



# Crossings

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS ✠ EPISCOPAL  
875 COTTON STREET, SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA  
JUNE 17, 2015

## Holy Eucharist

Sunday: 9:20 and 11:00 AM  
Saturday: 5:00 PM  
Wednesday: 12:15 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  
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## Deadline

Material for *Crossings* must be received by **12:00 Wednesday**.  
Please send to  
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## The General Convention of the Episcopal Church

On Tuesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, our convocation will pray together for the people attending and the actions that will be taken at General Convention. We will pray for unity of purpose, that our Church seek to discern God's will, listening to and praying with one another and acting in love. Please plan to attend the Holy Eucharist to pray for General Convention:

Tuesday, June 23  
Noon  
St. Mark's Cathedral

The 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church is June 25 – July 3, in Salt Lake City, UT (Diocese of Utah). Each diocese is represented by its Bishop(s), both active and retired, and four lay and four clergy deputies, elected at diocesan convention. Our Bishop, the Right Rev. Jacob Owensby, will attend with our deputies:

Deputies:	The Very Rev. John Bedingfield	Ms. Lois Maberry
	The Rev. Dr. Mitzi George	Mr. Reece Middleton
	The Very Rev. Alston Johnson	Mr. John Robert
	The Rev. Thomas Nsubuga	Ms. Susan Sparks

Alternates:	The Rev. Annie Etheredge	Mr. Laurent De Prins
	The Rev. Michael Millard	Mr. Don Palombo
	The Rev. William Bryant	Mr. Joe Roberts
	The Rev. Wayne Carter	Ms. Martha Hoskins

The Episcopal Church's General Convention is held every three years, and is the bicameral governing body of the Church. It comprises the House of Bishops, with upwards of 200 active and retired bishops, and the House of Deputies, with more than 800 clergy and lay deputies elected from the 108 dioceses and three regional areas of the Church.

We all have already participated in the convention by electing delegates to our diocesan convention and entrusting them to elect deputies to General Convention. Our task is not complete, however: It is of utmost importance that each of us pray for those who will attend the convention and vote for us. The decisions made at General Convention are made with prayer both by the deputies, who vote their consciences, and by all of us at home.

At General Convention this year, the church will elect the **27<sup>th</sup> Presiding Bishop**. The candidates are:

- The Rt. Rev. Thomas Breidenthal, 64, Diocese of Southern Ohio
- The Rt. Rev. Michael Curry, 62, Diocese of North Carolina
- The Rt. Rev. Ian Douglas, 56, Diocese of Connecticut
- The Rt. Rev. Dabney Smith, 61, Diocese of Southwest Florida

The election will take place on **Saturday, June 27** at the Cathedral Church of St. Mark. All bishops with seat, voice, and vote will vote in the election. Once the election has taken place, Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori will refer the name to the House of Deputies for confirmation.

You can learn more about the nominees from the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop at <http://www.generalconvention.org/pbelect>

#### **Other major items of consideration at General Convention are:**

- Discussing and discerning the understanding of marriage
- The future structure of The Episcopal Church
- The budget for the next three years for The Episcopal Church will be discussed and approved.

Follow along with the election and other happenings at General Convention through The Missionary Society's Media Hub! You can also follow along on social media using the hashtag #GC78. Find the Media Hub at [episcopalchurch.org](http://episcopalchurch.org).



#### **Prayer for a Church Convention:**

Almighty and everliving God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with those who take counsel in the General Convention for the renewal and mission of your Church. Teach us in all things to seek first your honor and glory. Guide us to perceive what is right, and grant us both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*Crossings not looking its usual spiffy self this week? Our beloved Editor, Lynn Walford, is on a well deserved vacation. She will, no doubt, be more fully appreciated as we see the results this week of no artwork or artistic formatting. Lynn will be home for the next issue, and the Crossings we love will be back. Thank you, Lynn, for your beautiful and valuable ministry!*

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



**The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**June 21**

*Job 38:1-11   Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32   2 Corinthians 6:1-13   Mark 4:35-41*

Even the most skeptical of Christians will sometimes pray for the supernatural when desperate circumstances leave few other choices: prayers for healing when the doctors know the cancer will stay the course, or prayers for peace in places where violence has lived for a thousand years. But mystery, according to Job, is located primarily not in what is exceptional, but in what is natural, regular, and known – the morning stars, the sea, the womb, the clouds. They invite Job, and us, to ponder the breadth of the depth of this God with whom we must struggle. In the world unforced for us in the words of poetry, we find that our questions lead not to answers but to an awareness of how deep and fathomless are the mysteries of the God we struggle to understand. The temptation of many churches, drenched in the cherished theologies of our traditions, is to give our people answers. But faith, by its very nature, is not the product of right answers. The deepest places of our knowledge of God are often those places that we cannot explain: experiences of tranquility in the presence of fear, comfort known deeply near death, the enigma of undeserved suffering visited on the life of a child – these and many other moments experienced regularly by people in the church.

*Andrew Foster Connors*

**The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**June 28**

*Wisdom of Solomon 1:13-15; 2:23-24   Lamentations 3:21-33   2 Corinthians 8:7-15   Mark 5:21-43*

This short psalm maps so many contours of our emotional landscape: the exaltation of knowing that we have been delivered from a hopeless situation, the wonder at how things that seem so sinister can turn to blessing, the chagrin of knowing we had been overcontent and haughty, and the bewilderment at seeing how things can turn on a dime; it includes a self-affirming, winking prayer for help, quick desperation, and utter joy dancing in praise – exaltation, wonder, embarrassment, astonishment, playfulness, anguish and delight, all in twelve verses.

The psalm is less a map of our condition than it is a cubist painting, simultaneously showing side, front and bottom views of our human face. The body of Christ is a community that has all those faces at once. This psalm reveals that complex reality, but with that complexity come pastoral challenges in expositing the psalm. . . The psalmists complain to God with as much regularity as they praise God. Their intimacy with God allows them the expression of every facet of their inner being. Their trusting God's discerning eye on them means that they do not shy away from what is hidden within them but express it to the One they know has heard it all and can surely bear their cubist prayers.

*Chandler Brown Stokes*

"If you wish to know what justice is, let injustice pursue you."

- **Eugenio Maria de Hostas**

# Prayer List

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

Austin Gleason  
Elizabeth Joyce  
George Love  
Mim McCoy  
Paige McCranie  
Anna Philen  
Mark Skeesick  
Brady Sessions  
Mary Anne Shemwell  
Lonnie Smith  
Gary Thomas

Jane Thompson  
Robert Todd  
Cliff Townsend  
Mattie Washington  
Charlotte Webb  
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 in 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).

*Episcopal Relief & Development invites you to pray with special intentions for rebuilding and healing in the Diocese of Oklahoma. Several tornados in 2013 devastated many communities in the area. The Diocese of Oklahoma has been working with families as they recover from tornado damage through rebuilding, assisting with case management and offering other funding assistance. The diocese established a disaster recovery center to work with individuals and communities. Episcopal Relief & Development also is assisting the diocese as they develop internal plans for disaster preparedness.*

## 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
<b>Tuesday, June 23</b>	<b>Convocational Eucharist to pray for General Convention</b>	<b>noon</b>	<b>St. Mark's</b>

# Lay Ministries

## The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 21, 2015

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

Sun. 11:00 AM:

Lector: Steven Snodgrass

Prayers of the People: Becky Snodgrass

Eucharistic Ministers: Monty Wolford, Fred Ogunyemi

Acolytes: Patrick Raymond, Hannah Wallace, Ian Wallace

Ushers: Lynn Wolford, Herschel Richard

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

Altar Guild Sun. 11:00: Ginger Paul, June Kirkland

## The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

June 28, 2015

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

Sun. 11:00 A

Lector: Melissa Fowle

Prayers of the People: Steven Snodgrass

Eucharistic Ministers: Kendall Raymond, Herschel Richard

Acolytes: William Raymond, Hannah Wallace,

Ian Wallace

Ushers: Gerry Brooks, Christine Hennigan

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

Altar Guild Sun. 11:00: Tommie Sue Brooks, Becky Snodgrass

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!

## Bicycles for Hope House

Crusader's Temple is partnering with Hope House to provide bicycles for our neighbors. This will be a method of transportation as well as a means of exercise. The distribution of any bike to an individual will be a one-time gift. A quarterly maintenance class will be offered to teach how to do basic repairs and safety checks on their bikes. We already have a few bikes and would like to give you the opportunity to help us get this ministry going by providing any of the following items, NEW OR USED: bikes, seats, tire tubes, tube patch kits, tires, rims, chains, peddles, hand grips, reflectors, safety lights, helmets, security lock & chain, tools or even if you'd like to donate funds to be used to purchase the needed items.

You can direct your donations first to George Costic on FB, or his cell number is 318-771-5180. If you cannot reach George then call Hope House, 318-220-7650, and we will put him in touch with you.

## Flood Report: 250 homes in Shreveport and Bossier Parish are uninhabitable!

People in South Bossier Parish and South Shreveport, as well as in the Martin Luther King and Allendale neighborhoods, who are out of their homes are living in temporary apartments, the homes of friends and neighbors, and in shelters at Southern University and Elm Grove Elementary School. If you would like to help, the Red Cross, 865-9545, and the Homeland Security office in Bossier City, 425-5351, can give you up to date information. If you want to volunteer at a shelter the Red Cross requires that you have a few hours of training at their office, 805 Brook Hollow in Shreveport. **Please continue to pray for our neighbors who have lost their homes. In some places, a home is just about all they had.**

## Coming in July....

In our ongoing efforts to minister in and with our community, we will offer a camp/class/time for children beginning in July! Sally and Bruce are planning music and bible stories with art projects, and Stephanie Hamblin is planning lunch time. We want to give the children a healthy lunch and some instruction about nutrition (Stephanie is certified in childhood nutrition), age appropriate songs and hymns, as well as some lessons of our faith. We hope our own Holy Cross children will come, and we will reach out into the neighborhood through Hope House and the families we know. The times are not sewn up tight yet, but they will be:

**Thursdays from approximately 11:00-2:00 in our Undercroft and Education Building**

**Children ages 4-7 or 8, with older children helping**

If we get a good group who wants to continue after school starts, we will move the time to after school. We choose one day/week rather than the usual summer schedule of one full week, hoping to give parents and grandmothers who have the children during the summer a time they can count on when the children are cared for.

**If you would like to help with the camp, please call the church office, 222-3325. We'd love to have you!  
We need adults and children who will be students or helpers.**

## Visit our new website!

Several weeks ago, out of necessity, we began redesigning our website. Online Presence Builders, a local company, did the design and taught Laurie, Bruce and Mary how to keep it up to date. We are still tweaking it and adding pictures, but it is up and running. Bruce has purchased sound equipment that will allow us to link music and sermon recordings from You Tube to the site. Go to [www.holycrossshrv.com](http://www.holycrossshrv.com) and check it out!

## 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 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](mailto:holycrossshrv1@bellsouth.net). An added advantage is that the email edition is in full color!



**Vision/Mission/Values :** An ecumenical network of faith based groups connecting those in need with services.

**Who We Are** A nonprofit organization working to unite the ecumenical community with nonprofit organizations in the Shreveport/Bossier area to prevent duplication of efforts and become better stewards of church resources. Faith works will be operating as a free call center that connects our Faith community with area resources to assist those in need.

**FaithWorks :** will use the LINCC platform as a community resource directory. **LINCC\*, Louisiana Initiative for Nonprofit and Community Collaboration**, is a free, easy-to-use website that links nonprofit and community issues that impact the quality of life of Northwest Louisiana. Office Location Hope Connections 2350 Levy Street Shreveport, LA 71103

**Contact Information :** P.O. Box 53204 Shreveport, LA 71135 Phone: 318.317.3781 Fax: 317.673.1025 or email: [faithworkscaddobossier@gmail.com](mailto:faithworkscaddobossier@gmail.com) Monday- Thursday 9:00 a.m.-12:00 and 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. (closed between 12-1) Friday 9:00 a.m. 12:00 and 1:00– 3:00 p.m. (closed between 12-1)

**Volunteers :** are needed to operate the call center. To learn about training opportunities, call or email Wanda Brandon at 318.631.5683 or [wanda.brandon@aol.com](mailto:wanda.brandon@aol.com) . Also, like us on Facebook!

**FaithWorks Board :** Wanda Brandon (Praise Temple FGBC), David Craig (GracePointe Church of the Nazarene), Jim Freeman (Broadmoor Presbyterian), Rachel Scott (Noel United Methodist), Donna Seal (St. John Berchmans), Julia Blewer (First Presbyterian), and Laura Vaughan (Broadmoor United Methodist)

To learn about volunteer opportunities and community initiatives that matter to you, please visit the LINCC website at [www.lincc.us/communityplatform/nla](http://www.lincc.us/communityplatform/nla) and like us on Facebook LINCC-Community Resource Management.

Susan Campbell at Community Resource Management oversees LINCC with sponsorship provided by the Community Foundation of North Louisiana and the United Way of Northwest Louisiana. For more information on LINCC, please call Dr. Campbell at 318.221.0582 or email [campbell@crmnl.org](mailto:campbell@crmnl.org).

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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 **May-June**, 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.

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