



# Crossings

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS ✠ EPISCOPAL  
875 COTTON STREET, SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA  
SEPTEMBER 12, 2018

## Holy Eucharist

Sunday: 9:30 and 11:00 am  
Saturday: 5:00 pm

## Book Study and Eucharist

Wednesdays: 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  
Ginger Paul, Jr. Warden  
Steve Snodgrass, Secretary  
Tommie Sue Brooks  
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## Deadline

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

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## Sophia, Wisdom, and James

El Greco: *St. James*

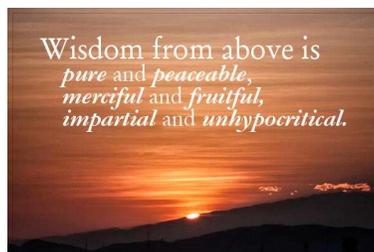


It's interesting that Wisdom is the subject of our lessons from James' letter this Sunday and next, just as our Wednesday class has finished a three-week study of Wisdom, Sophia, in the Hebrew Scriptures. James' writing dovetails nicely with some things we learned in the class. Wisdom, the search for the meaning of life and the answers to questions of "Why?", is a quest shared across racial, social, national and religious lines by people of all times and places. We all want to know why life is the way it comes to us. We believe that by understanding life we may live it better. Perhaps we can gain a measure of control over it.

First, there are no answers—none that satisfy, anyway—to the *whys* of life: why the good suffer while the evil prosper; why bad things happen to good people; why nature takes its cruel toll on unsuspecting and helpless people. Second, while we can learn to live life "better," we will never fully understand it. Because there are few answers, what understanding we may gain will have limited effect on causes and vagaries of nature and of human nature. And we will never have complete control over what comes next in our lives or the lives of others.

But God has not left us helpless. The ancient Jews came to believe, and we share the belief, that we can gain wisdom, and by learning to live with wisdom we will find, if not understanding, faithful response and peace. We learn from the Wisdom Writings that wisdom is to be desired, sought, valued, treasured.

But wisdom is not something we often think to pray for. The Wisdom Books of



Hebrew Scriptures assure us that "she," wisdom personified, is near, even calling to us as to everyone, to listen and receive her treasure. This is Hegia Sophia (Holy Wisdom: Sophia taken from the Greek *philosophia*), Woman Wisdom, the foil for Woman Folly. Scripture tells us she calls to us, beckons us, intreats us to join her, at the city gates, the places of our coming and

going, the busiest places and times of our lives.

We might think we could never hear her voice in the noise and business of our days. When do we ever have the peace and quiet to listen?

We have to *desire* to hear her. We have to know we need the wisdom to live well with one another and with all that life brings to us. This is not knowledge we can gain much of in books. This is experience that comes often in relationships, in interacting with others, in desiring wisdom. If desire is the beginning, prayer is the means.

We know that answers in prayer do not always come in a flash of lightning, in an epiphany, even though, at times, they will. Wisdom comes in subtle, quiet ways. Prayer opens our consciousness. Wisdom may come to us in a flash, but more often she comes in the words of others, in something we happen to read, or in a picture we glance into. If we desire Sophia she will speak to us. She stands waiting, just as God stands waiting for us.

And that brings us to another interesting aspect of the study of Sophia. She shares some attributes with Jesus and with the Holy Spirit. She is believed to be a reflection of God and also a counterpart to the almighty, forceful, masculine god of Israel's experience (although there are times in the Hebrew Scriptures when God is experienced as loving, vulnerable.) Sophia, like Jesus and the Holy Spirit, is Counsellor, Healer, Teacher, Comforter. She rounds out our understanding of God in an image which is, although limited by our finite minds, more approachable, even One who longs to draw near to us and teach us.

Wisdom is less a way of directing our lives than a way of molding our lives. James counsels wise speaking, reminding us of the harm and the good that are done with words, "the tongue." He counsels also a life whose fruit is born of faith, gentleness born of wisdom. Gentleness—now that's something to ponder, something to desire and pray for. Finally, the Book of Wisdom tells us that "against all wisdom evil does not prevail. She reaches mightily from one end of the earth to the other, and she orders all things well" (Wisdom 7:30-8:1).

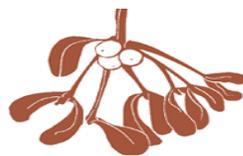
*The Rev. Mary B. Richard*

Faith is not simply a patience that passively suffers until the storm is past. Rather, it is a spirit that bears things—with resignation, yes, but above all, with blazing, serene hope.

*Corazón Aquino*

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

*Louisville: Westminster, John Knox Press, 2012*



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### **The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost: Year B, Proper 19, Track 2** **September 16, 2018**

*Isaiah 50:4-9a* ✎ *Psalms 116:1-8* ✎ *James 3:1-12* ✎ *Mark 8:27-38*

*(James 3:1-12)* Perhaps becoming wise means, at least in part, learning how to use language in ways that are both increasingly playful and increasingly pure, both admitting our many mistakes and resisting the many temptations to make them.

*Mark Douglas*

### **The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost: Year B, Proper 20, Track 2** **September 23, 2018**

*Jeremiah 11:18-20* ✎ *Psalms 54* ✎ *James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a* ✎ *Mark 9:30-37*

*(James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a)* For James, wisdom is not in the head but in the behavior. It is a way of life, not a way of thinking or believing.

*Barbara Brown Taylor*

## Calendar for September

Saturdays	Holy Eucharist	5:00 pm	Chapel
Sundays	Informal Eucharist	9:20 am	Rose Garden or Chapel
	Nursery	9:30 am - 12:15 pm	Education Building
	Sunday School	10:30 am	Education Building
	Holy Eucharist	11:00 am	Nave
Tuesdays through Fridays	Daily Office of Morning Prayer	8:15 am	Chapel
	Daily Office of Evening Prayer	5:30 pm	Chapel
Wednesdays	Study of Luke's Gospel	11:00 am	Undercroft
	Holy Eucharist		
Thursdays	Art and Bible Study	1:30 pm	Fairmont Apartments
Saturday, September 15	Discipleship Workshop	9:30 am - 3:30 pm	St. James', Alexandria
Sunday, September 16	<b>Bishop's Visitation</b>	11:00 am	Nave
	<b>Spaghetti Lunch</b>	after the 11:00 service	Undercroft
Sat-Sun, Sept. 21-22	Celebration of Women's Ministries	information in office	Camp Hardtner

## Prayer List

Wanda Allen	Shirley Enani	Maureen Locke	Jack Theurkauf
Cary Rhea Brooks	Floyd "Buzzy" Farrar	Rita Lotspeich	Robert Todd
Mikey Carlisle	Ed Finuf	Mim McCoy	Sara Townsend
Georgia Cook	Maggie Fowle	John Nelson	Barbie Nations Tyler
Hugh Coyle	Christine Hennigan	Jim Santa Ana	Larry Wright
Sara Lou Coyle	Hoyo	Brady Sessions	Mary Wright
Presiding Bishop Michael Curry	Barbara Hughes	Mary Ann Shemwell	
Ron Dean			

We pray for those who serve and are served by The Fuller Center for Housing;  
 for refugees fleeing disaster, war and famine and hoping for a new life;  
 for all who grieve, especially those who have lost loved ones through violence;  
 for teachers, parents and children everywhere, that our homes and schools may be places of learning and safety;  
 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 justice;  
 and for the leaders and the people of our country as we wrestle with solutions to violence and injustice.

In our Diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for St. Thomas', Monroe, The Rev. Dawnell Stodghill (Whit);  
 for St. Patrick's, West Monroe, The Rev. Robert Dandridge (Evelyn);  
 and for St. Alban's, Monroe, The Rev. Whit Stodghill (Dawnell).

In the Anglican cycle of prayer we pray for the Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan, The Most Rev. Ezekiel Kumir Kondo, Archbishop of the Province of Sudan and Bishop of Khartoum; and for The Anglican Church of Tanzania, The Most Rev. Jacob Erasto Chimeledya, Archbishop of Tanzania and Bishop of Mpwapwa.

# Lay Ministries

## The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost: September 16

Sunday 11:00 am:

Lectors: Anna Grace Madden, Reece Middleton

Prayers of the People: Reid Raymond

Eucharistic Ministers: Kendall Raymond, Monty Walford

Acolyte: Aaron Horton

Ushers: Laura Wilkerson, Gerry Brooks

Altar Guild Saturday 5:00 pm: Margaret Heacock, Edward Cloyd-Baldwin

Altar Guild Sunday 11:00 am: Tommie Sue Brooks

## The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost: September 23

Sunday 11:00 am:

Lectors: Kay Hunter, Edward Cloyd-Baldwin

Prayers of the People: Herschel Richard

Eucharistic Ministers: Ginger Paul, Monty Walford

Acolyte: Steve Snodgrass

Ushers: Tommie Sue Brooks, Bill Richard

Altar Guild Saturday 5:00 pm: Margaret Heacock, Edward Cloyd-Baldwin

Altar Guild Sunday 11:00 am: Kay Hunter, Becky Snodgrass

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## Service Music

### The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost: September 16

#### Confirmation with the Holy Eucharist and Celebration of Holy Cross' Name Day

<b>Introit:</b>	<i>May I never boast of anything except the cross</i> Tone VII.82
<b>Mass:</b>	421 <i>Allein Gott in der Höh</i> , Proulx and Hurd
<b>Psalm 116:1-8:</b>	Responsorial Tone VIII.2, F. Lewis, adapt. B. Power
<b>Anthems:</b>	<i>Thy church, O God</i> Thiman <i>O love of God, how strong and true</i> C. Hampton
<b>Hymns:</b>	594 <i>Cwm Rhondda</i> 675 <i>Bourbon</i> 680 <i>St. Anne</i> 348 <i>O quanta qualia</i> 665 <i>Michael</i>
<b>Trumpet and Organ:</b>	<i>Concerto in D, RV 230</i> Vivaldi, trans. J. S. Bach (BWV 972), arr. H. Morgan
<b>Organ:</b>	<i>Tu es petra</i> Mulet

### Guest Musician: Francisco Javier Ballestas Sayas, Trumpet



### The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost: September 23

<b>Mass:</b>	Mathias and Hurd
<b>Psalm 54:</b>	St. Anne; Tone VIII.2; adapt. B. Power
<b>Anthem:</b>	<i>O Lord most high</i> Tallis, arr. R. Shephard
<b>Hymns:</b>	379 <i>Abbot's Leigh</i> 660 <i>Maryton</i> 472 (1-3) <i>Donne secours</i> 475 <i>Tysk</i>
<b>Organ:</b>	<i>Sonata: II. Quasi lento, tranquillo</i> Howells <i>Prayer (Book of the Holy Sacrament)</i> Messiaen <i>Grand Dialogue</i> Marchand

# The Bishop's Visitation Sunday, September 16

**Bishop Owensby will preach and celebrate at the 11:00 Eucharist  
followed by a spaghetti lunch**



One of the important events we look forward to each year is Bishop Owensby's Visitation on or near Holy Cross' Name Day (September 14). This year he will be with us on September 16<sup>th</sup> to preach, celebrate the Eucharist and confirm Ron Youngblood at the 11:00 service. Afterwards, we will gather in the Undercroft for a spaghetti feast prepared by Lynn and Monty Walford. Please mark your calendar and be sure to be in church that day to welcome Ron and the Bishop and Joy!

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## School Supplies



BREAD OF STONES

THANK YOU to everyone who has contributed school supplies or funds for supplies for the schools served by the ministry of our neighbors, Volunteers of America. The schools are so appreciative, as supplies can be fewer than needed and tend to run low as the year progresses. As a **Bread of Stones** member, Holy Cross partners with the VOA to provide supplies for Forest Hill Elementary, J. S. Clark Elementary, University Elementary, Broadmoor Middle, and Fair Park High. Please see previous issues of *Crossings* for a list of supplies needed.



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## Important Events in Our Diocese

### Discipleship Workshop

**Reimagining Faith Formation for the Twenty-First Century  
September 15, 2018, 9:30 am – 3:30 pm, St. James' Alexandria**

Teacher, author, and national faith formation leader **John Roberto** will present examples and strategies for faith formation that can be used to reach and engage people at church, home, in the community, and in their daily lives. This workshop will be the first in a series of events focused on discipleship—that is, in the words of Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, helping people to “grow more deeply with Jesus Christ at the center of our lives, so we can bear witness to his way of love in and for the world.”

### Celebration of Women's Ministries September 21 -22, Camp Hardtner

Join women from numerous ministries of the Diocese in a weekend spiritual retreat led by **the Rev. Christie Fleming**. The event flyer, application, and retreat agenda are posted on our diocesan website, [www.epwla.org](http://www.epwla.org).

### Stewardship Summit

**October 6, 2018, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm, Camp Hardtner**

Join **the Rev. Dr. Katie Hays** and the Diocesan Stewardship Task Force for a day of resource and method sharing. Bishop Owensby encourages congregational teams comprised of wardens, treasurers, and lay leaders to attend.

**Please consider attending one or more of these workshops. They will be excellent. I will be going to all of them and would love for you to go with me. Call me or the church office (222-3325) if you are interested.**

**Also . . .**

**Diocesan Convention, November 3 and  
Ordination of Brooks Boylan, Garratt Boyte, Lee Jefferson, and Meg Lovejoy  
to the Diaconate, November 24**

"In the beginning, God said. . . ." These words usher in the most extraordinary account of creation: an account of abundance, of multiplicity, of creativity. Creation is God's intricate work of art, and human beings are privileged to be placed within it. In this Season of Creation, we celebrate God the Creator, we thank God for the extraordinary riches of his grace. But we also come in sorrow for the way we have defaced creation and misused it for our own ends. In this Season, let's find again a true vision of what being made in the image of God, caring for creation can mean, and commit ourselves to action.

**Archbishop Justin Welby**

*Wednesday Study Class and Eucharist  
Luke's Gospel  
11:00 in the Undercroft*

*Advent 1 this year, December 2, we will begin Year C in the Church Lectionary. Most of the Gospel Lessons in Year C are chosen from Luke's Gospel, and beginning this week we will study Luke and his unique perspective on Jesus' life and ministry.  
Come, bring your Bible, and join us!*

*And in October . . .*

*I have encouraged the class to attend **Engaging Aging**, a four-week study at St. Matthias' of the issues surrounding the aging process and the preparations we can be making. These classes are for those who are aging and for those who are close to us. Several months have gone into the planning by representatives from the churches of our Convocation. The classes promise to be excellent! St. Matthias' has provided a flyer describing the series of panel discussions by experts in our community. Please pick up a flyer in the Narthex or the Undercroft.*

**The Four Wednesdays in October at 11:00 am: Engaging Aging  
St. Matthias' Episcopal Church, 3301 St. Matthias Drive  
For more information, call St. Matthias', 318.635.5354**

## Hope House Fundraiser Clue #9

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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.). Please take your donations 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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