



Crossings

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS ✠ EPISCOPAL
875 COTTON STREET, SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA
FEBRUARY 15, 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
Greg Criddle
Maggie Fowle
Jo Ann Horton
John Hughes
Meredith Lucius
Ginger Paul

Monty Walford, Treasurer
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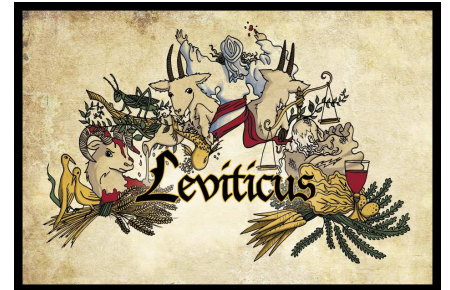
Material for *Crossings* must be received by **12:00 Wednesday**.

Please send to

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Leviticus: Not Everyone's Favorite Book

In the three-year cycle of lessons prescribed in our Lectionary, a reading from Leviticus appears only once: on the Seventh Sunday after Epiphany. And many years the season of Epiphany ends before we have come through seven Sundays. Epiphany can contain as many as ten Sundays. In years of fewer Sundays, the Sixth or Seventh or Eighth or Ninth Sunday jumps forward to become the Last Sunday, with its own propers. Thus, some years we never use the propers for the Seventh Sunday, and some years we don't read the lesson from Leviticus.



The number of Sundays in Epiphany depends on the date of Easter: an early Easter will mean there are fewer Sundays; a later Easter, more Sundays. This year Easter is about in the middle relative to its possible dates, determined as the first Sunday following the first full moon after the spring equinox. So this year Epiphany has eight Sundays, and we will read the lesson in Leviticus this Sunday. Reading this lesson, we see the strong line leading from the Hebrew Scriptures to our faith as followers of Jesus, a Jew through and through.

The Book of Leviticus is not one we refer to often, as we usually remember it as the book that contains "the abominations," some of which are accepted by many today only as teachings frozen in their time. But our lesson this Sunday rings true: these are teachings that guided Israel in faith, and as essential, they guided Jesus as well in his relationship with God.

When you harvest your land, leave the gleanings and the edges of your crop, the fallen grapes of your vineyard, for the poor and the alien.

Do not steal or deal falsely or lie to one another; do not swear falsely by or profane the name of your God.

Do not defraud your neighbor or withhold wages from one who works for you; do not take advantage of the deaf or the blind.

Live in justice: defer neither to the poor or the rich; speak no slander, and do not profit at the expense of your neighbor.

Do not hate any of your people, or take vengeance, or bear a grudge against them. Love your neighbor as yourself.

The first five books of the Hebrew Scriptures—Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy—are traditionally attributed to the authorship of Moses, the greatest teacher and prophet and leader of Israel. The teachings are sacred, spoken with reverence from generation to generation. To follow the laws taught by Moses is the way to life. We don't have to look deep to find the faith that feeds Jesus' teachings:

Care for the poor and the stranger, even denying yourself some of your harvest. Deal honestly and justly with all people; do not lead any of "these little ones" astray. Do not hold on to anger or hatred; do not judge; love your neighbor as yourself. To live in this way is to live in the fullness God intends for us.

These teachings are not given to restrict us unjustly or to enslave us. The One who made us knows the way of life that will bring us peace and contentment: love and respect for all people; limits on power that will curb greed and encourage generosity; sacrificial love that will grow in giving ourselves to others. And always, as we heard in our lesson last week, the choice is given to us: a choice between life and death. We face these choices every day, many times. God hopes we will choose life!

The Rev. Mary B. Richard

Three great resources for information and opportunities for action:

The Episcopal Public Policy Network: <http://advocacy.episcopalchurch.org/>

The Episcopal News Service: <http://episcopaldigitalnetwork.com/ens>

Information on actions and pending actions of Congress; contact information for legislators: <https://www.congress.gov>



In the Narthex:

From the Episcopal Public Policy Network: Letters of support for Standing Rock, and for maintaining health care for all people.

Letter on immigration from the Presiding Bishop.

*Live for yourself and you will live in vain.
Live for others, you will live again.*

Bob Marley

Daily Feast: Meditations on the Word, Year A

Louisville: Westminster, John Knox Press, 2012



The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany, Year A February 19, 2017

*Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18; Psalm 119:33-40
1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23; Matthew 5:38-48*

(*1 Corinthians 3: 10-11, 16-23*) Here we see that Paul was right: the only possible common ground is Christ crucified. gather at the cross, we can see it and see Jesus from a variety of perspectives. Respecting those perspectives of our neighbors might help us to realize what Paul was preaching, that it is not Paul or Apollos or Cephas or any of us who try to speak a good word for Jesus Christ, it is not the world or life or death or the present or the future—all of these belong to all of us, and we belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to God.

Joseph R. Jeter

The Last Sunday after the Epiphany, Year A February 26, 2017

*Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 2
2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew a17:1-9*

(*Exodus 24:12-18, Matthew a17:1-9*) The transfiguration falls on the Last Sunday after Epiphany, just before Ash Wednesday. Exodus and Matthew are very useful transitional texts as the people of God embark into the unknown with a God they barely know. Moses' meeting with God on Mt. Sinai is essential to the people of Israel as they face a forty-year journey through the wilderness to the promised land. Likewise, the transfiguration in Matthew is essential to the disciples as they head into the terrifying time of the passion. Both texts are critical to us as we face our own forty-day observance of Lent. Like Jesus, we set out into a spiritual wilderness to face temptations, to overcome our worst fears, to die to ourselves in order to gain faith that God is indeed present, loving, and wonderfully protective of our welfare.

Erica Brown Wood

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 19	Inquirers' Class	9:15 AM	Education Building
Tuesday, February 28	Shrove Tuesday Supper	6:00 PM	Undercroft
Wednesday, March 1	Ash Wednesday Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes	12:15 PM, 6:00 PM	Nave

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 The Fuller Center for Housing;
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 (For Holy Orders) Candidates: Layton Porter; Postulants: Andre Bordelon, Brooks Boylan, Garrett Boyte, Lee Jefferson, Meg Lovejoy, Scott McCoy, Madge McLain.

God, let us walk in truth, live in truth, and be brave enough to speak the truth. *Amen.*

Day Ministries

The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany February 19, 2017

Sat. 5:00 PM: Lector and Eucharistic Minister: Larry Wright
Sun. 11:00 AM:
Lectors: Reid Raymond, Greg Criddle
Prayers of the People: Josh Boyte
Eucharistic Ministers: Kendall Raymond, Monty Walford
Acolyte: Steve Snodgrass
Ushers: Becky Snodgrass, Lynn Walford
Altar Guild Sat. 5:00 PM: June Kirkland, Margaret Heacock
Altar Guild Sun. 11:00 AM: Jo Ann Horton, June Kirkland

The Last Sunday after the Epiphany February 26, 2016

Sat. 5:00 PM: Lector and Eucharistic Minister: Larry Wright
Sun. 11:00 AM:
Lectors: Aaron Horton, Reece Middleton
Prayers of the People: Greg Criddle
Eucharistic Ministers: Jo Ann Horton, Nathaniel Means
Acolytes: Herschel Richard, 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

Service Music

The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany - February 19th

Mass Powell and Hurd
Anthem *Praise the Lord* Beaudrot
Psalms 119:33-40 R. K. Kennedy
Hymns 657 Hyfrydol 603 St. Botolph 312 Malabar 599 Lift Every Voice
Organ *Prelude on "Malabar"* Sowerby *Trumpet Tune in D* David N. Johnson
Three Voluntaries S. Wesley *Grand Choeur Dialogué* Gigout

The Last Sunday after the Epiphany - February 26th

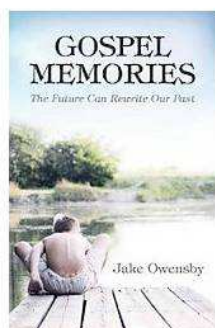
Mass Proulx and Hurd
Anthems *Come down, O love divine* N. Gilbert
Hymn-Anthem O light of light Ratliff
Psalms 99 Responsorial
Hymns 137 Wareham 129 Mowsley 326 St. Keverne 135 Salzburg
Organ *Dialogue in C* Marchand *The Transfiguration* Benoit *Prelude and Fugue in B* Dupre

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:

February 19	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

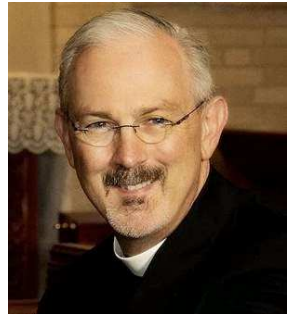


Classes meet on Sundays at 9:15 in the Education Building and are taught by The Rev. Sally Fox. There is no obligation to “join the church,” except for those interested in being confirmed when the Bishop comes for his Visitation and Confirmation in September. Please call the church office, 222-3325,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

During Lent: Lunch and *Gospel Memories*

Our Bishop's latest book, *Gospel Memories*, is a look at how the times of our lives help to mold us. Each time of sadness or success offers us a choice. Held alone, they might shape us to be bitter or fearful, or overly confident in ourselves. Offered to God, God, with us, can determine how they will shape us. Often, it's only as we look back that we see God's hand in our lives.

Bishop Owensby pairs each of his own stories of his life with a story from Scripture to show how, given to God, every time, good or bad, joyful or sad, can form us to be the people God made us to be. In the Bishop's life we can find our lives and the great blessing of knowing that all times are in God's hands.



We will read and discuss selected stories from *Gospel Memories* on Sundays during Lent. Come join us after the 11:00 service for sandwiches and discussion. If you would like to buy the book, you can order it from Amazon. Each chapter stands alone, so don't let having to miss one or two classes keep you from coming. We ask that you call the church office, 222-3325, during the week before each class to let us know you will be there and allow us to order enough food.

Sound in the Church . . . an update



We are moving forward to make the spoken word heard more easily in the Nave and Chancel of our church! The Vestry approved an evaluation by Claiborne Sharp to add three pairs of speakers, a new digital matrix processor (to adjust the mics), and a second remote microphone. Memorials for parishioner Charlotte Webb are partially funding the improvements, as well as a bequest made some years ago from the estate of Bettita Compton. If you would like to contribute, please send your check to The Church of the Holy Cross, P.O. Box 1627, Shreveport, LA 71165, or place it in the offering plate, marked as a memorial for Charlotte or a donation designated for the sound system. Many people will benefit from these improvements for many years, and we are grateful and happy to be able to make them.

Gloves for Hope House

Although the weather has been unseasonably warm lately, there is no doubt that more cold weather will come. Please remember our friends who are homeless or living in drafty, unheated houses. We will be collecting warm gloves for men and women, along with "Hot Hands" hand warmers, which sell for about \$2 each. Please place them in the baskets at the entrance to the Nave, and we will take them to Hope House. Thank you very much!



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



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