



Crossings

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS ✠ EPISCOPAL
875 COTTON STREET, SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA
AUGUST 30, 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
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Deadline

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

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What's the Difference?

During the Season after Pentecost, which is roughly half the calendar year, we explore Jesus' teachings and ponder their meaning in forming our lives. Hopefully, we develop a deeper and clearer sense of how we are called to reflect more clearly God's image, to become the people God made us to be. When we look at this squarely, we see that, inevitably, this will bring change both to our lives and to ourselves. What we may not see is that change will not always be comfortable or easy. Jesus' words will not always be the ones we want to hear.



Take up your cross—to find your life you must lose it—and then there's the teaching aimed at the heart of the ministry we have been given: reconciliation. Meet with the person who has wronged you, try to talk it out, try to forgive and be reconciled. In these two lessons, this week and next, we have the kernel of Jesus' teaching. And some of the most difficult directives we'll ever receive.

I've been in the place of having been wronged. The last thing I wanted to do was have a conversation with the person who had hurt me. In the beginning,

there's the perverse clinging to resentment, anger, self-pity, self-righteousness. Then comes the natural adversity to difficult situations, especially those that will require that we become vulnerable. My natural instinct was, for a time, to run away from it all, to hope I'd forget all about it and my misery would fade away. Hanging on to resentment and anger assures that we will *not* forget and that the pain and weight will remain for a long time.



If we go right ahead and take the big step of following Jesus' teaching, we're miles along the way to the peace only forgiveness can bring. But it may take some time, some time spent in the misery of anger and resentment, to arrive at

the place where we know that Jesus' way is the only way to peace and we are willing to go there. Often, it's only when we can't stand it any longer. It will require swallowing some of that self-righteousness; it will require being *willing* to forgive. It may be the hardest step we ever take.

To complicate things, there's no assurance that talking it out will bring positive resolution. We may feel we're going more than halfway—and isn't there a teaching about that, walking the second mile? But beginning the walk does not necessarily guarantee being met along the road, at least not where we had hoped to be met. This is where expectations come in.

I think we need to adjust our expectations. It's natural to expect that we will reach reconciliation, and certainly we should never lose hope for it. But our expectation should be, and our prayer should be, that we will follow Jesus' teaching as well as we possibly can, stretching beyond the place of comfort, being ready not only to offer our words and our willingness to reconcile, but being ready to listen, even to hearing words we may not want to hear, to enter into true dialogue if possible.

This is part of taking up our cross: reaching beyond the place of comfort, even being the person we would never imagine we might be—not a doormat, no, never; but always offering love of the unconditional kind, the kind God has for each of us. The Cross is that most vivid and powerful symbol for us, the place where Jesus gave his life so we might know God's unconditional, unfailing, self-sacrificing love for all people. The Cross is our symbol and our beacon to become more like Jesus. The way of the Cross is our hope for our own salvation and for a world desperately in need of reconciliation. The mission of the Cross began with Jesus. Each step we take along the road of self-sacrifice brings the world closer to imaging God's kingdom where all people and all Creation are reconciled to live in love and respect for one another.



Jesus' teachings these next two Sundays are not comfortable; they are difficult. But they do not compare with the peace and the glory God has shared with us as we grow more and more into the people God made us to be, people reflecting God's image in the dark places of pain and separation of God's beloved people.

The Rev. Mary B. Richard

"The kingdom of God is within you," Jesus said, when asked where it lay. He offered an example of transformation, and the fact that nobody recognized Jesus (at least at first) after the resurrection tells us something important: one should not expect that "eternal life" will look like anything you can imagine in these temporal lives.

Jay Parini

Bible Study

with

Deacon Kay Hunter and Priest Mary Richard

Thursdays, 1:30 PM

Fairmont Apartments

Community Room



Daily Feast: Meditations on the Word, Year A

Louisville: Westminster, John Knox Press, 2012



The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost Proper 17, Track 1: September 3, 2017

Exodus 3:1-15 Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b
Romans 12:9-21 Matthew 16:21-28

(Romans 12:9-21) Paul gives a closely related example of how we worship bodily, actively: “Do not repay anyone evil for evil. . . . [I]f your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink” (vv.17, 20). This is a tough injunction when we are dealing with enemies close at hand—that annoying person in the neighborhood, that recalcitrant elder at church. It is even harder to help the congregation think about how we embody love for the enemy when our whole political system seems to depend on identifying those whom we should fear and even those whom we should hate. What on earth would it mean to feed the Taliban or give Al-Qaeda something to drink? When can Christians think of public policy not just as prudential self-protection but as an expression of what we owe God—right worship?

David L. Bartlett

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost Proper 18, Track 1: September 10, 2017

Exodus 12:1-14 Psalm 149
Romans 13:8-14 Matthew 18:15-20

(Romans 13:8-14) Love builds communities. It is more than a sentimental feeling. The love that does what is good to the neighbor is a love incarnate in the form of justice or right relation; it is a love that establishes egalitarian practices; it is a love that subverts covetousness and greed. Without forgetting ecological right relation, it is not far off to say that the earth provides enough for the needs of all, but not for the insatiable greed of the few. In its more rapacious form, this greed has assumed the cloak of savvy business practices under the aegis of the global market. In contrast, however, to the practices that dominate the wider sociopolitical atmosphere, faith communities are characterized by practices of radical love and generous hospitality.

Eleazar S. Fernandez

Calendar for September

Thursdays	Bible study, history of the Episcopal Church	1:30 PM	Fairmont Apartments Community Meeting Room
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
	Holy Eucharist II	11:00 AM	Nave
Sunday, September 10	Sunday School begins for fall!	10:00 AM	Education Building
	Bishop’s Visitation, Eucharist, and Confirmation	11:00 AM	Nave
	<i>The Continuing Feast</i>	after the 11:00 service	Undercroft
	Evensong celebrating Holy Cross’ Name Day	2:00 PM	Nave

Please note: There will be NO Continuing Feast on Sunday, September 3

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
Jackie Jones Free
Lady Martha Garner
Charles Griffith
Christine Hennigan
Kenneth Jordan
Doris Lewis
George Markiel
Lisa Martin

Mim McCoy
Pat McCoy
Jim McCranie
Paige McCranie
Allison Moncla
Bob Morris
Reed Nations
Brady Sessions
Tommy Simrall

Jack Theurkauf
Sonny Thomas
Kim Tobin
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 Holy Cross Villas and Holy Cross Villas West; for the people of South Texas and South Louisiana who suffer in the wake of Hurricane Harvey; for 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 and 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 enact laws that serve the common good.

In our Diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for St. John's, Minden; and for Grace, Monroe, the Rev. Richard Norman, Jr. (Adrienne) and the Rev. Michael Bordelon (Lauren).

In the Anglican cycle of prayer we pray for San Diego (VIII, The Episcopal Church), the Rt. Rev. James Mathes; for San Joaquin (VIII, The Episcopal Church), the Rt. Rev. Chester Talton and the Rt. Rev. David Rice; and for Seychelles (The Indian Ocean), the Rt. Rev. James Richard Wong Yin Song.

God, not only in the roar of a hard rain, but in the dousing, dripping, drenching of our baptism, call us to live into that new life that is your resurrection

Adapted from The Book of Common Prayer

Say Ministries

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 3, 2017

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

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 10, 2017

Sat. 5:00 PM: Lector, Eucharistic Minister: Larry Wright
Sun. 11:00 AM:
Lectors: Reece Middleton, Hannah Wallace
Prayers of the People: Reid Raymond
Eucharistic Ministers: Herschel Richard, Nathaniel Means
Acolytes: Aaron Horton, Hannah Wallace, Joe Bob Evanson
Ushers: Tommie Sue Brooks, Bill Richard
Altar Guild Sat. 5:00 PM: June Kirkland, Margaret Heacock
Altar Guild Sun. 11:00 AM: Tommie Sue Brooks, Becky Snodgrass

Sun. 2:00 PM Evensong

Lector: Steve Snodgrass
Acolytes: Aaron Horton, Hannah Wallace, Joe Bob Evanson

Service Music

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost: September 3

Mass: Matthias and Hurd
Psalm 105:1-6,23-26, 45c Robert Knox Kennedy
Anthem: *When I survey the wondrous cross* C. W. Hart
Hymns: 427 Laudes Domini 675 Bourbon 581 Cheshire 379 Abbot's Leigh
Organ: Chorale Prelude on "Rockingham" Parry *O God of Love* Corigliano; Dirksen, arr. *Cantique* Elgar

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost: September 10 Confirmation with the Holy Eucharist: Rite II

Mass: Proulx and Hurd
Psalm 149: responsorial Crüger and Kennedy
Anthem: *Now thank we all our God* Johann Cruger; arr. J. S. Bach
Hymn Anthem: *Draw us in the Spirit's tether* Friedell
Hymns: 690 Cwm Rhondda 635 Wer ur den lieben Gott 348 O quanta qualia 657 Hyfrydol
Organ and Violin: Aria II (Sonata, Op 5, No. 9) Senallié
Organ: *Scherzo on Psalm 149:2,3* Hurford *Imperial March* Elgar *Prelude in E Flat, BWV 522* J.S. Bach

Festal Evensong Celebrating Holy Cross' Name Day, 2:00 PM

Service music by Dyson, Merbecke, and Power
Psalm 118: Responsorial
Solo: *Sing God a simple song* Bernstein
Hymns: 680 St. Anne 675 Bourbon 477 Engelberg
Organ: *Allegro maestoso (Sonata in G)* Elgar *Chorale Prelude on "Rockingham"* Parry



A day of celebration is coming: Sunday, September 10; a day celebrating Holy Cross' founding and ministry. Following the morning services and lunch, Bishop Owensby will be Officiant for an Evensong at 2:00 p.m. The liturgy is designed around the propers for Holy Cross Day and will express our gratitude for the many gifts bestowed upon us.

Evensong is one of the most traditional and well-loved liturgies of the Anglican Communion; our choir has been working hard preparing music for this very special service as a conclusion to Holy Cross' name day.

Joy in the Journey Retreat

Friday Sept 29 7 PM - Oct 1 11AM

Camp Hardtner

Sponsored by the Commission on Addiction and Recovery

INFORMATION FORMS AVAILABLE in Church office and on the table in the narthex.

School Supplies

School has started, and the need for supplies is ongoing! Please bring school supplies to the church office or place them in the baskets at the entrance to the Nave. We will take them to the VOA to give to the schools in their LightHouse ministry. If you prefer to donate money for us to buy the supplies, make your checks payable to Holy Cross, and mark them "school supplies." Thank you for making the good of the children of our community a priority!

Watch *Crossings* for opportunities to volunteer with the VOA during and after school!

VOA's List of School Supplies

crayons
pencil cases
pencils (mechanical and wooden)
folders
colored pencils
coloring books
watercolors
white cardstock
craft supplies
correction tape
A4 copy paper
envelopes

electric pencil sharpeners (1 per classroom)
staplers
markers
paper towels
erasers
Lysol wipes
dry erase markers
facial tissues
dry erase board cleaners
backpacks
paper

Ways to Help Hope House: *Rooftop Rescue*, T-shirts, Coffee



Rooftop Rescue

Saturday, October 22

Goal: \$2017

7:00 AM until the goal is met

HELP GET DONNA OFF THE ROOF!

Donations can be made now online at

<http://www.gofundme.com/help-donna-raise-the-roof> .



Hope House T-shirts are on sale in the church office in sizes L, XL, and 2XL, for \$15.00. Wear a T-shirt with Hope House's new brand to spread the word about our ministry!

AND DON'T FORGET THE COFFEE!

A daily need, coffee may be brought to Hope House or placed in the baskets at the entrance to the Nave.



Remember that *The Continuing Feast* has been postponed to
September 10, after the 11:00 service

Bring a dish, bring your appetite, and enjoy good food and good fellowship!

Sunday School Time is Here Again!

SUMMER VACATION has come to a close for this year—even though SUMMER WEATHER will be with us quite a while longer. School has started for most of our children and young people. So, now it's SUNDAY SCHOOL TIME AGAIN!

The first day of SUNDAE* SCHOOL will be SUNDAE*, September 10, 2017, with class beginning in the Nursery in the Education Building for children ages 3 through Grade 5. You'll be delighted to know that David Richard will be teaching again! **We'd welcome another teacher joining him to work with the older children.** Class lessons follow the Lectionary and the Seasons of the Church Year, so the children hear the same stories in class that their families hear in church. They have enrichment activity packets to begin in class and then take home to share with their families each week.

SUNDAE* SCHOOL SUNDAE*, SEPTEMBER 10, 2017 10:00 AM

And yes, SUNDAE* has a special meaning on this day. It means just what it says! Students and teachers will celebrate this first day of Sunday School with—you guessed it:



!!! ICE CREAM SUNDAES !!!

Absence Makes the Heart Grow Fonder

Indeed it does! I am doing Sunday supply at St. John's Church, Minden, while they are searching for a new rector. I look forward to being with them over the next months, but do, indeed, miss seeing all of you on Sundays. What makes it a bit easier is that the folks at St. John's are wonderfully warm and welcoming. Many know and love Priest Mary, as she did an internship there for a year during her ordination process. Many have known Father Paul for years and are quite fond of him as well, so the two of them have made St. John's members even more welcoming to me. Several others are Daughters of the King, whom I met when they came to some of the training sessions here when our chapter was getting started earlier in the year. Every Sunday after the service, St. John's has brunch, and quite a few people gather to enjoy good food and good company. I usually stay, so am getting to know people better that way, too.

I do miss seeing and visiting with you all on Sundays, though. I will be here on Holy Cross Day, Sunday, September 10, when the Bishop comes for Confirmation. I had the pleasure of teaching and getting to know Mary Barrett and Laura and Mike Wilkerson, who will be confirmed that day, as well as Sara Townsend, who has already been confirmed but joined our class to refresh her knowledge. All four are wonderful additions to Holy Cross. Be sure to come to the service on Sunday, September 10, at 11:00 AM to meet, greet, and support these splendid newer members. That way, I'll get to see you too!

*Faithfully,
Sally*

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



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