



# Crossings

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS ✠ EPISCOPAL  
875 COTTON STREET, SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA  
OCTOBER 11, 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

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## Deadline

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

Please send to

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## The Las Vegas Shootings and the American Soul

*Our Bishop says it better than I can:*

No words adequately express the horror of the shootings in Las Vegas. News stories report body count and hospitalizations in an attempt to convey the incomprehensible magnitude of the violence.

The number of the dead and wounded could describe a pitched battle in Afghanistan or, long ago, in Vietnam. Nearly sixty dead. Over five hundred in need of medical treatment.

But of course, this wasn't a battle fought on foreign soil. This was a country music concert. On American soil. And the attacker was an unremarkable American citizen who possessed a personal arsenal. Of automatic weapons. As he so dreadfully demonstrated, weapons designed to kill human beings in large numbers very efficiently.

We don't yet know why the killer opened fire from his 32<sup>nd</sup> floor hotel room. But we are reeling from the savagery of his actions and the random senselessness of the deaths. He indiscriminately maimed and murdered scores of complete strangers who were out on the town for nothing more than a rowdy good time.

One of Ann Lamott's favorite prayers seems most appropriate to me right now:

Help, help, help! Help us O God in our grief and our fear and our utter confusion. Help us to find a better way to live in a community. Help us to find tranquility in our hearts, peace on our streets, and love of our neighbor. Give repose to the dead, healing to the wounded, and comfort to the sorrowful.

While we cannot today find a final answer to the great puzzle of our national addiction to violence, perhaps we can nonetheless finally admit our addiction. As frightful as the Las Vegas killings are, they join a long list of mass shootings. Such violence is all too frequent. The murders last Sunday stand out only because of the numbers.

**Bishop Jake Owensby**



As a nation we have been at war since 2001. Since I was born, the years of national conflict nearly outnumber the years of peace. and I'm not including the Cold War, covert actions, and episodic military interventions. Some of my younger friends have never experienced an America at peace.

It's time to admit that we are violent. Not just those people. We are. Gun sales will likely rise now as a response to these shootings, proving that our go-to response to violence is violence. I can't for one minute believe that the Prince of Peace would say, "Great idea!"

There is no question that the type and number of weapons hoarded by the Las Vegas shooter made him exponentially more lethal. We can and should arrive at reasonable political measures that address an individual's capacity to wreak such unspeakable havoc.

And yet, even when we achieve a political solution, our spiritual challenge remains. To be followers of Jesus the Prince of Peace requires reflection, repentance, and transformation. So long as violence in any form is our customary means for maintaining our security, our status, and our stuff, we will all remain mortally wounded.



Our Bishop's blog is found at <https://jakeowensby.com/>

*The Rev. Mary B. Richard*

The liberty God has in mind for us is holistic liberty: not only freedom from concrete, external injustice and oppression, but also freedom from false confidence, from grasping anxiety—and above all, from distrust in God.

*Matthew Myer Boulton  
H. King Oehmig*

## *Daily Feast: Meditations on the Word, Year A*

*Louisville: Westminster, John Knox Press, 2012*



### **The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost Proper 23, Track 1: October 15, 2017**

*Exodus 32:1-14 Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23  
Philippians 4:1-9 Matthew 22:1-14*

*(Philippians 4:1-9)* Seasons of identity exploration and maturing hold the potential to remind communities of the profound extraordinariness of what seems merely ordinary. Keep on with your everyday works of gentleness and prayerful living, Paul counsels the Philippians (v. 4). Bake a loaf of bread for the woman down the street whose husband just died, Paul might say to contemporary believers. Take a bag of groceries to the food closet. Visit a church member in a nursing home. Seemingly ordinary acts bear extraordinary gifts of God's love. Ordinary time, through scripture and gospel acts of caring, teaches communities about the persistent, everyday, powerful, promises of God's grace in Christ.

*Jill Y. Crainshaw*

### **The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost Proper 24: October 22, 2017**

*Exodus 3:12-23 Psalm 99  
1 Thessalonians 1:1-19 Matthew 22:15-22*

*(Matthew 22:15-22)* Paul's handwritten and snail-mailed words of greeting to the church at Thessalonica continue to offer wisdom for today's faith communities and their leaders. Congregations are to be bonded to one another in Christ by a spirit of thanksgiving for one another. What are the gifts of such a spirit? A spirit of thanksgiving can motivate us as believers to be more intentional and thoughtful in all of the ways we communicate with one another. A spirit of thanksgiving can motivate us toward greater communal intimacy. A spirit of thanksgiving can motivate us to forgive and seek forgiveness, especially as each of us works to be understood and to understand. Finally, a spirit of thanksgiving can and should motivate us toward collaborative ministries that spin out threads of relational authenticity and depth.

*Jill Y. Crainshaw*

## Calendar for October and November

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
	Sunday School	10:00 AM	Education Building
	Holy Eucharist II	11:00 AM	Nave
Saturday, October 21	Rooftop Rescue	7:00 AM until goal is met	Hope House
Wednesday, October 25	End of Life Issues: Living Wills and Legal Documents, William Kalmbach, attorney	6:00 PM	Undercroft
	<i>Supper will be served. Please make a reservation by calling the church office.</i>		
Saturday, November 4	Fall Festival	10:00 AM-1:00 PM	Undercroft
Sunday, November 5	Concert: Bruce Power, organ Francisco Javier Ballestas Sayas, trumpet	2:00 PM	Nave

## Prayer List

Wanda Allen  
Debbie Atwood  
Michael Atwood  
Michael Breedlove  
Tommy Breedlove  
Cary Rhea Brooks  
Evelyn Corley  
Hugh Scott Coyle  
Ron Dean  
Shirley Enani

Floyd "Buzzy" Farrar  
Christine Hennigan  
Jackie Free Jones  
Kenneth Jordan  
Doris Lewis  
George Markiel  
Mim McCoy  
Pat McCoy  
Jim McCranie  
Paige McCranie

Allison Moncla  
Bob Morris  
Reed Nations  
Jim Santa Ana  
Brady Sessions  
Tommy Simrall  
Jack Theurkauf  
Sonny Thomas  
Kim Tobin  
Robert Todd

Sara Townsend  
Mattie Washington  
Laura Wilkerson  
Mike Wilkerson  
Micahel Winburn  
Bill Wright  
Larry Wright  
Mary Wright

We pray for those who serve and are served by Northwest Louisiana Interfaith Pharmacy  
for all who live in the devastation of hurricanes and those who will rebuild;  
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 the people of Las Vegas  
and in all places where there is violence, 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 enact laws that serve the common good.

In our Diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for Redeemer, Ruston, the Very Rev. William Easterling (Cathy); Holy Cross, Shreveport, the Rev. Mary Richard (Herschel); and Christ Church, St. Joseph, the Rev. Gregg Riley (Carlene).

In the Anglican cycle of prayer we pray for Swaziland (Southern Africa), the Rt. Rev. Ellinah Ntfombi Wamukoya; and Temotu (Melanesia), the Rt. Rev. Leonard Dawea.

Creator God, though you called your human creations "very good," we frequently call money "even better."  
Heal us of our affliction and teach us how to live.

*I. Carter Heyward*

# Lay Ministries

## The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost October 15, 2017

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

Sun. 11:00 AM:

Lectors: Hannah Wallace, David Richard

Prayers of the People: Maggie Fowle

Eucharistic Ministers: Monty Walford, Kendall Raymond

Acolyte: Hannah Wallace

Ushers: Gerry and Tommie Sue Brooks

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

Altar Guild Sun. 11:00 AM: Tommie Sue Brooks

## The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost October 22, 2017

Sun. 11:00 AM:

Lectors: Steve Snodgrass, Melissa Fowle

Prayers of the People: Reid Raymond

Eucharistic Ministers: Nathaniel Means, Kendall Raymond

Acolytes: Hannah Wallace, Joe Bob Evanson

Ushers: Monty Walford, Becky Snodgrass

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

Altar Guild Sun. 11:00 AM: Becky Snodgrass

# Service Music

## The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost: October 15

**Mass:** Decius, Proulx, and Hurd

**Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23** responsorial Johann Franck and Robert Knox Kennedy

**Anthem:** *Praise to the Lord* Beaudrot

**Hymns:** 7 Ratisbon 518 Westminster Abbey 339 Schmücke dich 609 Gardiner

**Organ:** *Andante, KV 616; Church Sonata, KV 67; and Overture in C, KV 399* Mozart

*Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness* Brahms

## The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost: October 22

**Mass:** Decius, Proulx, and Hurd

**Psalm 99** responsorial Tone VIII.2

**Anthem:** *King of glory, King of peace* K. Lee Scott

**Hymns:** 594 Cwm Rhondda 632 Munich 684 Caithness 573 Langham

**Organ:** *Prelude and Fugue in Am, BWV 543* J. S. Bach *Suite in G: Aria* Respighi

*Sanctify us by Thy goodness, BWV 22* J. S. Bach; Bækgaard, trans

# Upcoming Events

**November 5, 2:00 PM:** Concert: Bruce Power, organ; Francisco Javier Ballestas Sayas, trumpet

**December 3 at 11:00 service:** Advent Lessons and Carols with the Holy Eucharist

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# Donations for Hurricane Relief

The ECW is collecting money for the victims of the recent hurricanes. If you wish to donate, make a check out to *Holy Cross ECW*, with "Hurricane Relief" on the memo line, or identify your cash donation as earmarked for hurricane relief. You may mail your donation to the church, or place it in the offering plate. The ECW will take care to see that it is forwarded. Thank you for your help!

# Fall Festival is Just around the Corner!

Saturday, November 4, 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM.

For only \$5.00 you can enjoy a delicious lunch of homemade vegetable beef soup, homemade dessert, and coffee. You can also shop for holiday goodies and maybe get some of your Christmas shopping done before the rush. Items for sale include:



Homemade cookies, cakes, bread, jams and jellies

Vintage jewelry, crystal, and china

Collectible cookbooks from the past

Christmas ornaments

Holy Cross Pickles . . . and much, much more

All proceeds go to support the Ministries of the

Episcopal Church Women (ECW) of Holy Cross

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## ROOFTOP RESCUE: HELP GET DONNA OFF THE ROOF October 21!



Since October 2004, Holy Cross Hope House has been a place for our homeless friends to take a shower, do laundry, use the phone, and receive mail. There's always coffee in the morning, a newspaper to read, and special classes and activities. Many lives have been touched through this ministry.

Our Executive Director, Donna Earnest, will be locked on the roof of Hope House until we have raised \$2,017. In addition, a friend of Hope House has offered to match up to \$1,000, dollar for dollar, **over** our stated goal of \$2017! You can make a donation at Hope House on the day of the event, or at Holy Cross, or you can mail a donation prior to the event to ensure that the funds

are included in the fundraiser or go to website (see below) for the GO FUND ME option. Please make your checks payable to *Holy Cross Hope House*, with "Rooftop Rescue" noted in the memo.



Holy Cross Hope House

762 Austen Pl.

Shreveport, LA 71101

Facebook: Hope House

Website: [www.hopehouseshv.weebly.com](http://www.hopehouseshv.weebly.com)

Email: [dearnesthopehouse@yahoo.com](mailto:dearnesthopehouse@yahoo.com)

### Hope House also needs:

- Coffee and condiments
- New or gently used clothing and shoes for men and women
- Laundry detergent
- OFFICE HELP! If you can spare an hour or two a week to help with clerical tasks, please let Donna know.

Hope House T-shirts are available for \$15

**ORGAN CONCERT BY**  
**BRUCE POWER** ORGANIST/CHOIRMASTER OF  
**CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS**

875 Cotton St. Shreveport 71101  
The Rev. Mary B. Richard, Rector

featuring guest artist

**FRANCISCO JAVIER BALLESTAS SAYAS,** TRUMPET

Pentecost XXII: The Sunday after All Saints' Day  
**November 5th at 2:00 p.m.**  
The concert is free.



**End of Life Issues, Session 2**  
Living Wills and Legal Documents of Preparation  
Mr. William Kalmbach, attorney

Wednesday, October 25  
6:00 PM in the Undercroft

Supper will be served. Please make a reservation by calling the church office, 222-3325

**Our book study of The Episcopal Way**

resumes October 25 at 11 AM in the Undercroft. Please join it!

**In the Narthex:**

- ☞ An essay by Bishop Owensby (the same as printed above) on violence in our country
- ☞ A letter from the Anglican Primates following the mass shooting in Las Vegas

*Please pick up a copy*



# We need a few willing hands!



One of our parishioners will be returning to his place of residence after several months in an extended care facility. His condominium will need several adjustments for his safety. Before the work can begin, his possessions must be packed up and stored.

Is anyone willing to help? Boxes and supervision will be provided; only your help is needed. If you would like to volunteer for a day, a half day, whatever fits your schedule, please call the church office, 222-3325, and let Laurie know. Thank you!



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## The Blessing of the Animals Celebrating St. Francis' Day in the Rose Garden



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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.). Please take your donations to 762 Austen Place or to the church office. Thank you for your continued support.

**Forward Day by Day** for **October** and **November**, in both standard and large-print editions, is available in the Narthex and the Undercroft.



The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry, Ph.D.  
The Rt. Rev. Dr. Jacob Owensby, Ph.D., D. D.  
The Rev. Mary B. Richard  
The Rev. Sally M. Fox  
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