are not. This is the sad realization that hits Isaiah with such overwhelming force. We are sinners, we dwell among sinners, and we live in sin-filled times. Too often we do not recognize this until it is forced upon us, and there is nothing like an encounter with the divine to shatter our self-centeredness and bring us to our knees in lament. Yet it is this realization that opens Isaiah to the possibility of forgiveness. He is touched by divine intervention and made clean. Isaiah is now free to answer when God calls.

***Kristin emery Saldine***

If you do not tell the truth about yourself you cannot tell it about other people.

***Virginia Woolf***

# Pentecost Picnic, and a Tribute to Ron Dean



On Sunday, May 24, we'll celebrate Pentecost as we have done for the past few years—with a picnic on the patio. The menu is barbecue, and you're welcome to bring a salad or side dish if you like.

We'll also use the occasion to show our appreciation to **Ron Dean** for his many years of service to Holy Cross as Organist and Choirmaster. After forty-two years on the faculty of the School of Music at Centenary College, as Organist at the First Church of Christ, Scientist, and Organist and Choirmaster at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, he accepted a "temporary" position as Organist and Choirmaster at Holy Cross. That "temporary" position ended up lasting for twenty-two years!

Please join us in wishing Ron all the best as he sets off on the next step of his journey. We won't say "good-bye," though, since we'll no doubt see him at church!

## Calendar

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
Sundays	Informal Eucharist	9:20 AM	Rose Garden or Chapel (depending on weather)
	Choir Practice	9:45 AM	Church
	Holy Eucharist II	11:00 AM	Church
Sunday, May 24	<b><i>Pentecost Picnic and tribute to Ron Dean</i></b>	after the 11:00 service	Undercroft and Patio
Monday May 25	<i>Seeds to Success</i> fundraiser*	Twisted Root Burger Co.	Line Ave., Shreveport
Saturday, June 6	When in our Music God is Glorified	10:00 AM-3:00 PM	St. James', Alexandria
Sunday, June 7	Shreveport Summer Music Festival	3:00 PM	Holy Cross Nave
Sunday, June 14	The Rev. Deacon Bette Kaufman's Visit Film: "Traces of the Trade"	11:00 AM Sunday evening	Holy Cross Holy Cross Undercroft



# SHREVEPORT SUMMER MUSIC FESTIVAL

Celebrating Our 38th Year Of Bringing Live Music To The Ark-La-Tex

**Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**3:00 pm**  
**Holy Cross Episcopal Church**

This is the 39<sup>th</sup> season for the Shreveport Summer Music Festival. As has been their custom, the Shreveport Festival Orchestra will present the opening concert here at Holy Cross. Our nave provides the perfect place for the sound of a small orchestra. Please plan to come, and bring guests. The concert is given without charge to the public.

**Program:**

Three Pieces in Olden Style, by Henryk Gorecki  
The Grouchy Old Bear, by Julius Fucik  
Appalachian Spring (Ballet for Martha) Original Version, by Aaron Copeland  
*Featuring David Gibson, Kermit Polling and Leonard Kacenjar, Concert Master*



## **Would you like to make a huge difference in the lives of our seniors?**

Meals on Wheels has openings for people to deliver nutritious meals to seniors who are home bound. The need is so great, and the difference we can make is just as great! Meals providing 1/3 of recommended dietary allowances are taken once each week to people who qualify, and the recipients are grouped by neighborhood or area of town for easy delivery. Deliveries are made between 9:00 am and noon, taking a total of about an hour. Two routes are open:

**Twice/month on Thursdays**, with 8 stops in the neighborhood of North Market  
and  
**Once/week on Monday or Tuesday**

All meals are picked up at the Council on Aging office in Buckner Square. Training is provided for volunteers. As important as the meal delivery is the service of a safety check. If a recipient does not answer the door, the volunteer calls 911, and the police department will send someone to check on the home. This is all so critical in the lives of our seniors, especially those who live alone.

Please prayerfully consider this ministry. It's hands on and immediately rewarding! Call Laurie in the Church Office, 222-3325, if you want to sign up. A video about Meals on Wheels is available at:  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=HtCUDi628ag](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HtCUDi628ag)

# Three of our young parishioners are graduating from high school this year!

This is a big year in the lives of Aaron Horton and Kathleen and William Raymond! Aaron has graduated from the Green Oaks Performing Arts High School, and Kathleen and William from Loyola Preparatory School. They will be heading to college in the fall, Aaron to Bossier Parish Community College, and Katie and William to the University of Louisiana in Lafayette.

All three have served faithfully as Acolytes; William and Kathleen have also been Lectors, and Kathleen for the past several months has been our nursery attendant. What will we do without them?

On Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup> we will honor our graduated Seniors in church and during the continuing Feast. Please be with us that day to thank Aaron, Kathleen and William for being active members of our congregation and to wish them well on the next exciting part of their lives' journeys!

## Prayer List

Wanda Allen  
Margaret Boudreaux  
Charlie Campbell  
Jay Colvin  
Evelyn Corley  
Ron Dean  
Jean Dooley  
Suzanne Eddington  
Elizabeth Eglin  
Shirley Enani  
Floyd "Buzzy" Farrar

Jacque Free  
Lady Martha Garner  
Austin Gleason  
Sissie Hilbert  
Elizabeth Joyce  
George Love  
Leora Matthews  
Mim McCoy  
Paige McCranie  
Anna Philen  
Mary Anne Shemwell

Brady Sessions  
Lonnie Smith  
Gary Thomas  
Robert Todd  
Cliff Townsend  
Mattie Washington  
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. Our practice is to keep names on the list for six weeks. If we have an update at that time that we continue to pray for them, we leave the name on the list. If not, we remove it, and you can always call and add it again.*

We pray for those who serve and are served by St. Luke's Episcopal Mobile Ministry; for all who are homeless or hungry; for the people of Mexico, the Middle East and Ukraine; for the people of Nepal, Baltimore, and all the places where there is war and tension; 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 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. Mark's Shreveport, the Very Rev. Alston Boyd Johnson (Elizabeth), the Rev. Canon Rowena White, and the Rev. Canon Wayne Carter.

O Lord, we praise you for being a God that loves integrity. Help us to tell the truth about ourselves. Where there is self-doubt, sow confidence. Where there is pride, sow humility. *Amen.*



# Lay Ministries

## The Day of Pentecost May 24, 2015

## Trinity Sunday May 31, 2015

*Acts 2:1-21* ☩ *Psalm 104:24-34, 35b*

*Romans 8:22-27* ☩ *John 15:26-27, 4b-15*

Sat. 5:00 PM: Larry Wright, Lector, Eucharistic Minister

Lector Sun. 11:00 AM: Stephanie Hamblin

Prayers of the People: Reese Middleton

Eucharistic Ministers: Ginger Paul, Herschel Richard

Acolytes: Patrick Raymond, Herschel Richard,  
Hannah Wallace, Ian Wallace

Ushers: Tom Hennigan, Gerry Brooks

Altar Guild Sat. 5:00: Margaret Heacock, June Kirkland

Sun. 11:00: June Kirkland, Ginger Paul

*Isaiah 6:1-8* ☩ *Psalm 29*

*Romans 8:12-17* ☩ *John 3:1-17*

Sat. 5:00 PM: Larry Wright, Lector, Eucharistic Minister

Lector Sun. 11:00 AM: William Raymond

Prayers of the People: Maggie Fowle

Eucharistic Ministers: Fred Ogunyemi, Kendall Raymond

Acolytes: Steve Snodgrass, Patrick Raymond,  
Hannah Wallace, Ian Wallace

Ushers: Herschel Richard, Christine Hennigan

Altar Guild Sat. 5:00: Margaret Heacock, June Kirkland

Sun. 11:00: Tommie Sue Brooks, Christine Hennigan

If you would like to donate altar flowers in honor or memory of a loved one, 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!



Sunday, May 24

  
**PENTECOST**

### You can receive *Crossings* by email

As you know, we're saving money this year, and every little bit helps. Actually, emailing saves quite a bit in postage, even with the bulk mail rate, not to mention printing and paper. The list is growing of those who have asked or agreed to having their *Crossings* emailed to them instead of sent by regular mail. If this would work for you, please call Laurie in the church office, 222-3325, or email her at [holycrossshr1@bellsouth.net](mailto:holycrossshr1@bellsouth.net). An added advantage is that the email edition is in full color!



## Convocational Development Workshop June 6<sup>th</sup>:

### When in our Music God is Glorified

With the leadership of the Rev. Bill Bryant, our diocese is offering a series of workshops intended to strengthen the ministries and ministers of our congregations. **Brian Mitnaul**, Canon for Cathedral Music, St. Mark's Cathedral, will lead the program.

It's always good to get new ideas and information, to find out what has worked and not worked in other churches. I'm hoping several of our parishioners and friends will attend this workshop. Please let Mary know if you are interested, and we will coordinate carpooling.

To register, go to our diocesan website:

<http://www.diocesewla.org/homepage.htm/>

The link to the CVI registration page is on the diocese's homepage. More information about the CVI workshops is on the green and yellow "pew cards" in the church narthex

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## Holy Cross has received two grants from our Diocese!

The Diocese of Western Louisiana is creative in aiding churches who want to grow in their ministry. Up to \$5000 is available for capital improvements, and up to \$7500 for ministry initiatives. We applied for both grants this spring and were awarded the full amount for both!

A gift from the Wheless Foundation provides most of the funds for two new showers and toilets at Hope House, and the grant from the diocese rounds it out. Work is underway. Soon our neighbors will have three showers and toilets, arranged for optimum use with no wasted space! We are very grateful to the Wheless family and to our diocese!

You may know that Chuck Ellis has been working for about a year for St. Luke's and Holy Cross. He has an office at Hope House, and he is able to help people with medical needs, getting Medicaid and medicines, making doctors appointments and keeping them, applying for food stamps, etc. He has been at Hope House five hours a week; now he can be there ten hours a week to help our neighbors. Half of the Ministry Initiatives grant, along with funds from the Wheless Foundation, will make this possible.

Sally Fox will be at Hope House and in our neighborhood one day each week. Her ministry is open ended at this point, depending on the needs she discovers. For a start, she will be there to listen, serve Communion and offer bible study. She will also talk with the managers at the McAdoo and Fairmont to see if our church might offer something to their residents. One item up for discussion is Vacation Bible School for our neighbors, but we know the list of possibilities is almost endless. Half of the Ministry Initiatives grant and the Wheless Foundation are providing these funds for ministry in our neighborhood.

**Thank you, Wheless Foundation and Diocese of Western Louisiana!**

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**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.



The Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori, Ph.D.

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Jacob Owensby, Ph.D., D. D.

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