



# Crossings

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS ✠ EPISCOPAL  
875 COTTON STREET, SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA  
FEBRUARY 3, 2016

## 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

## Sunday School

Sunday: 11:00 AM

## The Vestry

Reece Middleton, Senior Warden  
Gerry Brooks, Jr. Warden  
Christine Hennigan, Secretary  
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Melissa Fowle  
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## Deadline

Material for *Crossings* must be received by **12:00 Wednesday**.  
Please send to  
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## For Lent: New Socks for Our Neighbors

You will remember that last year on Maundy Thursday our convocation offered a Eucharist and foot washing to our neighbors at Hope House. With help from the diocese, and with contributions from our churches, Lois Maberry (now *Deacon* Lois Maberry!) was able to buy new socks and shoes for all who came. I was reminded at Diocesan Council recently that socks are the number one need of homeless people, and Donna Earnest at Hope House confirms this.



We are planning the Eucharist and foot washing on Maundy Thursday again this year. The clergy of the convocation and I are discussing asking our churches to collect new socks during Lent. I believe all of us together can provide all the socks. So when you are in the store, please remember our neighbors who walk miles every day and need new socks, probably more frequently than we do, to replace the ones that have worn out. Buy some socks, bring them to church, and put them in the baskets in the Narthex.

## We still need and welcome coffee at Hope House!



When you go to the grocery store, please remember to buy some coffee for our neighbors. Coffee is served Monday through Friday from 8:00 until noon, so there is a constant need. You may take your donation directly to Hope House, 762 Austen Place, or place it in the baskets in the Narthex.

## ... and there's the Fasting Fund. . . .

For several years we have had either a Fasting Fund during Lent or a Feasting Fund during the Easter Season. Baskets are placed in the Narthex, in the Chapel, and at the Chancel steps, and we are asked to give up one meal each week and contribute the cost of the meal to the fund. Your vestry will decide where our contributions will go, either locally or somewhere in the world where there is need.



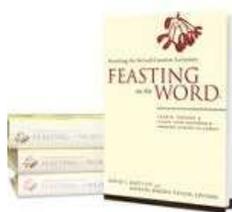
The baskets will be out again this year, and I encourage you to make contributing to the fund one of your Lenten practices. I have found in past years that the Fasting Fund has helped me in several ways: in attending to my hunger I come to that deepest, that barest place in life, the awareness that in God's love God provides for my deepest needs in ways that only God can provide; in the pain of hunger I grow in awareness of the pain my sisters and brothers live in every day and night; in giving I know the joy of making a small offering into the lives of others; in making that offering I grow in my desire to offer more frequently the love God calls us into: that unconditional, self-sacrificial love given us by Jesus.

During Lent, please look for the Fasting Fund baskets and plan to contribute to the health of our sisters and brothers whom it is our privilege to be called to serve.

*The Rev. Mary B. Richard*

**Ash Wednesday Services at Holy Cross**  
**Imposition of Ashes and Holy Eucharist**  
**Wednesday, February 10**  
**12:15 in the Chapel**  
**6:00 PM in the Nave, with Hymns**

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



**The Last Sunday after the Epiphany**  
**February 7, 2016**

*Exodus 34:29-35* ☞ *Psalm 99*  
*2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2* ☞ *Luke 9:28-36 [37-43a]*

*(Exodus 34:29-35)* But does God shine? What is one to make of the brightness of which this text speaks? This light, reflected in Moses' face and veiled to protect the people, seems to have something in common with that glory of the Lord that shone around those Bethlehem shepherds, leaving them "terrified" (Luke 2:9). Or perhaps one thinks of that transfiguring brightness that surrounded Jesus on another mountaintop (Luke 9: 28-36). As the Old Testament lesson to be read on Transfiguration Sunday, this story of Moses suggests that God's glory does shine and that its beauty disconcerts. This glory silences our religious chatter and renders us blinking and confused in its light. Perhaps that is what a holy ground feels like.

*Thomas W. Currie*

**Ash Wednesday**  
**February 10, 2016**

*Isaiah 58:1-12* ☞ *Psalm 103:8-14*  
*2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10* ☞ *Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21*

Psalm 51 was spoken, sung, and later penned by someone who understood the cleaning industry. Look at the verbs: wash, cleanse, wipe, purge, blot. They all speak to something that is very dirty, really deep, or both. Sin would be that dirty and deep grime that needs to be treated. What better day than the liturgical observance of Ash Wednesday to gain fresh insight on this age-old condition called sin? . . . Read Psalm 51 aloud, and you will not be fooled into believing that sin is merely some ugliness lodged in other people. No, this psalmist is committed to dealing impartially with himself. He does not avoid guilt . . . There is a deep consciousness of personal responsibility for the havoc his own sin wreaks, making his pleas for divine mercy all the more poignant.

*Peter W. Marty*

## The First Sunday in Lent February 14, 2016

*Deuteronomy 26:1-11* ✠ *Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16*  
*Romans 10:8b-13* ✠ *Luke 4:1-13*

(*Romans 10:8b-13*) In our text for today, although we are knee-deep in the ashes of our burned-out lives, an impossible possibility illumines the dark sky that is clouded by our smoldering sins. Paul, who self-confessedly kneels with us in our plight at the altar of sorrow, announces that near us, even in us (*Romans 10:8b*), is a transforming word of salvation (v. 9c). He declares that if we call upon the Lord we will be saved from the plight of our sin (vv. 12b-13). If, with our entire beings, we confess and believe (v. 9), we will no longer be shamed by the sooty residue of our sin (v. 11), but rather will be enlivened, forgiven, renewed, and enriched (v. 12).

*Donald W. Musser*

### Do Not Lose Heart; We Were Made for These Times: Letter to a Young Activist during Troubled Times

. . . In my uttermost bones I know something, as do you. It is that there can be no despair when you remember why you came to Earth, who you serve, and who sent you here. The good words we say and the good deeds we do are not ours. They are the words and deeds of the One who brought us here. In that spirit, I hope you will write this on your wall: *When a great ship is in harbor and moored, it is safe, there can be no doubt. But that is not what great ships are built for.*

From an essay by *Clarissa Pinkola Estes*,  
American poet, post-trauma specialist, Jungian psychoanalyst,  
and author of *Women Who Run with the Wolves*  
You can read her entire essay at

<http://newstoryhum.com/2016/01/we-were-made-for-these-times-by-clarissa-pinkola-estes/>



### Calendar for February

Sundays	Informal Eucharist	9:20 AM	Rose Garden or Chapel (depending on weather)
	Choir Rehearsal	9:45 AM	Nave
	Nursery	9:45-AM-12:15 PM	Education Building
	Sunday School	11:00 AM	Education Building
	Holy Eucharist II	11:00 AM	Nave
Wednesdays	Holy Eucharist (Enriching Our Worship)	12:15 PM	Chapel
Saturdays	Holy Eucharist	5:00 PM	Chapel
Sunday, February 7	<i>No Continuing Feast—transferred to:</i>		
<b>Tuesday, February 9</b>	<b>Shrove Tuesday Gumbo Supper</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>Undercroft</b>
	<i>Remember to make your reservations by calling the church office, 222-3325</i>		
<b>Wednesday, February 10</b>	<b>Imposition of Ashes, Holy Eucharist</b>	<b>12:15 PM</b>	<b>Chapel</b>
	<b>Imposition of Ashes, Holy Eucharist, hymns</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>Nave</b>
Wednesdays in Lent	Soup Days	11:00 AM-1:00 PM	Undercroft
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<i>Maundy Thursday, March 24</i>	<i>Holy Eucharist and Foot Washing</i>	<i>TBA</i>	<i>Hope House</i>

# Prayer List

Bill Alexander  
Wanda Allen  
Jim Boyd  
Charlie Campbell  
Laurie Connell  
Evelyn Corley  
Ron Dean

Jean Dooley  
Elizabeth Eglin  
Shirley Enani  
Floyd “Buzzy” Farrar  
Lady Martha Garner  
Austin Gleason  
Larrisa Hall

George Love  
Christopher Lowery  
Mim McCoy  
Paige McCranie  
Trish Peyton  
Brady Sessions  
Robert Todd

Mattie Washington  
Charlotte Webb  
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 requesting that we continue to pray for the person, we will leave the name on the list. If not, we will remove it. You can always call if you would like us to add it again.*

We pray for those who serve and are served by Hope House; for all who are homeless or hungry;  
for the people of our country who are harmed, threatened, or homeless by flood waters;  
for the people of Mexico, the Middle East, and all places where there are war, oppression and fear;  
for migrants in Africa and Europe; and for all who seek peace;  
for all immigrants seeking acceptance and safety, that our country may be a safe place for all people;  
for the people of our country, that we may find together the way of compassion and peace from our prejudices  
and racial tensions; for law enforcement officers and the people they serve;  
for candidates running for office this year, 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.  
In our Diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for Calvary, Bunkie, for St. Michael’s, Pineville;  
for the Rev. George Gennuso (Grace), and the Rev. Deacon Belle Rollins (Justin).

Lord, teach us to value other people and things correctly – to see them not for their potential to enrich us, but in light of your love for them. Amen.

## Say Ministries

### **The Fast Sunday after the Epiphany: February 7**

Sat. 5:00 PM: Lector: Stephanie Hamblin  
Sun. 11:00 AM:

Lector: Reid Raymond

Prayers of the People: Maggie Fowle

Eucharistic Herschel Richard, Kendall Raymond

Acolytes: Aaron Horton, Hannah Wallace, Audrey Roberts

Ushers: Tommie Sue Brooks, Gerry Brooks

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

Altar Guild Sun. 11:00 Ginger Paul, Jo Ann Horton

### **Ash Wednesday February 10, 2016**

6:00 PM

Lector: Reece Middleton

Eucharistic Ministers: Jo Ann Horton, Herschel Richard

Acolytes: Hannah Wallace, Audrey Roberts

Altar Guild: Ginger Paul, Tommie Sue Brooks

### **The First Sunday in Lent: February 14**

Sat. 5:00 PM: Lector: Larry Wright

Sun. 11:00 AM:

Lector: Melissa Fowle

Prayers of the People: Reece Middleton

Acolytes: Herschel Richard, Patrick Raymond, Aaron Horton

Ushers: Christine Hennigan, Tom Hennigan

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

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# Service Music

## The Last Sunday after the Epiphany: February 7

Mass: Powell & Hurd

Anthem: *Christ is the world's true light* Stanton, *O Light of Light*: C. Ratcliff

Hymns: 135 Salzburg, 129 Mowsley, 326 St. Keverne, 137 Wareham

Organ: *Dialogue in C* Marchand, *The Transfiguration* Benoit, *Prelude and Fugue in B*, Op. 7 Dupré

## The First Sunday in Lent: February 14

Mass: Merbecke and Ambrosian Chant

Psalm 91:1, 2, 9-16: plainsong

Anthem: *Kyrie in E* Sowerby, *This is our accepted time* Vulpius; Nieland, arr.

Hymns: 150 Aus der Tiefe rufe ich, 142 (stanzas 1-3) St. Flavian, 143 Erhalt uns, Herr

Organ: *Adagio (Symphony II)* Meditation (*Symphony 1*), *Prelude (Symphony III)* Widor

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## Merbecke for Lent

John Merbecke (c. 1510-c. 1585) was an English musician and writer of theology. As a boy chorister, Merbecke sang at St. George's Chapel of Windsor Castle, and later became organist for this royal chapel. Convicted of heresy while preparing an English concordance of the Bible, Merbecke was sentenced to be burned at the stake but was saved by the intervention of the Bishop of Winchester.

Beginning the first Sunday in Lent for our morning eleven o'clock Eucharist, we will sing a communion music setting (the ordinary of the mass) by John Merbecke. This setting is the first in English written particularly for *The Book of Common Prayer*, 1549. The music is found in Merbecke's *The Booke of Common Praier Noted* (1550). The word "noted" refers to musical notation, not annotations. Gregorian chant melody inspired Merbecke's rhythmical, note-per-word setting of the ordinary of the mass.

The Merbecke service is found in our hymnal in the Rite I settings and will be well-known to many who remember the 1940 hymnal. Unfortunately, there was not a Rite II adaptation included in the 1982 hymnal. The Merbecke setting has been adapted for use with alternate services in the English prayer book, and even Roman Catholics have a version used for their masses.

I hope all will enjoy singing this new setting (perhaps an old friend to some) of the ordinary. I believe the history and lineage of this setting of the mass needs to be known by all Episcopalians, as this setting holds a direct connection to our prayer book and the rich traditions of our Anglican heritage.

**Bruce Power**  
*Organist and Choirmaster*

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## Soup Days are Coming Soon!



The Holy Cross ECW will once again host the now famous Soup Days each Wednesday during Lent: February 17 and 24, and March 2, 9, and 16. For only \$4.00 you can enjoy a delicious lunch of homemade vegetable beef soup, crackers, and homemade dessert. All proceeds will go to Holy Cross ministries. If you'd like to help, please make a pot of soup (you can freeze it until it's needed), or make a pie or cake. Servers are also welcome!

## Holy Cross Welcomes Four More Members of the Richard Family



Helen, Ginny, David, and Bennett Richard

Many of you already know that David and Helen Richard are the son and daughter-in-law of Mary and Herschel. They're both native Shreveporters, but lived in Greenville, SC for eight years—Ginny and Bennett were both born there. The decision to move back home was difficult, but in David's words, "Every day that we spend with our family, friends, and fellow parishioners at The Church of the Holy Cross we reaffirm this decision."

Four-year-old Ginny loves music, everything associated with Star Wars, being artistic, her baby brother, tricking her grandfather, and most of all, spending time with her grandmother. Bennett, who is two, enjoys James Brown, being mildly destructive, singing the Darth Vader song, talking during church, and being with his grandparents.

According to David, the kids' creativity comes squarely from Helen, who is the artist, designer, and purchasing director for Vagabond House, a tableware manufacturer based in California. She manages all aspects of design, works with the factory in Thailand to manufacture the product, and helps wholesale it throughout the country. As much as she loves her work, what she values most is the time she spends with her family, and especially her children.

David works for Praeses, a software development company based in Shreveport, where he is responsible for the company's strategic and quantitative marketing initiatives. Outside work, he spends his time with his family and pulls for the USC Gamecocks.

What Helen and David love about Holy Cross are the music (Helen is an avid chorister, as you can see from the photo), the congregation, the outreach, and the unifying message of inclusion and acceptance. They both say that they are happy and fortunate to be part of the church.

# Let's Celebrate Shrove Tuesday/Fat Tuesday with a Gumbo Feast!



This year, instead of the *Sunday Continuing Feast*, we'll celebrate Shrove Tuesday/Fat Tuesday with a gumbo supper, cooked by the Holy Cross chefs and served by the Holy Cross kitchen crew.

Dress in Mardi Gras finery if you like, and come hungry and ready for an evening of fun! We'll have gumbo, salad, French bread, and, of course, King Cake.



**Tuesday, February 9, 6:00 PM in the Undercroft**

You're welcome to bring guests, but please make reservations with Laurie in the office, 222-3325, so we'll know how many to cook for. A donation of \$4.00 each to help cover the cost of the food will be most welcome.

We look forward to seeing you there!



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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 **January and February**, 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.



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