

Crossings

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS ✠ EPISCOPAL
875 COTTON STREET, SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA
JULY 5, 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
Steve Snodgrass, Secretary
Shirley Enani
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**.

Please send to

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Hope House's New Look



Have you been to Hope House lately? Don't look for the sweet pale blue house that's always been there. The whole lot looks entirely different. We have had repairs, new paint and trim, and lovely landscaping!

It was time to paint, and several minor repairs inside and outside were needed. A grant from the Wheless Foundation provided the funds. To coordinate with our new "brand" designed by the students in the LSUS Marketing Class, Donna



chose a lovely blue, one of the historic colors, and white trim accented with gold, also an historic color. The porch and ramp rails are white, and everything is clean and crisp.

Then, to complete the work, landscaping was added, in honor of the fiftieth anniversary of Father Kenneth Paul's ordination. Last spring we celebrated, and donations were given to benefit Hope House, in Father Paul's honor.



Louisiana iris, knockout roses, gardenias, variegated sage grass, camellias, holly, and begonias were planted last week. New dirt and soaker hoses are in place to give the garden a good start and ensure its beauty and health.

Thank you to all who contributed to honor Father Paul, and thank you to Lee Wheless and the Wheless Foundation for continuing to support Hope House's ministry.

The Rev. Mary B. Richard

There's really no such thing as the *voiceless*. There are only the deliberately silenced, or the preferably unheard.

Arundhati Roy

Daily Feast: Meditations on the Word, Year A

Louisville: Westminster, John Knox Press, 2012



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The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost Proper 9: July 9, 2017

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67 Psalm 145:8-15
Romans 7:15-25a Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

(Romans 7:15-25a) God does not just give individual humans the willpower to live our best lives now, or say that it does not matter if we do not. In Jesus Christ, God sets the cosmos free from bondage, redeeming the law and opening the way to life, and life abundant.

Ted A. Smith

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost Proper 10: July 16, 2017

Genesis 25:19-34 Psalm 119:105-112
Romans 8:1-11 Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

(Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23) This sower [in Jesus' parable] is a high-risk sower, relentless in indiscriminately throwing seed on all soil—as if we were *all* potentially good soil. On the rocks, amid the thorns, on the well-worn path, maybe even in a jail! Which leaves us to wonder if there is any place or circumstance in which God's seed cannot sprout and take root.

Theodore J. Wardlaw

Calendar for 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
Sunday, July 9	<i>The Continuing Feast</i>	after the 11:00 service	Undercroft
Saturday, July 15	Congregational Vitality Workshop <i>Information in the Narthex. Please tell Mary if you can attend.</i>	10:00 AM – 3:00 PM	St. James, Alexandria
Sunday, July 16	Installation of <i>Daughters of the King</i> Reception following	during the 11:00 service	Nave Undercroft
Wednesday, July 26	Medical End-of-Life Challenges Supper, followed by presentation by Deacon Lois Mayberry <i>More information to follow in the next issue.</i>	6:00 PM	Undercroft

Prayer List

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

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

Lisa Martin
Mim McCoy
Pat McCoy
Paige McCranie
Allison Moncla
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 St. Luke's Episcopal Mobile Medical Ministry; 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 Good Shepherd, Lake Charles, and the Rev. Jack Myers (Joan); and for St. Michael and All Angels, Lake Charles, and the Rev. Seth Donald (Amy).

In the Anglican cycle of prayer we pray for Okinawa (Japan), the Rt. Rev. David Eisho Uehara; for Ontario (Ontario, Canada), the Rt. Rev. George Lindsey Russell Bruce; and for Coadjutor Bishop (Ontario, Canada), the Rt. Rev. Michael Oulton

God, help us to see that our well-being is inextricably bound to the well-being of our neighbor. Our fears are shared. Our sorrows are shared.

Adapted from The Book of Common Prayer

Say Ministries

The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost July 9, 2017

Sat. 5:00 PM: Lector, Eucharistic Minister: Larry Wright

Sun. 11:00 AM:

Lectors: Ginger Paul, Reid Raymond

Prayers of the People: Maggie Fowle

Eucharistic Ministers: Nathaniel Means, Aaron Horton

Acolytes: Hannah Wallace, Patrick Raymond, Jo Bob Evanson

Ushers: Lynn Walford, Monty Walford

Altar Guild Sat. 5:00 PM: June Kirkland, Margaret Heacock

Altar Guild Sun. 11:00 AM: Becky Snodgrass, Tommie Sue Brooks

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost July 16, 2017

Sat. 5:00 PM: Lector, Eucharistic Minister: Larry Wright

Sun. 11:00 AM:

Lectors: Jo Ann Horton, Hannah Wallace

Prayers of the People: David Richard

Eucharistic Ministers: Jo Ann Horton, Ginger Paul

Acolytes: Herschel Richard, Aaron Horton, Steve Snodgrass

Ushers: Lynn Walford, Monty Walford

Altar Guild Sat. 5:00 PM: June Kirkland, Margaret Heacock

Altar Guild Sun. 11:00 AM: June Kirkland, Jo Ann Horton

Service Music

The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost: July 9

Morning Prayer and Holy Eucharist: Rite II

Mass: Powell and Hurd

Canticles: *Jubilate*, 377; *A Song of Praise [Benedictus es, Domine]*, S 231; *The First Song of Isaiah*, 679

Anthem: *Never weather-beaten sail*, C. Wood

Hymns: 11, *Morning Hymn*; 692, *The Third Tune*; 544, *Duke Street*

Organ: *Master Tallis' Testament*, Howells; three movements from *Organ Concertos*, Handel

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost: July 16

Holy Eucharist: Rite II, and Installation of the Order of the Daughters of the King, St. Mary Chapter of the Church of the Holy Cross

Mass: 421, Decius, Proulx, and Hurd

Psalm 119:105-112: musical setting

Anthem: *A Hymn for Thanksgiving*, David H. Williams

Hymns: 473, *Crucifer*; 518, *Westminster Abbey*; 698, *Flentge*

Organ: *Suite Evocatrice*, Tournemire; *Organ Book (excerpts)*, L.-A Dornel; *Grand Choeur, Op. 84*, Guilmant

Installation of the Order of the Daughters of the King

The candidates for the Order of the Daughters of the King have completed their discernment, and now it's time to admit them to the order, and to institute the St. Mary Chapter of the Church of the Holy Cross!

Daughters of the King is an order for women in the Anglican, Episcopal, Lutheran, and Roman Catholic Churches. The mission of the order is to bring others into a loving relationship with Jesus Christ, and to help strengthen the spiritual life of parishes and missions. The sisters pledge themselves to a rule of life consisting of prayer, service, and evangelism. The order consists of chapters throughout the United States and around the world in nations such as Brazil, Spain, Italy, and Israel. Lay women and women of all religious vocations such as priests, deacons, and even missionaries, are members of the order. Lay women who want to further their ministry into a vocation can receive assistance through the order as well.

This past February several of the women of Holy Cross, along with women from St James' Episcopal in Shreveport, dedicated and prepared themselves for a three-month discernment period for admission into the Daughters. The discernment was led by Jo Ann Horton, who for over a year has been in association with the Daughters of the King—St. Agnus Chapter, at St. John's Episcopal in Minden. During the discernment, candidates learned about prayer, serving others, and how to bring others to Christ. They also planted a prayer garden on the church grounds, prayed for many people during class, and began assisting with Bible class for the homeless through Hope House.

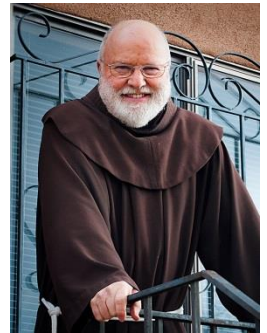
On Sunday, July 16, 2017, during the 11:00 AM service, the Daughters will institute a new chapter here at Holy Cross and will admit new members. The Order of the Daughters of the King—St. Mary Chapter, Church of the Holy Cross, will admit the Rev. Margaret Ayers, Jo Ann Horton, Frances Jones, Donna Neal, and Sarah Townsend into the order, and the Rev. Mary Richard will be installed as chaplain. The President of the Western Louisiana Diocesan Assembly and the Vice President of Province VII of Daughters of the King will share in the service.



The Third Eye

By Richard Rohr

Richard Rohr



In the early medieval period, two Christian philosophers offered names for three different ways of seeing, and these names had a great influence on scholars and seekers in the Western tradition. Hugh of St. Victor (1078-1141) and Richard of St. Victor (1123-1173) wrote that humanity was given three different sets of eyes, each building on the previous one. The first eye was the eye of the flesh (*thought* or *sight*), the second was the eye of reason (*meditation* or *reflection*), and the third was the intuitive eye of true understanding (*contemplation*).

I describe the third eye as *knowing something simply by being calmly present to it* (no processing needed!) This image of “third eye” thinking, beyond our dualistic vision, is also found in most Eastern religions. We are onto something archetypal here, I think!

The loss of the “third eye” is at the basis of much of the shortsightedness and religious crises of the Western world, about which even secular scholars like Albert Einstein and Iain McGilchrist have written. Lacking such wisdom, it is hard for churches, governments, and leaders to move beyond ego, the desire for control, and public posturing. Everything divides into dualistic oppositions like liberal vs. conservative, with vested interests pulling against one another. Truth is no longer possible at this level of conversation. Even theology becomes more a quest for power than a search for God and Mystery.

One wonders how far spiritual and political leaders can genuinely lead us without some degree of contemplative seeing and action. It is hardly an exaggeration to say that “us-and-them” seeing, and the dualistic thinking that results, is the foundation of almost all discontent and violence in the world. It allows heads of religion and state to avoid their own founders, their own national ideals, and their own better instincts. Lacking the contemplative gaze, such leaders will remain mere functionaries and technicians, or even dangers to society.

We need all three sets of eyes in both a healthy culture and a healthy religion. Without them, we only deepen and perpetuate our problems.

Gateway to silence: Be still and still moving.

*Adapted from Richard Rohr. **The Naked Now: Learning to See as the Mystics See**
New York: Crossroads Publishing Company, 2009. 28-29*



Hugh and Richard of St. Victor

Don't forget! *The Continuing Feast* is this Sunday, July 9.

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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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