



Crossings

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS ✠ EPISCOPAL
875 COTTON STREET, SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA
AUGUST 24, 2016

Holy Eucharist

Sunday: 9:30 and 11:00 AM
Saturday: 5:00 PM
Wednesday 12:15 PM beginning
September 7

Nursery

Sunday
9:45 AM – 12:30 PM

Choir Rehearsal

Sunday: 9:45 AM

Sunday School

Sunday: 11:00 AM

The Vestry

Reece Middleton, Senior Warden
Gerry Brooks, Jr. Warden
Christine Hennigan, Secretary
Melissa Fowle
Jo Ann Horton
John Hughes
Meredith Lucius
Kendall Raymond

Monty Walford, Treasurer
(non-vestry)

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Deadline

Material for *Crossings* must be received by **12:00 Wednesday**.

Please send to
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Gifts to the Giver

Jo Ann Horton



Too early for stewardship? NEVER! Our leader this year is Jo Ann Horton—yes, the Chorister with the beautiful voice, Altar Guild member, and lately in discernment to start a Daughters of the King chapter at Holy Cross. Jo Ann has lots of great ideas for this year, so stay tuned. Here's her first letter to us:

I am so honored to serve as chairperson for this year's stewardship campaign at The Church of the Holy Cross. Titled "Gifts to the Giver," our campaign will officially kick off in mid-October. The name was chosen simply because Holy Cross has given to the community for many years, just as our Heavenly Father has freely given to us. We have contributed to such charities as *Meals on Wheels*, *The Philadelphia Center*, and *St. Luke's Episcopal Mobile Medical Ministry*. Holy Cross has also donated to Red River Radio's *With Heart and Voice*, and of course let us not forget our own *Hope House*, *Holy Cross Villas*, and *Holy Cross Villas West*. Your generosity, in response to all God has given you, continues our mission to help the homeless, provide meals and assisted housing to the elderly, and provide medical aid and preventive care to those in need.

In the upcoming weeks, we will hear from several people who will share their stories about what Holy Cross means to them. They will tell you how your love and generosity have touched their lives, and what their hopes are for the future.

We will also introduce our "Spare Change" campaign. We all have change just sitting around our house, car, and pockets. Contributing your pocket change can go a long way in helping us reach out to the community.

In October you will receive your pledge card packet. I ask you to pray over what your pledge will be and bring it to our worship service. It is our prayer that your giving will come from a deep sense of gratitude for the gift of this community and the gift we have in Jesus Christ. *Gifts to the Giver* is a glorious cycle indeed!

Your Sister in Christ,

Jo Ann Horton
Chair, 2016 Stewardship Campaign

We know how to interpret current-day issues. We're techno-savvy. We have scientific theories and precise machines of all sorts. We can communicate around the world in nanoseconds—but why do we not know how to bring the Kingdom of God into our fractured world?

Susanna Metz

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



The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 17C, August 28, 2016

Jeremiah 2:4-13; Psalm 81:1, 10-16
Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14

(Luke 14:1, 7-14) Jesus . . . has words of wisdom, warning, and blessing . . . for the host who may be falling victim to a bout of elitism by thinking that inviting those who can return his invitation is a sign of faithful witness. This is akin to arranging the deck chairs on a sinking ship—nothing is gained and time grows shorter. Jesus is clear [about] who should be invited: people who are the very fabric of God's realm—the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. For Jesus, extending genuine hospitality to the least of these through acts of unselfish hospitality and kindness can wash God's blessing over us and give us a sense of the great blessing that is to come in the resurrection.

Emilie M. Townes

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 18C, September 4, 2016

Jeremiah 18:1-11; Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
Philemon 1-21; Luke 14:25-33

(Jeremiah 18:1-11) Like other true prophets, Jeremiah's call is rooted in Israel's constitution and purpose. The prophet's message has for its headwaters the living God, and for its streambed the long history of the chosen people. As the prophet recalls, explores, reiterates the tradition handed down from generation to generation, the prophet's words will seem "familiar" to the people who hear them—they are not unmindful of the stories. Still, the true prophet's word is invariably greeted with skepticism and regarded as foolishness, whether political or military, religious or ethical.

The prophet knows, however—and better than the community chooses to remember—that God's word first formed and ultimately liberated the descendants of Abraham and Sarah, that God constituted and covenanted with Israel to make it a holy nation and distinct people. The historical, divine initiatives—blessing, provision, protection—prescribe for Israel corresponding temporal expectations: worship, justice, and obedience. Over and over the prophets are called to remind the people of both past mercies and deliverance—precisely to summon Israel back to thanksgiving and service.

Thomas R. Steagald

Calendar for August and September

Sundays	Informal Eucharist	9:20 AM	Rose Garden or Chapel (depending on weather)
	Choir Rehearsal	9:45 AM	Nave
	Nursery	9:30 AM – noon	Education Building
	Sunday School	11:00 AM	Education Building
	Holy Eucharist II	11:00 AM	Nave
Saturdays	Holy Eucharist	5:00 PM	Chapel
Wednesdays, beginning September 7	Holy Eucharist	12:15 PM	Chapel
Sunday, September 11	Bishop's Visitation, confirmations, followed by reception	11:00 AM	Nave and Undercroft

Prayer List

Wanda Allen
Lulu Ashcraft
Warren Bankston
Michael Breedlove
Jay Colvin
Evelyn Corley
Janice Crawford
Tricia Davis
Ron Dean
Jean Dooley
Elizabeth Eglin
Shirley Enani
Ed Finuf

Floyd "Buzzy" Farrar
Lady Martha Garner
J. M. Hardwick
Christine Hennigan
Thomas Hennigan
Mary Hill
Terry Hutchinson
Kenneth Jordan
Flo Little
George Love
Kenneth Lowe
Sherry Lowe
Chris Lowery

Mim McCoy
Paige McCranie
Melody Mhyre
Doug Meshell
Ila Riggs
Bob Robinson
Linda Robinson
Sandra Robinson
Jenni Scarce
Brady Sessions
Mary Ann Shemwell
Tommy Simrall
Allyn Stroud

Jack Theuerkauf
Jennifer Theuerkauf
Robert Todd
Cliff Townsend
Mattie Washington
Molly Wilkinson
Roger Wilkinson
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 The Philadelphia Center;
for the people of South Louisiana recovering from flooding and for others suffering disasters of tornadoes
and fires; 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 the people of Mexico, South and Central America, the Middle East,
and all places where there is war and fear, and for all who seek peace;
for migrants in Africa and Europe, for all immigrants seeking acceptance and safety;
for candidates seeking 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
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. Canons Rowena White, Wayne Carter and Thomas Nsubuga (Erinah).

Lord, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference. *Amen.*

The parish offers condolences to Kimberly and Dennis Tobin on the death of Dennis' older brother Thomas Louis Tobin on August 5, 2016. Tommy served as best man for Kim and Dennis' marriage at Holy Cross in early April. Tommy was known as one who brought laughter to everyone he knew and brightened the day with his humor and kind heart. Our thoughts and prayers are with Dennis, Kim, and all of Tommy's family as they mourn his death.

Day Ministries

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost August 28, 2016

Sat. 5:00 PM Lector: Larry Wright
Sun. 11:00 AM:
Lectors: Ginger Paul, Maggie Fowle
Prayers of the People: Reece Middleton
Eucharistic Ministers: Kendall Raymond, Nathaniel Means
Acolyte: Steve Snodgrass
Ushers: Tommie Sue Brooks, Gerry Brooks
Altar Guild Sat. 5:00: June Kirkland
Altar Guild Sun. 11:00: Ginger Paul, Tommie Sue Brooks

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 4, 2016

Sat. 5:00 PM Lector: Trish Peyton
Sun. 11:00 AM:
Lectors: Nathaniel Means, Melissa Fowle
Prayers of the People: David Richard
Eucharistic Ministers: Fred Ogunyemi, Reece Middleton
Acolytes: Herschel Richard, Joe Bob Evanson
Ushers: Bill Richard, Tommie Sue Brooks
Altar Guild Sat. 5:00: June Kirkland, Margaret Heacock
Altar Guild Sun. 11:00: Jo Ann Horton, June Kirkland

Service Music

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost Proper 17C, August 28

Mass: Mathias and Hurd
Psalm 81:1, 10-16 Tone 8.2/B. Power
Anthem: *Jubilate Deo* Purvis
Hymns: 423 St. Denio 700 Moseley 321 Rockingham 665 Michael
Organ: *Exultemus, Folk Tune, and Fidelis* Whitlock *Novelette I* Purvis

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost Proper 18C, September 4

Mass: Mathias and Hurd
Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17 Robert Knox Kennety
Anthem: *Christ be with me* Rawsthorne
Hymns: 376 *Hymn to Joy* 675 Bourbon 702 *Tender Thought* 594 Cwm Rhondda
Organ: *Quasi lento, tranquillo (Sonata)* Howells *Aria* R. Peek
Introduction-Chorale and Toccata (Suite Gothique) Boëllmann

COMING UP

September 11: *Bishop's Visitation and Celebration of Holy Cross' Nameday*
Music of J. S. Bach and Poulenc, with Adam Hudlow, trumpet

Bishop's Visitation, Holy Cross Sunday, Confirmations . . . and postponement of *The Continuing Feast*



This year, the first Sunday in September, traditionally the day we celebrate *The Continuing Feast*, falls on September 4, during Labor Day Weekend. The following Sunday, September 11, is Bishop Jake's annual Visitation, when we will celebrate the confirmations of Malayna Margaret Lucius, age 14, and her brother Mark William Warren, age 16.

Malayna and Mark are the children of longtime parishioner and current vestry member Meredith Lucius. That Sunday is also Holy Cross Sunday, the day we recognize Holy Cross Day, which falls on

Wednesday, September 14. In order to celebrate all these events to the fullest, we'll postpone *The Continuing Feast* to the 11th. Please come welcome Bishop Jake, enjoy the special music that will be part of the 11:00 service, and congratulate Malayna and Mark.



Soul Food for the Soul: The Eleventh Step *Joy in the Journey: September 30 - October 2, 2016* Camp Hardtner Conference Center, Pollock, Louisiana

Join us for a special recovery weekend sponsored by the Bishop's Committee on Addiction and Recovery, and featuring **Joe Pack Arnold**, a dynamic retreat leader, certified addiction counselor, and ordained Presbyterian minister. He served as spiritual director for The Meadows in Wickenburg, Arizona and Pine Grove in Hattisburg, Mississippi. Now semi-retired, Joe Pack leads spiritual and recovery workshops and remains active as a family, trauma, intervention, and death and dying therapist. We are honored to have Joe Pack as our guide to exploring our spiritual journey through the Eleventh Step.

Registration forms are available in the Narthex and the church office. Please register as soon as possible, since space is limited. For more information, contact Whitney Brown at 267-455-3055, or wbcwi@yahoo.com.

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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 Austen Place or to the church office. Thank you for your continued support.

Forward Day by Day for **August and September**, in both standard and large-print editions, is available in the Narthex and the Undercroft.



The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry, Ph.D.
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