



# Crossings

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS ✠ EPISCOPAL  
875 COTTON STREET, SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA  
JANUARY 17, 2018

## 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  
John Hughes  
Meredith Lucius  
Ginger Paul  
Monty Walford, Treasurer  
(non-vestry)

## Contact Information

Telephone: (318) 222-3325

Fax: (318) 681-9506

Email:

[office@holycrossshreveport.com](mailto:office@holycrossshreveport.com)

## Please visit our website

[www.holycrossshreveport.org](http://www.holycrossshreveport.org)

## Deadline

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

Please send to

[lynn.walford@lsus.edu](mailto:lynn.walford@lsus.edu)

“ . . . so that I may not cause one of you to fall.”

*St. Paul (1 Corinthians 8:13)*

The issue for the church in Corinth was food. But Paul’s letter to them has implications far beyond what we eat. What we say, do, and more foundationally, what we think, has a true ripple effect. It reaches far, and others hear and pay attention to what we’re saying and doing. To know this, we have only to consider the words that have been said and tweeted by the president of our country over the past two years. Much damage has been done to our relationships with other nations. Much damage has been done to our relationships within our country, with one another. Permission has been given publicly to act and speak and think counter to our country’s history and our call to love and respect and welcome all people.

Knowledge has always been upheld as a block in building understanding. The Episcopal Church has historically affirmed the virtue and necessity of biblical, historical, academic, and experiential knowledge. It has been said that, given some land, Episcopalians will build a school. Episcopal schools, however, are always founded on the belief that Paul expresses in his first letter to the church in Corinth: Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. In other words, our words and actions cannot be guided by knowledge alone. The insidious sin of pride can creep into the mind that becomes boastful of its knowledge. Knowledge must be grounded in love.

All we do and say as followers of Jesus should be ruled by our love and respect for our sisters and brothers and for all of God’s Creation. Knowledge can and should be part of our decisions. Indeed, words that are thoughtless and cruel often are the result of ignorance of historical and scientific knowledge. Prejudice, racism, fear of “the Other” are examples. But the presence of love and respect for one another will not permit the actions of these and other harmful judgments that separate us from one another.

“Love builds up.” We are all products of the history of our people, as well as the teachings of our families and schools and our own experiences. We live and act in community. God has given each of us gifts of reason and the capacity to learn in ways that include and incorporate love. And for followers of Jesus, love

LOVE  
BUILDS  
UP

is the “bottom line.” Everything we say and do—and yes, our thoughts too—are to be molded by Jesus’ command to love one another. And that means all people of all sizes and ages and sexual orientations and races and faiths, including our enemies and those who do not love us. This is not a soft, fuzzy, romantic love; it’s the best we can do to imitate God’s unconditional, forgiving love for us: a love we know in the Greek word *agape*. Wishing good for each person, no matter our relationship with them. Respecting the dignity and the equality of all people.

I don’t mean this is easy. It may be the hardest thing we do, and in the beginning, until it comes more naturally, it’s a decision we make consciously. We may find it to be a process rather than an end we reach at a point in time. When loving unconditionally is our measure, we find we can reach far beyond the feelings that separate us from one another. And we find that in that process we become more and more the people God made us to be. More and more people who bear thoughtfully and clearly the image of our Maker.

Paul writes that he will never eat meat, so that he “may not cause one of [the new Believers] to fall.” We might say with him that we will never speak a word or fall into an action or think a thought that will hurt another person or our relationship with them, or that will cause another person to misunderstand the teaching we follow.

And the implications of this are that our words and actions must reflect the tenet that is one of the foundations of our country: that all people are created equal. And that our words and actions will reflect the promises of our baptismal covenant to respect the dignity of all people. Our president’s words are a reflection of neither; in fact, they are a contradiction of both. We have the right and the responsibility to object to them. I hope you will call or email our elected representatives and urge them to object strongly and publicly to language that demeans rather than respects and upholds our sisters and brothers and their countries of origin. Contact information for our state and national elected officials can be found, with direct links, at <https://www.usa.gov/elected-officials>. You can also find this information on an app for your smart phone: **Geaux Vote**.

*The Rev. Mary B. Richard*

Faith is not simply a set of beliefs, a function of the mind. Fundamentally, it is a condition of trust or confidence located in the heart or soul that orients one in the world through certain persistent dispositions and affections.

*Timothy A. Beach-Verhey*

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

*Louisville: Westminster, John Knox Press, 2012*



**FEASTING**  
on the **WORD**™

### **The Third Sunday after the Epiphany January 21, 2018**

*Jonah 3:1-5, 10* ✎ *Psalm 62:6-14*  
*1 Corinthians 7:29-31* ✎ *Mark 1:14-20*

(*1 Corinthians 7:29-31*) The time has grown short for us to do that to which we were called, which is to proclaim Jesus Christ, and him crucified, and to devote our lives to Christian love, *agape*. This urgency can give us a healthy dissatisfaction with those structures of the world that hinder God’s coming reign, and spur us to devote ourselves wholeheartedly to changing those structures as part of our participation in God’s work in the world.

*Ruthanna B. Hooke*

### **The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany January 28, 2018**

*Deuteronomy 18:15-20* ✎ *Psalm 11*  
*1 Corinthians 8:1-13* ✎ *Mark 1:21-28*

(*Mark 1:21-28*) Careful readers of Mark’s Gospel are put on notice from chapter 1 that the boundary-breaking, demon-dashing, law-transcending Son of God has arrived in the person of Jesus, and he expects of his followers far more than “amazement.”

*Gary W. Charles*

## Calendar for January

Wednesdays	Book study and Eucharist	11:00 am	Undercroft
Thursdays	Bible study	1:30 pm	Fairmont Apartments Community Meeting Room
Saturdays	Holy Eucharist	5:00 pm	Chapel
Sundays	Holy Eucharist	9:20 am	Rose Garden or Chapel (depending on weather)
	Nursery	9:30 am – noon	Education Building
	Sunday School	10:00 am	Education Building
	Holy Eucharist	11:00 am	Nave
Sunday, January 21	Annual parish meeting and election of new vestry members	after the 11:00 service	Nave

### *Coming in Our Community*

January 15-19	MLK Dream Week activities		Centenary College
Saturday, January 20	Women's March	11:00 am	Caddo Parish Courthouse
Sunday, January 21	World Religion Day	1:00-4:00 pm	Highland Center

## Prayer List

Wanda Allen  
Debbie Atwood  
Michael Atwood  
Claudette Branson  
Michael Breedlove  
Tommy Breedlove  
Cary Rhea Brooks  
Evelyn Corley  
Hugh Coyle  
Ron Dean

Shirley Enani  
Floyd "Buzzy" Farrar  
Ed Finuf  
Christine Hennigan  
Don Jamerson  
Kenneth Jordan  
Doris Lewis  
Flo Little  
Mim McCoy  
Pat McCoy

Jim McCranie  
Allison Moncla  
Bob Morris  
Jim Santa Ana  
Brady Sessions  
Mary Ann Shemwell  
Tommy Simrall  
Jack Theurkauf  
Sonny Thomas  
Kim Tobin

Robert Todd  
Sara Townsend  
Laura Wilkerson  
Mike Wilkerson  
Michael Winburn  
Bill Wright  
Larry Wright  
Mary Wright

We pray for those who serve and are served by the Fuller Center for Housing;  
for all who live in the devastation of hurricanes and fires, and for 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 people in all places where there is war and fear, and for those who seek  
peace; 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 those who are most vulnerable.

In our Diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for Widows of Clergy: Jacqueline Abraham, Vail Baldrige, Jane Blair, Martha Cooper, Phoebe Detor, June Dickson, Emmie Sue Ellisor, Janet Flynn, Doris Graff, Linda Hargrove, Mary Nell Head, Margaret Jaster, Norma Marrs, Marinell McMichael, Susan McPherson, Jenny Milligan, Connie Mills, Martha Nelson, Ruth Nielsen, Joyce Odom, Sybil Patten, Jodi Reed, Vicki Robertson, Jackie Songy, Deborah Wilkes, and Ann Wilson.

In the Anglican cycle of prayer we pray for the Church in Bangladesh, the Most Rev. Paul Shishir Sarker, Moderator, Church of Bangladesh and Bishop of Dhaka; and for Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil, the Most Rev. Francisco de Assis Da Silva, Primate of Brazil and Bishop of Southwestern Brazil.

God of truth, your Son Jesus Christ teaches us that the message of the Gospel that we are called to proclaim is straightforward and sincere. Empower us to trust in the simplicity of your Word as we strive to proclaim it to others. *Amen.*

# Say Ministries

## The Third Sunday after the Epiphany January 21, 2018

Sun. 11:00 AM:

Lectors: Nathaniel Means, Maggie Fowle

Prayers of the People: Becky Snodgrass

Eucharistic Ministers: Aaron Horton, Ginger Paul

Acolyte: Steve Snodgrass

Ushers: Edward Cloyd-Baldwin, Monty Walford

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

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

## The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany January 28, 2018

Sun. 11:00 AM:

Lectors: Reece Middleton, Aaron Horton

Prayers of the People: Steve Snodgrass

Eucharistic Ministers: Kendall Raymond, Herschel Richard

Acolytes: Aaron Horton, Joe Bob Evanson

Ushers: Tommie Sue Brooks, Gerry Brooks

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

Altar Guild Sun. 11:00 AM: Ginger Paul, Jo Ann Horton



## Service Music

### The Third Sunday after the Epiphany: January 21

**Mass:** Powell and Hurd

**Psalm 62:6-14:** responsorial *Caithness*; Tone VIII.2; adapt. B. P.

**Hymns:** 537 *Moscow* 661 *Georgetown* 550 (1-3) *Restoration* 539 *Tidings*

**Anthem:** *All praise to God, who reigns above*, arr. Lenel

**Organ:** *Fantasia in the First Mode* Morley *Prelude on an Introit for Epiphany* Duruflé  
*Fugue (based on Soissons Cathedral carillon)* Duruflé

### The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany: January 28

**Mass:** Powell and Hurd

**Psalm 111:** R. K. Kennedy

**Hymns:** 437 *Birmingham* 493 *Azmon* 566 *The Church's Desolation* 530 *Gott sie Dank*

**Anthem:** *A Canticle of Peace* Clokey **Solo:** *Prayer for Peace* Poulenc

**Organ:** *Prayer for Peace* Francis Snow *Prelude in B* Saint-Saens *Convents Mass (excerpts)* F. Couperin  
*Prelude and Fugue in C* Krebs

# Hope House T-Shirts

New T-shirts in bright blue are available for sale in the church office!  
Please buy some and help spread the good news of Hope House's ministry far and wide.



## **Vestry Nominations and the Annual Parish Meeting** **Sunday, January 21, immediately following the 11:00 service**

Our charter provides that we all come together each January on the third Sunday, reflect on the past year and look ahead to the one coming. At this time reports are presented, and we elect new vestry members to serve three-year terms. If you wish to nominate someone, first ask them if they are willing to serve and if this is a good time for them to accept the responsibility. Then submit the name(s) to Laurie Connell at the church office, 222-3325, and she will check eligibility. A person serving on the vestry is required to:

- Have been a member of Holy Cross for at least one year
- Be active in support of the church's worship and ministry
- Have contributed at least \$1.00 in offering for the ministry of the church, of which the church office has record, either by check or by funds enclosed in an offering envelope with the person's name on it

Please consider prayerfully whether you would like to serve, and if there's someone you would like to nominate. The vestry meets each month on the third Wednesday at 5:30. Serving on the vestry is a significant ministry, as the vestry makes decisions of policy and finance and sets the course for much of our ministry in the community. Vestry nominations are due **by noon, Friday, January 19.**

***We can be proud of our vestry and the work they do!***

*If you have misplaced your pledge card and ministry commitments sheet for 2018, or if you did not receive them, additional copies are available on the tables in the Narthex and Undercroft. Please do pick them up if you need them, and return them to the church office or place them in the offering plate. Thank you for all you do to continue the ministries of Holy Cross!*

## *Meet some of our new members . . .*

**Mary Barrett** was confirmed at the Bishop's visitation in September 2017. She holds a Ph.D. with degrees from Stephen F. Austin State University and the Johns Hopkins University, and is Professor of Geology Emerita of Centenary College. Last year the American Association of Petroleum Geologists elected her President of the Division of Environmental Geosciences for 2018–2019.



Mary is deeply interested in our environment, and has served as an expert for both defendants and plaintiffs in Louisiana oilfield pollution litigation. Mary's professional and research interests include sedimentary, petroleum, and environmental geology, and the history and impact of oilfield waste; she has presented numerous papers on these subjects.

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. We are so happy Mary is a member of our worship and ministry community!

---

**Elizabeth Hadwin** and her brother **Rick Hadwin** are cradle Episcopalians who attended both St. Paul's and St. Matthias before coming to Holy cross. Rick is a deputy with the Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office, and works in jail administration at Caddo Correctional Center. Prior to his career in law enforcement, he worked for almost twenty years in broadcasting and production.



Elizabeth describes herself as a "book pusher"—she was a bookseller for sixteen years, and now works at Shreve Memorial Library's Main Branch as the Youth Services Specialist. She is also an active member of the Altrusa Club of Shreveport, the Shreveport–Bossier chapter of NOW (National Organization for Women), and the Women's Democratic Club of Northwest Louisiana.

Rick and Elizabeth were attracted to Holy Cross by its inclusive and progressive ministry that "walks the talk," by the fact that it is a church community interested in serving beyond their front door, and by the happy and encouraging messages in Mary's sermons. They say they have felt welcome from the very first day they attended church. They are also very grateful for what Fr. Paul did for their great-aunt, Dorothy Jones–Beckett, who was their godmother and surrogate grandmother. Fr. Paul took communion to her in the hospital shortly before she died, and they will never forget his kindness. Welcome to Holy Cross, Elizabeth and Rick!

---

When you see Mary, Elizabeth, and Rick, please introduce yourself and welcome them to the Holy Cross family. And look for stories about our other new members in forthcoming issues of *Crossings*.

# Community Events This Week

## Martin Luther King Dream Week Centenary College, January 15-19

A celebration of the legacy and achievements of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The program is community-centered and encourages reflection, service, and action. For a list of events throughout the week, go to [www.centenary.edu](http://www.centenary.edu) and click on News and Media.



## Women's March 2018 Shreveport-Bossier In front of Caddo Parish Courthouse Saturday, January 20, 11:00 am.

"Hear Our Vote" is the theme of this second annual march. Sponsored by women, it is a peaceful, non-partisan event focusing on voter education, outreach, and empowerment. The march is part of a national movement to empower and unify those who stand for women's rights, civil liberties, and social justice for all. For more information, see Facebook: **Women's March 2018 Shreveport-Bossier**.



## World Religion Day The Highland Center, 520 Olive St. Sunday, January 21, 1:00 – 5:00 pm.

Representatives of various faiths in our community will meet to demonstrate a common goal of fostering world peace, harmony, and understanding. Keynote speaker Bishop Michael Duca of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Shreveport will discuss the theme "Diversity in Unity Creates Community." For more information, go to [www.worldreligionsdayshreveportbossier.org](http://www.worldreligionsdayshreveportbossier.org).



Church of the Holy Cross ✠ Episcopal  
P. O. Box 1627  
Shreveport, LA 71165-1627

Website: [www.holycrossshreveport.com](http://www.holycrossshreveport.com)  
E-mail: [office@holycrossshreveport.com](mailto:office@holycrossshreveport.com)

Non-Profit Organization  
U S Postage PAID  
SHREVEPORT, LA  
Permit No. 1197

Return Service Requested

**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 **January** and **February**, 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  
The Rev. Kenneth W. Paul  
The Rev. Donald D. Heacock  
Mr. Bruce Power  
Mr. Ron Dean  
Mrs. Laurie Connell  
Mr. Charles Alford

XXVII Presiding Bishop  
IV Bishop of Western Louisiana  
Rector  
Assisting Priest  
Rector Emeritus  
Director, Holy Cross Child Placement  
Organist-Choirmaster  
Organist-Choirmaster Emeritus  
Office Administrator  
Sexton