



Crossings

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS ✠ EPISCOPAL
875 COTTON STREET, SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA
JANUARY 18, 2017

Holy Eucharist

Sunday: 9:30 and 11:00 AM
Saturday: 5:00 PM

Nursery

Sunday
9:45 AM – 12:30 PM

Choir Rehearsal

Sunday: 9:45 AM

Sunday School

Sunday: 10:00 AM

The Vestry

Reece Middleton, Senior Warden
Gerry Brooks, Jr. Warden
Steve Snodgrass, Secretary
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Maggie Fowle
Jo Ann Horton
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Meredith Lucius
Ginger Paul

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Deadline

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

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"I sing a song of the saints of God, ... and I mean to be one, too"

Florence Li Tim-Oi



The Holy Cross tradition over many decades has been the midweek Holy Eucharist during which we focused each week on one of the *Saints* of that week from our yearly liturgical calendar. With more and more parishioners working full time, fewer and fewer folks are able to attend. Regretfully, we've had to decide to discontinue the midweek service. We do, however, want to continue the valuable custom of regular reflection on faithful people throughout the centuries as guides and examples for us in our life journeys. We provide opportunity for such by means of a regular "Song of the Saints" column in *Crossings*. In each issue, one or two persons will be featured.

The *Preface to Lesser Feasts and Fasts*, the Episcopal Church's official listing of persons included in our liturgical calendar, describes the remembering of saints thusly:

Christians since ancient times honored men and women whose lives represent heroic commitment to Christ and who have borne witness to their faith even at the cost of their lives. Such witnesses, by the grace of God, live in every age. What we celebrate in the lives of the saints is the presence of Christ expressing himself in and through particular lives lived in the midst of specific historical circumstances. In the saints we are not dealing primarily with absolutes of perfection but human lives, in all their diversity, open to the motions of the Holy Spirit. Many a holy life, when carefully examined, will reveal flaws or the bias of a particular moment in history or ecclesial perspective. Attitudes toward those outside the Church, assumptions about gender, understandings of the world, may appear to be defective and wrong. And what in one age was taken as virtue may at another time seem misguided. It should encourage us to realize that the saints, like us, are first and foremost redeemed sinners in whom the risen Christ's words to St. Paul come to fulfillment: "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."

Li Tim-Oi, first woman priest in the Anglican Communion:

At her birth in Hong Kong on 5 May, 1907, Li Tim-Oi's father called her "Much Beloved" because he valued her as a daughter even if others preferred sons.

When she was baptized as a student, Tim-Oi took the name Florence, after Florence Nightingale, the famous nineteenth-century English nurse known as “The Lady of the Lamp.” In 1931, at the ordination of a deaconess in Hong Kong Cathedral, she heard and responded to the call to ministry. She took a four-year course at theological college in Canton. She was made Deacon on Ascension Day 1941, and was given charge of the Anglican congregation in the Portuguese colony of Macao, thronged with refugees from war-torn China.



When a priest could no longer travel from Japanese-occupied territory to preside for her at the Eucharist, for three years Tim-Oi was licensed to do so as a deacon. Bishop R. O. Hall of Hong Kong then asked her to meet him in Free China, where on 25 January 1944 he ordained her “a priest in the Church of God.” He knew that this was as momentous a step as when the Apostle Peter baptized the Gentile Cornelius. As St. Peter recognized that God had already given Cornelius the Baptismal gift of the Spirit, so Bishop Hall was merely confirming that God had already given Tim-Oi the gift of priestly ministry. However, he resisted the temptation to rename her Cornelia.

To defuse controversy, in 1946 Tim-Oi surrendered her priest’s licence, but not her Holy Orders, the knowledge of which carried her through Maoist persecution. She resumed the practice of her priesthood in the Church in China, and in Toronto when she retired in 1981. She was awarded Doctorates of Divinity by General Theological Seminary in New York, and Trinity College in Toronto. She died on 26 February, 1992 in Toronto, and is buried there.

From the website of the Li Tim-Oi Foundation, www.ittakesonewoman.org

The ordination of Florence Li Tim-Oi:

Gracious God, we thank you for calling Florence Li Tim-Oi, much-beloved daughter, to be the first woman to exercise the office of a priest in our Communion. By the grace of your Spirit inspire us to follow her example, serving your people with patience and happiness all our days, and witnessing in every circumstance to our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the same Spirit, one God, forever and ever. *Amen.*

The Rev. Sally M. Fox

Li Tim-Oi after her ordination as deacon
with her parents, Bishop Mok, and Archdeacon Lee Kow Yan



The Season of Epiphany is somewhat overlooked in the sweep of the Christian Year. But we should stop and remember that Epiphany is the season of evangelism. It is that most important of seasons in which we commemorate Jesus as a Light to all nations. It is a wonderful opportunity to recommit ourselves to his work, to let this Jesus shine through us and be revealed to yet new souls this year as the Light of the world.

Donald S. Armentrout

Daily Feast: Meditations on the Word, Year A

Louisville: Westminster, John Knox Press, 2012



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The Third Sunday after the Epiphany, Year A January 22, 2017

Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1, 5-13
1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 1:12-23

(*Isaiah 9:1-4*) For Christians, the light of Isaiah's oracle breaks over us on the Third Sunday after the Epiphany, only a month after the shortest day of the year. Sunlight hours have begun to lengthen, the light remaining with us a little longer each day. The light Isaiah looks toward, however, is not light that grows gradually over time. The brightness of the light Isaiah proclaims shines on a people walking in darkness like a brilliant dawn suddenly breaking. This, surely, is the kind of a light that illuminates every secret place, bringing a path obscured by shadows suddenly into view. It is the kind of light that gives direction and drives out fear.

Stephanie A. Paulsell

The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany, Year A January 29, 2017

Micah 6:1-8; Psalm 15
1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Matthew 1:12-23

(*Micah 6:1-8*) "What does God want?" the prophet asks. God wants us to do justice (v. 8)—to be a voice for oppressed persons, unprotected persons, widows, and foreigners, and to fight for the rights of handicapped persons, minorities, elderly persons, poor persons, and every person treated as less than God's child. God wants us to love kindness. The Hebrew word *bessed* means God's loving kindness. We respond to God's love by sharing it with others. We are to walk humbly with God: listening for God's voice wherever God may be heard; listening to Jews, Muslims, and Buddhists; learning how other people make sense of their lives; thoughtfully examining what it means to live with faith.

Brett Younger

Calendar for the Season of Epiphany

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	10:00 AM	Education Building
	Holy Eucharist II	11:00 AM	Nave
Saturdays	Holy Eucharist	5:00 PM	Chapel
Sunday, February 5	<i>The Continuing Feast</i>	12:15 PM	Undercroft
Tuesday, February 28	Shrove Tuesday Supper	6:00 PM	Undercroft

March 1: Ash Wednesday

Prayer List

Wanda Allen
Michael Breedlove
Evelyn Corley
Janice Crawford
Tricia Davis
Ron Dean
Jean Dooley
Elizabeth Eglin
Shirley Enani
Floyd "Buzzy" Farrar
Ed Finuf
Reggie Gant

Lady Martha Garner
Ken George
J. M. Hardwick
Christine Hennigan
Mary Hill
Terry Hutchinson
Kenneth Jordan
Flo Little
Kenneth Lowe
Sherry Lowe
Chris Lowery
Mim McCoy

Paige McCranie
Melody Mhyre
Doug Meshell
Suzy Nelson
Randy Piedrahita
Ila Riggs
Hazel Richards
Linda Robinson
Jenni Scarce
Brady Sessions
Tommy Simrall
Jack Theuerkauf

Jennifer Theuerkauf
Robert Todd
Cliff Townsend
Mattie Washington
Molly Wilkinson
Roger Wilkinson
Bill Wright
Larry Wright
Mary Wright

We pray for those who serve and are served by Hope House;
for the people of our country, that we may listen with compassion to those who feel forgotten
and work with renewed purpose to overcome our fears and prejudices; for law enforcement officers
and the people they serve; for people in all places where there is war and fear, and for those who seek peace;
for migrants in Africa and Europe, for all immigrants seeking acceptance and safety;
for people elected to office this year, and for our President and Congress, that they may work together
to pass legislation to end violence and injustice in our country and provide for the needs of the most vulnerable.

In our Diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for the Anglican Communion: the Most Rev. Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Rev. Michael B. Curry, Presiding Bishop, and the Bishops and other presiding persons throughout the world; the Dominican Development Group, Bill Kunkle, Director, and the dioceses in this companionship; dioceses of Central Gulf Coast, East Carolina, Eastern Michigan, Georgia, Michigan, Nebraska, Northwest Texas, The Episcopal Church in South Carolina, Southeast Florida, Southwest Florida, Western Louisiana, and Western Michigan.

Teach us to rejoice in your creation and assist in its care, that we, your humble creatures, may in all things give you praise. *Amen.*

The Book of Common Prayer

Say Ministries

The Third Sunday after the Epiphany January 22, 2017

Sat. 5:00 PM: Lector and Eucharistic Minister: Larry Wright
Sun. 11:00 AM:
Lectors: Reid Raymond, Ginger Paul
Prayers of the People: Maggie Fowle
Eucharistic Ministers: Fred Ogunyemi, Kendall Raymond
Acolytes: Steve Snodgrass, Aaron Horton
Ushers: Herschel Richard, Bill Richard
Altar Guild Sat. 5:00 PM: June Kirkland, Margaret Heacock
Altar Guild Sun. 11:00 AM: Jo Ann Horton, June Kirkland

The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany January 29, 2016

Sat. 5:00 PM: Lector and Eucharistic Minister: Larry Wright
Sun. 11:00 AM:
Lectors: Nathaniel Means, David Richard
Prayers of the People: Melissa Fowle
Eucharistic Ministers: Herschel Richard, Reece Middleton
Acolytes: Patrick Raymond, Joe Bob Evanson, Hanna Wallace
Ushers: Becky Snodgrass, Steve Snodgrass
Altar Guild Sat. 5:00 PM: June Kirkland Margaret Heacock
Altar Guild Sun. 11:00 AM: Tommie Sue Brooks, Becky Snodgrass

Service Music

The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Mass: Mathias and Hurd
Anthem: *Rise, crowned with light*, Willan
Psalm 27:1, 5-13, Robert Knox Kennedy
Hymns: 567, St. Matthew; 661, Georgetown; 336, *Werde munter* (stanza 1); 381, *Ton-y-Botel*
Organ: *Prelude on an Introit for Epiphany*, Duruflé
Fantasia in the first mode, Morley
Fugue in C, Op. 12, Duruflé

The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Mass: Mathias and Hurd
Anthem: *Jesus, the very thought of thee*, Plainsong, Mode I, arr. Arlen Clarke
Solo: *Prayer for Peace*, Poulenc
Psalm 15: Robert Knox Kennedy
Hymns: 437, Birmingham; 656, Franconia; 345, Ellers; 477, Engleberg
Organ: *Sicilienne and Pavane (Suite Française)*, Claude Gervaise; adapt. Francis Poulenc;
Prelude and Fugue in C, BWV 547, J. S. Bach; *Song of Peace*, Langlais

Condensed and adapted from Organist/Choirmaster Bruce Power's report at the Parish meeting

The "jewel in the crown" of Holy Cross is our Skinner organ. To my knowledge, we have the oldest playable organ in the city. I have done much research on our instrument, and it appears that we may possess the most nearly intact Skinner instrument in this part of the country. While a small percentage of the instrument has been altered, I estimate that about eighty per cent is original. Other than the 1926 Skinner organ at Temple Sinai in New Orleans, I know of no Skinner organ in Texas or Oklahoma still in use which is predominantly unaltered.

Our organ will celebrate its one-hundredth anniversary in three years, and the recent major restorative work was long overdue. Almost one hundred years with no major work is quite an accomplishment for any instrument or mechanical device. Our current maintenance person lives in the northeastern part of the country and is fully acquainted with Skinners of this vintage. He wanted to take the organ back home with him. I am hoping we can gradually finish our restorative actions for those generations of parishioners following us.

I have never worked with a more loyal group of singers than our Holy Cross Choir. We have added anthems, introits, and other liturgical music, and we now sing the psalms at all Eucharists. We had a Festival of Hymns in 2015, and in 2016 we did our first Advent Lessons and Carols, and celebrated the life of John Merbecke and other Anglican composers.

We are fortunate to have many fine instrumentalists in Shreveport. During the past two years guest musicians have played trumpet, oboe, and violin at our services, and our parishioner, violinist Steve Snodgrass, provides us regularly with the Baroque music that is, I believe, his first love—which allows me to accompany him on our harpsichord.

We sponsor the Summer Music Festival under the leadership of Maestro Leonard Kacenjar, and on Pentecost 2016 I presented my first organ concert at Holy Cross. I hope to present more, and am encouraged by the interest shown by our local Public Radio station and arts organization.

I am so fortunate to be working for a Rector and Vestry such as Holy Cross possesses. Writing cannot express my gratitude to everyone associated with this parish.

Bruce Power, Organist/Choirmaster

Our Annual Parish Meeting

Last Sunday, January 15, we met in the Nave after the 11:00 service. Senior Warden **Reece Middleton**, Junior Warden **Gerry Brooks**, and Treasurer **Monty Walford** reported on the grounds, finances, and business of Holy Cross in 2016. **Ginger Paul** reported for our ECW (Episcopal Church Women): their Soup Days during Advent and Lent, and the ministries in our community that the ECW supported with donations. Organist/Choirmaster **Bruce Power** distributed a written report and gave us detailed information about our historic Skinner organ, the extensive work done to it last year, the work still needing to be done, and its place among the church organs in our area, state, and country. The Rector's report covered the ministries within and outside our parish: Hope House and St. Luke's Episcopal Mobile Medical Ministry. In a nutshell, Holy Cross is in good financial shape as we look toward the years ahead. Our ministries in our community are strong because of the care and commitment of the people who *are* the church, and because of the excellent management of our Vestry and Finance Committee.

We elected three people to serve three-year terms on our Vestry: **Greg Criddle**, **Maggie Fowle**, and **Ginger Paul**. Holy Cross is very grateful to the leadership and commitment of our Vestry and especially to our two members who have retired from serving: **Melissa Fowle** and **Kendall Raymond**.

After the Parish Meeting the new Vestry met to elect officers. All the previous officers were re-elected: **Senior Warden Reece Middleton**, **Junior Warden Gerry Brooks**, and **Secretary Steve Snodgrass**. **Monty Walford** (not a Vestry member) was re-elected **Treasurer**.

It's impossible for me to express adequately my humility and gratitude for your confidence in calling me to serve as your Rector. Every day I'm inspired by the ministry of Holy Cross, as well as by the people we live among in our neighborhood. Each one of you brings your unique gifts given to you by God to make our church the unique place it is. Thank you also to all our friends far and near who are members of churches elsewhere and who believe in and continue to support Hope House and Holy Cross in prayer and donations. I have never been as inspired as I am today by the commitment and dedication of so many people called to serve the world God so loves. Thank you!

Mary

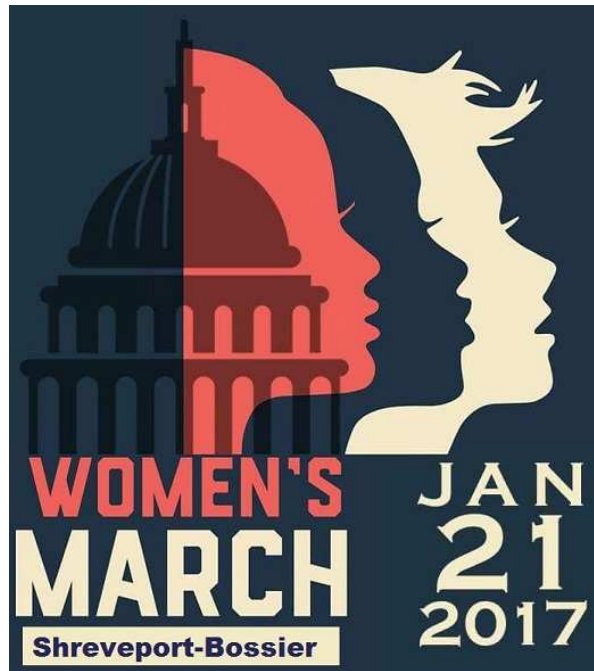
Gloves for Hope House



It has been suggested that each quarter we identify a need of our neighbors and ask that the items be donated to Hope House. Winter has been bitter from time to time this year, and the cold weather is probably not yet over. Please remember our friends who are homeless or living in houses that are drafty and without heat or electricity. We will be collecting gloves for men and women, along with the hand warmers called *Hot Hands*, which sell for about \$2 each. Please bring them to the church and put them in the baskets at the entrance to the Nave. We will collect them and take them to Hope House. Thank you very much—our neighbors will greatly appreciate your care!



AND OF COURSE, WE ALWAYS NEED COFFEE!



WOMEN'S MARCH IN SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER
A "sister march" with the Women's March on Washington
and in cities around our country
Please join this march if you possibly can!

Saturday, January 21
3:00 - 4:00 PM
Caddo Parish Courthouse

It is so important that we show our support for all people whose voices are often not heard or heeded: women of all races and orientations; LGBTQ people; people of all colors and backgrounds; people coming to our country seeking a better life for themselves and their children; senior citizens and children; people who are challenged mentally or physically; the poor, homeless, and underserved; all who suffer the oppression of discrimination, prejudice, and lack of opportunity—and many more whose lives may not be visible to us.

"Sister marches" are being organized all over the country, and we are fortunate to have one here! If you live outside the Shreveport-Bossier area, please explore to see if your community has scheduled a march you can join. Our numbers will be counted with theirs to make a statement loud and strong to our leaders who make and enforce our laws that all people, by virtue of being given life, deserve equal honor in voicing their needs and equal opportunity in every area of life.

To join the march, or to learn more, google or search Facebook for
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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 Austen 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.



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