



Crossings

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS ✠ EPISCOPAL
875 COTTON STREET, SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA
JUNE 3, 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
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Deadline

Material for *Crossings* must be received by **12:00 Wednesday**.
Please send to
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What is Sunday About? *Ideas in Passing, from Joan Chittister*

When I was growing up, I got the distinct idea that to “keep the Holy Sabbath” meant to go to church. Now I have come to realize that it means a good deal more than that.

I remember the situation very clearly. I was in Jerusalem for the first time. The occasion was an international meeting of professional women, but, as far as I was concerned, the more important thing was that it gave me a chance to see the Holy Land. Anything else was pure bonus.

Because it was Friday, the beginning of the Jewish Sabbath . . . the rabbi got up to explain Shabbat to the guests. “The Talmud,” he said, “gives us three reasons for keeping the Sabbath.”

“The first reason for the Sabbath,” he went on, “is that given the fact that no one is permitted to do anything on Shabbat, no orders could be given, no work done. Therefore, the slaves and the rich would be equal for at least one day a week.”

“The second reason is that we have time to reflect on the meaning of our lives.”

“The third reason for Sabbath is that we can reflect on the goodness of our work as God did on creation on the seventh day.”

Nice, I thought. But does it really translate to our world here and now? Is it practical? Does it even make sense?

Then, just before he sat down, he did something that took Shabbat out of the Talmud and put it right in the middle of life. “See this pen?” he said, twirling a fountain pen between his fingers. “I am a writer. This is my work.” He took his pen and put it in his briefcase. “On Shabbat,” he finished, “I never use a pen. Today is for God and me. Not for me.” That one I understood.

Joan Chittister

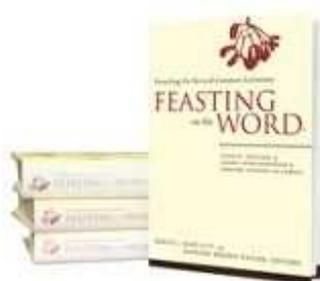


A week later I returned to the States. On Sunday morning, after Mass, the streets were teeming with cars, all the stores were open, lawn mowers roared on every street while people did what they hadn't had time to do during the week. . . .

Surely, the real sin to which the third commandment points is not the sin of not going to church on Sunday. It is the sin of not seriously seeking God.

*from **The Ten Commandments: Laws of the Heart**, by Joan Chittister (Orbis)
reprinted from **Visions and Viewpoints: an e-newsletter for spiritual seekers and kindred spirits***

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



The Second Sunday after Pentecost
June 7

*1 Samuel 8:4-11, [12-15], 16-20 [11:14-15]; Psalm 138
2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1; Mark 3:20-35*

Paul sets the tone for Christians who for twenty centuries have wondered when the end will come: very soon? in the more distant future? not at all in the literal sense? Paul teaches us how to live in a "between time," when the new age has been inaugurated in Christ and renewal has begun, but the old age persists. In many ways hope remains unfulfilled. And yet the new has already begun. Paul's best explanation is that the faithful have received the Spirit as an *arrabon*, an earnest, a down payment, a guarantee of what will be conferred in full at a later time. Life in the presence of Christ is not yet possessed. But the Spirit is a guarantee that all God's gifts are to be possessed in the future.

Eugene Teselle

The Third Sunday after Pentecost
June 14

*1 Samuel 15:34-a6:13; Psalm 20
2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13], 14-17; Mark 4, 26-34*

In all the parables in Mark 4, the seed is an important image, and indeed it is important throughout the biblical story. Ezekiel uses it (17:22-24), John uses it (12:24), and Paul uses it (1 Cor. 15:35-38). It is an enduring symbol of life growing out of what seems not only small but dead. Out of the most insignificant beginnings, God creates a mighty wind that will blow through the entire world. In these parables, Jesus invites seekers in every age and every place to consider joining in this kind of journey.

Nibs Stroupe

A man who lives, not by what he loves but what he hates, is a sick man.

Archibald MacLeish

Coming Sunday, June 14: The Rev. Dr. Deacon Bette Kauffman

Deacon Bette Jo Kauffman



Have you ever seen an Episcopal Deacon in action? You may or may not have seen the Rev. Deacon Kay Hunter, Deacon in the Shreveport Convocation, serve at the altar in a diocesan service or at St. Matthias'.

The Rev. Dr. Bette Kauffman is Archdeacon of our diocese. She lives and ministers in Monroe and teaches Communications at the University of Louisiana at Monroe. Bette is also a brilliant photographer and has published a book, *Waterline*, documenting the damage done by Hurricane Katrina. Her photographs of scenes after Katrina are exhibited around our state; in Shreveport they were shown at Artspace. Bette will

serve and preach at our 11:00 service on June 14. That evening at 5:30 she will present a film, *Traces of the Trade: A Story from the Deep North*, and lead discussion about it.

In the feature documentary filmmaker Katrina Browne discovers that her New England ancestors were the largest slave-trading family in U.S. history. She and nine cousins retrace the Triangle Trade and gain powerful new perspectives on the black/white divide. Given the myth that the South is solely responsible for slavery, viewers will be surprised to learn that Browne's ancestors were Northerners. The film follows Browne and nine family members on a remarkable journey which brings them face to face with the history and legacy of New England's hidden enterprise.

Calendar for June

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
Saturday, June 6	Convocational Vitality Institute Workshop <i>When in our Music God is Glorified</i>	10:00AM-3:00 PM	St. James, Alexandria
Sunday, June 7	Graduate celebration at CONTINUING FEAST Shreveport Summer Music Festival	noon 3:00 PM	Undercroft Church
Sunday, June 14	The Rev. Deacon Bette Kauffman's visit Film: <i>Traces of the Trade</i>	11:00 AM 5:30 PM	Church Undercroft
Tuesday, June 23	Convocational Eucharist to pray for General Convention	noon	St. Mark's

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. Several people 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 holycrossshrv1@bellsouth.net. An added advantage is that the email edition is in full color!

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

Mark Skeesick
Lonnie Smith
Gary Thomas
Robert Todd
Cliff Townsend
Mattie Washington
Mike Wise
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 The Northwest Louisiana Interfaith Pharmacy; 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. Matthias, Shreveport, the Rev. Dr. Bill McBride (Cheryl), the Rev. Deacon Kay Hunter; and for St. James, Shreveport, the Rev. Morgan MacIntire (Angus).

God of infinite grace, your life is a stronghold for us in the midst of the suffering and struggles of life. Evil invades our lives and rages to deplete our hope and trust in you. Create in us a firm resolve to look past the suffering and find the redeeming and triumphant reality of your risen Son. *Amen.*

Lay Ministries

The Second Sunday after Pentecost June 7, 2015

1 Samuel 8:4-11 [12-15], 16-20 [11:14-15] ☞ Psalm 138
2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1 ☞ Mark 3:20-35
Sat. 5:00 PM: Larry Wright, Lector, Eucharistic Minister
Sun. 11:00 AM:
Lector: Ginger Paul
Prayers of the People: William Raymond
Eucharistic Ministers: Herschel Richard, Reece Middleton
Acolytes: Herschel Richard, Hannah Wallace, Ian Wallace

Ushers: Tom Hennigan, Gerry Brooks
Altar Guild Sat. 5:00: Margaret Heacock, June Kirkland
Altar Guild Sun. 11:00: Becky Snodgrass, Christine Hennigan

The Third Sunday after Pentecost June 14, 2015

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13 ☞ Psalm 20
2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13] ☞ Mark 4:26-34
Sat. 5:00 PM: Larry Wright, Lector, Eucharistic Minister
Sun. 11:00 AM
Lector: Reid Raymond
Prayers of the People: Herschel Richard
Eucharistic Ministers: Ginger Paul, Fred Ogunyemi
Acolytes: Steve Snodgrass, Herschel Richard,
Hannah Wallace, Ian Wallace
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Altar Guild Sat. 5:00: Margaret Heacock, June Kirkland
Altar Guild Sun. 11:00: Tommie Sue Brooks, Christine Hennigan



Congregational Vitality Institute *When in our Music God is Glorified*

Presenter: Brian Mitnaul, St. Mark's Cathedral
Organist and Choirmaster
Saturday, June 6
10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
St. James, Alexandria

This workshop is offered by the Diocese of Western Louisiana to all of us free of charge. Please call the church office if you would like to attend.

The Continuing Feast this Sunday at noon



We will be honoring our recent high school graduates Aaron Horton, attending Bossier Parish Community College this fall, and William and Kathleen Raymond, both attending ULL in the fall. Bring your favorite dish and join us in the Undercroft!



SHREVEPORT SUMMER MUSIC FESTIVAL

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

Sunday, June 7
3:00 PM
Holy Cross Episcopal Church

This is the 39th season of 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 Poling, and Concertmaster Leonard Kacenjara

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 homebound. The need is so great, and the difference we can make is just as great!

Meals providing one third 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, and take a total of about an hour. Two routes are currently open: **Twice a month on Thursdays, or once a week on Monday or Tuesday, with eight stops in the neighborhood of North Market.**



All meals are picked up at the Caddo 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 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.

What is a Deacon?



Stephen, and six others whom we remember each year on December 26, are considered to be the first Deacons of the Church. The best way to understand the ministry of a Deacon in the Episcopal Church is to read the Examination, Vows, and Prayers in the Service of Ordination for each of these offices. The service for the Ordination of a Deacon begins on page 537 of the Book of Common Prayer.

The ministry of a Deacon is a calling distinct from that of a Priest. In their deepest beings, persons called to the diaconate are people who are compelled to go out into the world and minister, especially to “the poor, the weak, the sick, and the lonely.” This desire to serve all people is a gift God has given them; a Deacon uses this gift to build up the Body of Christ by leading the Church into ministries of servanthood. The ministry of a Deacon is that of a servant.

The Episcopal Church recognizes and ordains two types of Deacons: “vocational”, or “permanent,” and “transitional.” A person called to the special ministry of a Vocational Deacon will serve in that way for all of his or her life, permanently; that is their vocation. A person called to the priesthood is ordained twice, first as a Transitional Deacon and sometime later as a Priest. The critical point is that our Church honors two separate and equal callings of Priest and Deacon and recognizes equal need for both in the life and ministry of the Church. While it may be confusing to refer to two types of Deacons, I have heard more than one priest say that their months spent as a deacon would continue to remind them that every member of the Church is to serve all people.

Deacons are sometimes known as the prophets of the Church. They are to keep things stirred up, to compel the Church away from complacency and neglect of the world's needs. Deacons will often say words that, like the words of prophets, are uncomfortable for us to hear. They lead the faithful, encouraging, training, and organizing them for various ministries. Just as lay people, Bishops, and Priests perform functions in the liturgy that are symbolic of their ministries, Deacons serve in the liturgy as icons of the servant ministry of the Church. The Deacon reads the gospel and prepares the Lord's Table, arranging and filling the vessels for the Eucharist and putting them away afterwards, symbolizing the act of serving at the table. The Deacon sends the worshippers out into the world with the words of the dismissal: "Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord!" The stole worn by the Deacon is pulled to the side, diagonally, reminding us of the towel used by Jesus, when, as a servant, he washed his disciples' feet.

Deacon's stole



The Deacon serves directly under the Bishop, and this is lived out in different ways. A person ordained a Vocational Deacon may or may not be placed in one parish. The Bishop reminds the Deacon at ordination, "At all times, your life and teaching are to show Christ's people that in serving the helpless they are serving Christ himself." When I was in school in Dallas, the words quoted to us several times were those of a Bishop who had said, "I think God longs for the Church again to be a Servant Church." Deacons, in their life, example, and ministry, by their ordination call the Church to be a Servant Church. They keep before us the teaching of the prophets and of Jesus that true worship of God and service to others are inseparable.

The Rev. Mary B. Richard

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!



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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.

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