



# Crossings

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS ✠ EPISCOPAL  
875 COTTON STREET, SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA  
FEBRUARY 1, 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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## Deadline

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

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**"[To] strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being"**

We take seriously the vows we make when we are baptized. Those of us who were baptized in the Episcopal Church before the use of our current Prayer Book (1979) have assumed the vows, and we all renew them every time we baptize a person in our congregation or have a Renewal of Baptismal Vows. We are making a covenant with God, and we strive to be as faithful in that covenant as we possibly can, with God's help.



Reading and praying our Baptismal Covenant often is essential in living our faith. The vows we make are of biblical origin. They instill values and promises and beliefs of three thousand and more years in Israel's and Christians' journey with God. Each of the vows is foundational in our becoming the people God made us to be, growing in the knowledge and love of God and of one another. One that is before us today, perhaps more than before in our lifetimes, is our promise to strive for justice and peace and to respect the dignity of every human being.

On January 21 I marched in Washington, DC, with people there and in many places in our country and around the world. I am so happy and proud that a march was organized here in Shreveport, and that so many people of Holy Cross joined in! The marches began as a strong statement in support of the rights of women. But as the momentum grew over the weeks, they grew to support of the rights of every human being: immigrants, people of color, people who are LGBTQ, people living in poverty; people whose voices are seldom if ever heard because they have no power, people hoping for equality of opportunity and education, people discounted and oppressed in any way.

I don't know what I expected, but here's what impressed me most: the peace and congeniality that radiated among the marchers; the good will and gratitude of city workers who, smiling at us and thanking us, showed us across streets and through traffic and helped us navigate parade routes and crowds; the presence and support of families in their townhouse front yards who welcomed us and

waved us on. One woman in our group needed assistance walking uneven ground and stepping up and down curbs and walls. As one of us assisted her on one side, every time there came immediately the hand of a smiling stranger reaching out on the other side. Marchers were of all ages, genders, colors; there were families with children, young people, people as old as and older than I am.

As you know, there was not one arrest—anywhere in our country! No arguments, no fights, no pushing or trying to get ahead. We moved very slowly, and everyone seemed happy to be there. It really was an amazing day across our nation.

The question now is, how will we go forward? It's a good and essential question. The National Organization for Women (NOW) is working on plans, and I encourage everyone to watch NOW's Facebook page for details as they are formed. The most important part of the Women's March is not the march itself, but the action it begins, the passion it sparks. It is so critical that we continue to be active with the issues. Much of the progress we've made over the past sixty years is being threatened.

We cannot walk backwards. This is too important. If we are to live the promises we make, if we are to be formed by our beliefs and faithful to one another, to our Creator and to Creation, we must continue to advocate wherever peace and justice and the human dignity of anyone is threatened.

I love the Episcopal Church. These values are the core of our church. General Conventions, diocesan conventions, and individual parishes have made commitments and formed ministries around the very rights that are at risk today. The church offers us easy access to news and the stand the church takes on various issues. Below are three offices and websites I recommend to you:

☞ **The Episcopal Public Policy Network (EPPN)** is a grassroots network of Episcopalians across the country dedicated to carrying out the Baptismal Covenant call to “strive for justice and peace” through the active ministry of public policy advocacy.

The EPPN is a part of the Episcopal Church Office of Government Relations, located in Washington, DC. The actions, programs, and ministry of the Office of Government Relations are based entirely on policies approved by the Church meeting in General Convention or by the Executive Council.

Subscribing to the EPPN enables us to be current in our knowledge of the concerns of our church, policies adopted in resolutions in General Conventions, and avenues available to us as we seek to be faithful to the covenant we all make with God in our Baptism. The EPPN makes it easy, with links to information, addresses of people to write, petitions to sign. I encourage everyone to go to the website and join the network:

<http://advocacy.episcopalchurch.org/>

☞ **The Episcopal News Service (ENS)** is another valuable resource our church provides. Current news from every part of our church, from the Presiding Bishop's statements and letters, to news in the dioceses of our country, to the church's ministry in all parts of the world, is emailed regularly, with links to articles providing more background and information. Please register with the ENS and keep up with the news from all over the church, including possibilities for participating in ministry and advocacy. The website address is:

<http://episcopaldigitalnetwork.com/ens/>

☞ **Congress.gov** provides information that we need as we seek to be informed about actions and pending actions of our elected representatives and senators in the US Congress, as well as links and addresses for voicing our opinions and thoughts to those who represent us and lead us. Among the links are *Bill Texts*, *Calendars and Schedules*, *Committee Reports*, *Roll Call Votes*, and the latest legislative activity. For this and more information go to:

<https://www.congress.gov/>

*The Rev. Mary B. Richard*

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 nano-seconds—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 A*

*Louisville: Westminster, John Knox Press, 2012*



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### **The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany, Year A February 5, 2017**

*Isaiah 58:1-12; Psalm 112:1-10  
1 Corinthians 2:1-16; Matthew 5:13-20*

*(Psalm 112:1-10)* Tremble as we do, we are always offered the amazing grace of both the promise of God's unconditional love and the humbling chance to have a purpose, to make a difference, to be a part of something bigger than ourselves. That is the obeying-God's-commands part of the deal. It turns out to be better than it sounds. Obedience, a word our culture hates, turns out to mean having a chance to make a difference, to make the world a better place. I have met very few people so jaded that they did not want to jump on that bandwagon. Psalm 112 is a poem celebrating the happiness of obeying God's commands, or, in a language that even contemporary culture can hear, the happiness of those who get to make a difference under God.

*Barbara S. Blaisdell*

### **The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany, Year A February 12, 2017**

*Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 119:1-8  
1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Matthew 5:21-37*

*(Deuteronomy 30:15-20)* The flip side of these ominous warnings is that God desires for the community to be blessed. God desires life, not death. God hopes that Israel will make the right choice, for faithfulness. The right choice means blessings for the entire community, not just for some. The right choice means a home, not just for God's people, but for resident aliens as well. The right choice means economic policies that leave enough for everyone. The right choice means an equitable distribution of resources. The right choice means life—this is what God desires of us.

*Andrew Foster Connors*

### **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	Inquirers' Classes begin	9:15 AM	Education Building
	<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  
Debbie Atwood  
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  
George Love  
Kenneth Lowe  
Sherry Lowe  
Chris Lowery

Mim McCoy  
Paige McCranie  
Melody Mhyre  
Doug Meshell  
Suzy Nelson  
Randy Piedrahita  
Hazel Richards  
Ila Riggs  
Warren Riggs  
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 Holy Cross Villas and Holy Cross Villas West; 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 our Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Jacob W. Owensby (Joy), the Bishop's staff: the Rev. Canon William Bryant (Judith), the very Rev. Ronald Clingenpeel, Kathy Richey (David), Holly Davis, Bob Harwell (Maryse); for Archdeacon Bette Jo Kauffman, Deacons Polly Anderson, Kay Hunter, Don Leger (Jeanette), Lois Maberry (Ron), Diane Moore, Belle Rollins (Justin); for the Standing Committee, and for the Diocesan Council

Lord, help us to see the face of God in the faces of all who suffer. May it move us to act. *Amen.*

## Say Ministries

### The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany February 5, 2017

Sat. 5:00 PM: Lector and Eucharistic Minister: Larry Wright  
Sun. 11:00 AM:  
Lectors: Maggie Fowle, Nathaniel Means  
Prayers of the People: Maggie Fowle  
Eucharistic Ministers: Fred Ogunyemi, Kendall Raymond  
Acolytes: 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 Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany February 12, 2016

Sat. 5:00 PM: Lector and Eucharistic Minister: Larry Wright  
Sun. 11:00 AM:  
Lectors: David Richard, Josh Boyte  
Prayers of the People: Melissa Fowle  
Eucharistic Ministers: Monty Walford, Nathaniel Means  
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: Becky Snodgrass

## This Sunday is the Continuing Feast!

After the 11:00 service, please come to the Undercroft to help celebrate one of Holy Cross' finest traditions—*The Continuing Feast*. Bring an appetizer, salad, main dish, side dish, or dessert (along with your appetite, of course!) and spend a delightful time enjoying delicious food, sparkling conversation, and warm fellowship.





## Service Music

### The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

**Mass** Mathias and Hurd

**Anthem** *Christ is the world's true light* Stanton

**Psalm 112:1-9 (10)** metrical setting tune: Dundee text: Webber

**Hymns** 542 St. Joan 543 Eastiew 300 Benifold 539 Tidings

**Organ** *Prelude in B* Saint-Saens *Voluntary in D* Dyson *Cantilène* Pierné  
*A Light to lighten the Gentiles*, Op. 48, Dupré

## The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

### Morning Prayer and the Holy Eucharist: Rite II

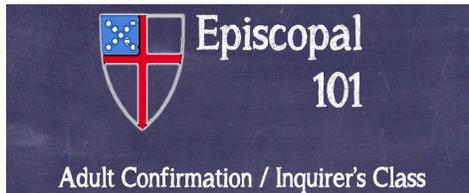
**Canticles** *Jubilate* metrical setting text: Webber tune: Old Hundredth  
*Surge, illuminare*, R.N. Kennedy  
*The First Song of Isaiah* S 679 Thomas Merton

**Mass** Proulx and Hurd

**Anthem** *Jesus, the very thought of thee* Plainsong, Mode I; Arlen Clarke, arr.

**Hymns** 7 Ratisbon 312 Malabar 544 Duke Street

**Organ** *Angelus*, Dupré *Carillon* Delamarter *Prelude on "Malabar"* Sowerby  
*Toccata (Symphony IV)* Widor



## Inquirers' Classes

Inquirers' classes are offered to everyone—the more in the class, the more interesting the questions and discussions. Long-time Episcopalians might want a “refresher” course; non-Episcopalians might want to know more about the Episcopal Church; people, younger and older, desiring to be confirmed members of the church come to “learn the basics.” The schedule for the classes is:

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| February 5  | Holy Scripture: Hebrew Scripture  |
| February 12 | Holy Scripture: Apocrypha and Christian Testament                       |
| February 26 | Who Episcopalians Are: Where we come from and how we got here           |
| March 12    | How We Pray and Worship: The 1979 Book of Common Prayer and Hymnal 1982 |
| March 19    | Sacraments: Eucharist, Marriage, Ordination, Reconciliation, Unction    |
| April 2     | How the Church Runs: Polity and governance                              |

Classes meet on Sundays at 9:15 in the Education Building and are taught by The Rev. Sally Fox. There is no obligation to “join the church,” except for those interested in being confirmed when the Bishop comes for his Visitation and Confirmation in September. Please call the church office, 222-3325, if you would like more information. All are welcome!

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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 **February and March**, in both standard and large-print editions, is available in the Narthex and the Undercroft.



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