



Crossings

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS ✠ EPISCOPAL
875 COTTON STREET, SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA
JUNE 21, 2017

Holy Eucharist

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

Book Study and Eucharist

Wednesday: 11:00 AM

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
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Deadline

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

Please send to

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Justification . . . Grace . . . Law

Paul: Rembrandt (c. 1633)



This summer and into mid-September, the first half of the Season after Pentecost, our second lessons on Sundays, with one exception, are assigned from Paul's Letter to the Romans. The letter is important to us because in it Paul expresses his theology as developed over two decades of teaching, preaching, and writing letters to address issues that arose in the young churches. It has been said that Jesus showed us who God is and Paul gave us our theology. While parts of Paul's writings are bound in his time and culture, their theological and ethical cores have molded our understanding of our relationship with God, of Salvation, and of the Christian life.

The origin of the Church in Rome is obscure, but it is believed to have been established there by the year 50 of the Common Era (CE). Issues current in the Church of Rome at the time of Paul's letter, 56-57 CE, appear to have arisen between Jewish Christians returning to Jerusalem after having been expelled by the emperor Claudius in 49, and Gentile Christians, who had remained in Rome during those years. Included also were their separate understandings of Paul's mission: Jews may have believed that in bringing Gentiles into the Church Paul was turning his back on his fellow Jews; Gentiles may have seen the rejection of the Gospel by most Jews as a sign God was rejecting the Jews. Thus, Paul wrote "to defend the continuing validity of Israel in God's purpose. . . . [He] insists that there is one gospel for all humanity, albeit 'to the Jew first.'" (1:16) *Leander A. Keck*.

In his prologue to his translation of the book of Romans (c. 1526), which was largely taken from the prologue of the German Reformer Martin Luther, William Tyndale writes that

. . . this epistle is the principal and most excellent part of the new testament, and most pure evangelion, that is to say glad tidings and what we call the gospel, and also a light and a way in unto the whole scripture. . . . The sum and whole cause of the writings of this epistle, is,

to prove that a man is justified by faith only: which proposition who so denieth, to him is not only this epistle and all that Paul writeth, but also the whole scripture, so locked up that he shall never understand it to his soul's health.

Often, we say we who follow the way Jesus showed us read all of Scripture through the lens of the Gospel. Paul affirms this. God's revelation came first to Israel and most fully in Jesus Christ. God's love is for all people, and it is the desire of the Church that all people experience the fullness of the grace of this love, which is forgiveness and new life.

Paul in this epistle writes that without the grace of God human beings are completely incapable of following the Law, God's guide for our lives together, as faithfully as we might try. Accepting our powerlessness, alone, over sin is the prerequisite for accepting God's grace. Thus, we are justified, forgiven, made new, not by our words and actions but by God's grace, given freely to us, that alone can overcome our self-serving motives.

Paul in Rome: Giuseppe Paolo Panini (c. 1750)



This is a lot of theology, perhaps hard to take in. We are taught the right way to live, and we try to follow that way. The theology of justification by faith and not by the “works” we do, accepting that we often “miss the mark” of perfection and that God bridges that gulf, can be hard to grasp and hard to accept. But it is the key to our salvation. Unless we can accept the need to be forgiven and the unimaginable love of God, given to us even as we are incapable of reaching perfection, how can we understand Jesus' resolve in his death on the cross? Unless we understand our need for God's forgiving and saving love, we miss completely the eternal purpose of God's love and the grace that enables us to grow more and more into perfection, into the people God made us to be.

This summer we will hit only the high spots of Paul's letter to the Church in Rome. I encourage all of us to read and study the epistle and to seek a deeper understanding of God.

The Rev. Mary B. Richard

The righteousness of God goes far beyond mere deeds, and requires of us love and helping mercy as our highest obligation, and justice to our fellow humans, those of them too who have done nothing for us—those even who have done us wrong.

George MacDonald

Daily Feast: Meditations on the Word, Year A

Louisville: Westminster, John Knox Press, 2012



The Third Sunday after Pentecost Proper 7: June 25, 2017

*Genesis 21:8-21 Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17
Romans 6:1b-11 Matthew 10:24-39*

(Romans 6:1b-11) Paul understands baptism as a type of exodus. As Israel once labored under Pharaoh, so humanity labored in bondage to sin. As Pharaoh's power was broken once when Israel passed through the waters of the Red Sea, so sin's power over us was broken when we passed through the waters of baptism.

Ted A. Smith

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost Proper 8: July 2, 2017

*Genesis 22:1-14 Psalm 13
Romans 6:12-23 Matthew 10:40-42*

(Romans 6:12-23) If you want to know who your master is, pay attention to what occupies your thoughts and how you spend your time and money. We are all serving something or someone. This passage invites us to ask the question, whom do you serve?

Shawnthea Monroe

Calendar for June and July

Saturdays	Holy Eucharist II	5:00 PM	Chapel
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
Tuesday, June 20	Inquirers' Class	6:00 PM	Undercroft
Tuesday, June 27	Interchurch Conference: <i>Bread or Stones</i> meeting	5:00 PM	Undercroft
Wednesday, June 28	Book study: <i>Gospel Memories</i> followed by Holy Eucharist	11:00 AM	Education Building Library
Sunday, July 9	<i>The Continuing Feast</i> (moved from July 2)	after the 11:00 service	Undercroft

Bread or Stones Campaign for Children



The *Bread or Stones* Campaign, a program of the Louisiana Interchurch Conference, is a collaboration of faith organizations and concerned individuals working together to improve the lives of children in Louisiana. Church members, leaders, and people of good will who are concerned with childhood poverty and child wellbeing in the Shreveport and Bossier City



area, You are invited to attend a listening post at:

Church of the Holy Cross
875 Cotton Street, Shreveport 71101, LA
Tuesday, June 27
5:00 PM

Come voice your concerns and collaborate with others for the good of our children.
All are welcome!

Prayer List

Wanda Allen
Debbie Atwood
Michael Atwood
Michael Breedlove
Tommy Breedlove
Cary Rhea Brooks
Evelyn Corley
Ron Dean

Shirley Enani
“Buzzy” Farrar
Ann Fellers
Luke Fry
Lady Martha Garner
Charles Griffith
Christine Hennigan
Kenneth Jordan

Lisa Martin
Mim McCoy
Pat McCoy
Paige McCranie
Bob Morris
Reed Nations
Brady Sessions
Tommy Simrall

Jack Theurkauf
Sonny Thomas
Robert Todd
Mattie Washington
Bill Wright
Larry Wright
Mary Wright

We have recently updated our prayer list. If you or someone you know wants to request prayers, please call the church office, 222-3325. Your request will remain on the list for six weeks, unless you indicate that you would like it to remain longer.

We pray for those who serve and are served by the Fuller Center for Housing; for the people of our country, that we may 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;
and for the leaders and the people of our country, that a spirit of hospitality
and respect for all people may lead us to work for the common good.

In our Diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for Ascension, Lafayette, the Rev. Joseph Daly (Angie), the Rev. Duane Petersen (Mirinda), and the Rev. Brandt Montgomery;
and for St. Barnabas, Lafayette, the Rev. John Bedingfield (Donna), and the Rev. Dr. Mitzi George (Kevin).

In the Anglican cycle of prayer we pray for Nyahururu (Kenya), the Rt. Rev. Stephen Kabora; for Nyahururu-Marlal Area (Kenya), the Rt. Rev. Jacob Lesuuda; for Ogori-Magongo (Lokoja, Nigeria), the Rt. Rev. Festus Davies;
and for Ohaji-Egbema (Owerri, Nigeria), the Rt. Rev. Chidi Collins Oparaojiaku.

We pray for our country: for those who were wounded in the shooting in Alexandria, VA: for Special Agents David and Crystal, for Congressman Steve, for Matt and Zach, that they will be healed in mind and body. And we place into your care the man who harmed them, James. May he find the peace that only God can give. We pray for all who choose the path of violence and for those who work for peace: Show us that weapons bring only more violence. Raise in our hearts the strength of hope and love for one another. Bring us to listen with grace and seek together solutions that will provide for the common good. **Let your Spirit speak words of peace through us.**

Lay Ministries

The Third Sunday after Pentecost June 25, 2017

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

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost July 2, 2017

Sat. 5:00 PM: Lector, Eucharistic Minister: Larry Wright
Sun. 11:00 AM:
Lectors: Aaron Horton, Nathaniel Means
Prayers of the People: Jo Ann Horton
Eucharistic Ministers: Jo Ann Horton, Kendall Raymond
Acolyte: Herschel Richard
Ushers: Tommy Sue Brooks, Gerry Brooks
Altar Guild Sat. 5:00 PM: June Kirkland, Margaret Heacock
Altar Guild Sun. 11:00 AM: June Kirkland, Ginger Paul

Service Music

The Third Sunday after Pentecost: June 25

Mass: Powell and Hurd

Psalm 86:1-6, 16-17: Robert Knox Kennedy

Anthem: *Morning has broken*, anon. Gaelic melody; A. Clark

Hymns: 47 *Gott sei Dank*; 675 *Bourbon*; 629 *The Third Tune*; 296 *Engelberg*

Organ: *Mass for the Convents* (excerpts), F. Couperin; *Air in B Flat*, Thiman; *Toccata in G*, Dubois

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost: July 2 with Carol Lynch, oboe

Mass: Powell and Hurd

Psalm 13: metrical setting

Anthem: *There's a wideness in God's mercy*, C. Campton

Hymns: 718 *National Hymn*; 529 *McKee*; 692 *The Third Tune*; 579 *Melita*

American Music for Oboe and Organ

Organ: *Fanfare*, Sowerby

Celebrating our American Musical Heritage

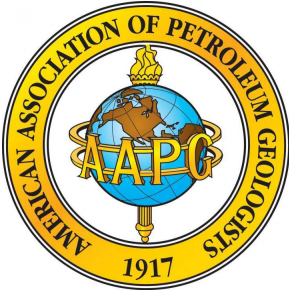
On July 2 we will feature American music (the exception being one hymn we are reacquainting with our voices). Again this year we are fortunate to have **Carol Lynch** playing the oboe with choir and organ.

Ms. Lynch is a native of Denver, Colorado and holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Metropolitan State University of Denver. She was a soloist with the Metro State Symphony for *The Strauss Oboe Concerto* and the Metro State Wind Ensemble for the performance of *El Bosque Mágico* by Ferrer Ferran. She was a member of the Denver Young Artist Orchestra and has performed with a number of different groups across Colorado and Wyoming. Since moving to Louisiana in 2014, Carol has performed with the Texarkana Symphony, Shreveport Symphony, South Arkansas Symphony, and various other groups across the ArkLaTex area. Carol is currently a freelance oboist in the northwestern Louisiana region.



Carol Lynch

Congratulations, Mary Barrett!



The American Association of Petroleum Geologists has elected Mary Barrett president of the Division of Environmental Geosciences for 2018–2019. Mary holds a Ph.D. with degrees from Stephen F. Austin State University and the Johns Hopkins University, and is professor

emerita of Centenary College.



Mary is deeply interested in our environment, and has served as an expert for both defendants and plaintiffs in Louisiana oilfield pollution litigation. She was employed by Mobil Oil in improved oil recovery of aging fields before serving as professor of geology at Centenary from 1992 to 2009. Mary's professional and research interests include sedimentary, petroleum, and environmental geology, and the history and impact of oilfield waste, and she has presented numerous papers on these subjects. An article in the Shreveport Times reads:

The Division of Environmental Geosciences is concerned with increasing the awareness of energy geologists about the environment during exploration and development, and it provides the American Association of Petroleum Geologists with a geoscientific voice in the public arena regarding such matters.

By serving as president, Mary will have a strong voice encouraging good stewardship of the earth.

You may have seen Mary picking up trash and weed-eating the parking lot on Cotton Street across from Holy Cross. She also volunteers at Hope House and has taken an interest both in repairs needed for the building and in our ministry to our neighbors. She is a member of our Inquirers' Class and participates in the study of *Gospel Memories* on Wednesdays. We are so happy Mary is a member of our worship and ministry community!

Can you hear the Good News ????

All feedback on the new sound system is great! We are so happy to have all our mics and control box up to date, plus six new speakers in the Nave and Choir. Thank you to Claiborne Sharpe, Shreveport's best Sound Man, and to everyone who contributed to our new equipment and its installation!

What did Jesus Come for? An Appreciative Inquiry for Vital Congregations

Presented by The Rev. Dr. Rob Voyle

When

Saturday, July 15, 2017 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM CDT

Add to Calendar

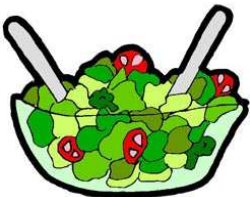
Where

St. James Episcopal Church
1620 Murray Street
Alexandria, LA 71301

*This will be an excellent workshop!
Please let Mary know if you are able to attend.*

*Coming in next issue of Crossings:
Hope House's new look!*

The Continuing Feast has been postponed!



The first Sunday of the month—when we usually celebrate *The Continuing Feast*—falls during Fourth of July weekend this year, a time when many people are out of town, or celebrating with family and friends. For this reason, *The Continuing Feast* has been postponed to the following Sunday, July 9.

For the last couple of years, once the hot weather starts we suggested that you bring cold dishes—salads, sandwiches, cold cuts, fruit, cheese, or the ever-popular deviled eggs. Well, the hot weather has definitely started, so let's continue with this new tradition. Remember that if you aren't a cook, store-bought is just fine.



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



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