



# Crossings

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS ✠ EPISCOPAL  
875 COTTON STREET, SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA  
OCTOBER 24, 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  
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Material for *Crossings* must be received by **12:00 Wednesday**.

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## Bartimaeus, Son of Timaeus

Bartimaeus has always been one of my favorites. What audacity! What was he thinking? Sitting there by the roadside, shouting at a renowned teacher and healer, an important person among the other people gathered at the gate of Jericho that day. Jesus' followers and disciples did everything they could to silence him so Jesus wouldn't be disturbed. How embarrassing!

I wonder what they thought when Jesus showed an interest in Bartimaeus. It seems that the beggar, blind as he was, was the only one who had an inkling of Jesus' mission and teaching, a glimpse of God's love for him and for all people. It seems he might have been the only one who had observed and taken to heart Jesus' compassion for those who are shunned and silenced and mistreated, for all those who have failed in society's expectations. I wonder what they thought, if they, being disturbed themselves, realized that they were the ones who were truly blind.

We don't have to search for Bartimaeus on the streets of our city today. We see him, of course, at Hope House and in our neighborhood; at the VOA offices across the street and in front of the VOA apartments for homeless veterans at the McAdoo Hotel; in front of the HUB and on the playground of Providence House; around the bus station our city moved out of downtown so more of the people in need would be invisible; at the stop light beside interstate bridges; on Sunday mornings in front of Holy Cross sharing coffee and donuts and Communion in our garden. "The poor will always be with you, Jesus famously said. Yes. And we push them away or hide them or ignore them or close our eyes and ears and hearts to them at our own peril.

But then there are the others who are not right here before us: our sisters and brothers in mental institutions; our sisters and brothers living in houses that are falling apart, with rain dripping through the ceiling and cold drafts blowing silently through the doors and windows; our sisters and brothers living in nursing homes, whose only visitors are the people employed to care for them there; our children in schools where the education and supplies offered them can in few if any ways prepare them to compete in the adult world; our children

"Faith," by Mark Hopkins



who cannot study because they are hungry. And so many others.

It's easy—and, let's face it, comfortable—to go about our business and not see or hear the Bartimaeuses all around us. Next week—when I finish this project—when I retire—when I have more time—when I pay my bills—when . . . when . . . when. . . Then I'll pay attention and do something. And society—our city, even—does everything it can to silence them so they—and we—won't be disturbed.

In our 20/20 eyesight it's easy to give in to the demands of ambition and peer pressure and just everyday existence. The Gospel sits by the roadside of every street we walk and cries to us the realities of our neighbors' lives. And the reality that those who save their lives will lose them and those who give their lives for the sake of understanding the Good News clearly and living it fully will save them. When we reach out to help someone else we really are helping ourselves know the truth of the Gospel: that God loves every single person God has made and that God calls us to love *and serve* every single person. When we understand what Jesus was about, healing and living in the compassion of God's image, we make ourselves vulnerable to grow in his likeness, to grow into the image of our Maker.

Thank goodness for Bartimaeus' audacity, for his persistence, for the contrast he paints for us between the needs of the world and the blind indifference of the powers of the world. He is an image for us of the audacity and persistence our world needs—not only from those in great need but from us who are in need of embodying the love of God that will save us and bring God's kingdom closer to fulfillment.

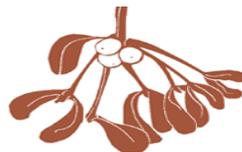
*The Rev. Mary B. Richard*

The world is not as God would have it be. The kingdoms of this world are not yet the kingdom of God, but they can become it. They are not yet the realm where God's sovereignty is acknowledged and lived out, but they can become it.

*Verna Dozier, in The Dream of God*

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

*Louisville: Westminster, John Knox Press, 2012*



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### **The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost: Year B, Proper 25, Track 2** **October 28, 2018**

*Jeremiah 31:7-9* ✎ *Psalms 126* ✎ *Hebrews 7:23-28* ✎ *Mark 10:46-52*

*(Mark 10:46-52)* This story [of Bartimaeus] invites us to consider our own ministry to the outsider, the voice silenced by institutional pronouncements, the so-called reprobate whose cry stands us still in our tracks.

*Cynthia A. Jarvis*

### **The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost: The Sunday after All Saints' Day** **Year B, Proper 26, Track 2 - November 4, 2018**

*Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9* ✎ *Psalms 24* ✎ *Revelation 21:1-6a* ✎ *John 11:32-44*

*(Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9)* This text speaks not just a final word of assurance about “all the saints who from their labors rest;” it also encourages wise and courageous daily living for individual believers and the community of faith, as “God watches over God's elect” (v. 9). For the people of God to know that “the faithful abide with God in love” is to know what Paul would later declare: nothing “will be able to separate us from the love of God” (Romans 8:39). This is more than a comforting assurance of things eternal. This assurance is a powerful motivator for the church to “trust in God,” to live with the courage of conviction in any setting, in any age.

*Gary W. Charles*

## Calendar for October and November

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
Wednesdays	Study of Luke's Gospel followed by Holy Eucharist	11:00 am	Undercroft
Thursdays	Art and Bible Study	1:30 pm	Fairmont Apartments
Saturday, November 3	Diocesan Convention	8:00 am-5:00 pm	Country Inn, Pineville
Sunday, November 4	<b>The Continuing Feast</b>	after the 11:00 service	Undercroft
Saturday, November 17	<b>ECW Fall Festival and Soup Lunch!</b>	10:00 am-1:00 pm	Undercroft
Wednesday, November 14	Vestry meeting	5:30 pm	Undercroft
Saturday, November 24	Garrett Boyte's Ordination to the Diaconate	10:00 am	St. James', Alexandria

## Prayer List

Wanda Allen	Ron Dean	Barbara Hughes	Brady Sessions
Margaret Boudreaux	Shirley Enani	Camille Jackson	Mary Ann Shemwell
Marie Boudreaux	Floyd "Buzzy" Farrar	Maureen Locke	Jack Theurkauf
Cary Rhea Brooks	Ed Finuf	Rita Lotspeich	Robert Todd
Mikey Carlisle	Maggie Fowle	Lindsey Marshall	Sara Townsend
Georgia Cook	Christine Hennigan	Mim McCoy	Barbie Nations Tyler
Hugh Coyle	Anne Higdon	Reed Nations	Larry Wright
Sara Lou Coyle	Hoyo	Jim Santa Ana	Mary Wright

We pray for those who serve and are served by The Caddo Council on Aging; for the people of Florida, Georgia, Virginia, North and South Carolina, and Indonesia as they suffer the destruction and death of hurricanes; for refugees fleeing disaster, war, abuse, and famine and hoping for a new life; for families separated at our border, that they may find compassion and be reunited; for all who grieve or suffer in any way, and for those who care for them; for teachers, parents and children, that our homes and schools may be places of learning and safety; for the people of our country, that we may work in unity to overcome our fears and prejudices; 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 seek solutions to violence and injustice.

In our Diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for St. David's, Rayville, and St. Columba's, Winnsboro, the Rev. Walt Friese (Paulette); for Redeemer, Ruston, the Very Rev. William Easterling (Cathy); and for Holy Cross, Shreveport, the Rev. Mary Richard (Herschel).

In the Anglican cycle of prayer we pray for The Church in the Province of the West Indies, The Most Rev. and The Honorable John Holder, Archbishop of West Indies and Bishop of Barbados; for The Church of Ceylon, Colombo, The Rt. Rev. Dhiloraj Ranjit Canagasabay; and for The Church of Ceylon, Kurunegala, The Venerable Keerthisiri Fernando.

**If you wish to honor or remember your loved ones with flowers for the High Altar**, all four Sundays in Advent are available (December 2, 9, 16, and 23). Please contact the church office to reserve a date.

# Lay Ministries

## The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost - October 28

Sunday 11:00 am:

Lectors: Melissa Fowle, Steve Snodgrass

Prayers of the People: Becky Snodgrass

Eucharistic Ministers: Kendall Raymond, Kay Hunter

Acolyte: Herschel Richard

Ushers: Tommie Sue Brooks, Sr. Anna Grace Madden

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

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

## The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost: The Sunday after All Saints' Day - November 4

Sunday 11:00 am:

Lectors: Melissa Fowle, Reece Middleton

Prayers of the People: Maggie Fowle

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Kay Hunter, Kendall Raymond

Acolytes: Aaron Horton, Lydia Boudreaux, Addylaide Evanson, Joe Bob Evanson

Ushers: Laura Wilkerson, Mike Wilkerson

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

Altar Guild Sunday 11:00 am: Ginger Paul, Sara Townsend



## Service Music

### The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost - October 28

**Mass:** Powell and Hurd

**Psalm 126:** Responsorial Plainsong; Tone VIII.2

**Hymns:** 447 St. Magnus      567 St. Matthew      429 Old 113<sup>th</sup>      493 Azmon

**Anthem:** *Praise, O praise our God and King!* D. H. Williams

**Organ:** *Concerto in Dm* Vivaldi, RV 565; trans. J.S. Bach, BWV 596  
*Adagio (Symphony V)* and *Finale (Symphony II)* Widor

### The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost: The Sunday after All Saints Day - November 4

**Introit:** *Rejoice we all* Tone VIII.2

**Mass:** Powell and Hurd

**Psalm 24:** Robert Knox Kennedy

**Hymns:** 287 *Sine Nomine*      New Hymn: *Help us, Lord* Melissa Fowle  
286 (1-3) *Zeuch mich, zeuch mich*      625 *Darvall's 148th*

**Anthems:** *Now let us praise* R. V. Williams      *O bread of life* D. A. White

**Organ:** *Sonata in G: movement I* Elgar      *Evocation: movement III* Dupré

# A New Hymn for All Saints

We have many saints in our parish: chefs, flower arrangers, financial geniuses (numbers always escape me: the connection between math and music is a myth), writers, musicians, gardeners. . . .

For the Feast of All Saints, our three-year Lectionary appoints different Gospel readings each year. This year we will hear the story of the raising of Lazarus. Rather than utilizing a generic All Saints' hymn with no mention of the Lazarus story, I wished to have the Gospel reading intertwined with and evolving into the rejoicing nature of All Saints. Finding an appropriate hymn utilizing this Lazarus story and at the same time celebrating All Saints is a bit problematic. I found two newly-written Lutheran texts, but, alas, the tunes were not familiar to our community.



There is a paradox for the Lazarus reading and the spirit of the Feast of All Saints (which we are celebrating on the Sunday after All Saints Day): this feast day is one of the most celebratory Sundays in our liturgical year; however, in my opinion the reading on Lazarus is more introspective. I was searching for a hymn text that began introspective and transitioned into the celebratory nature of All Saints.

I know of one poet in our parish (there may be more), and I have read her work. I charged **Melissa Fowle** to write us a poem utilizing the mood of sadness and gradually moving toward the rejoicing of All Saints. Melissa chose the tune *Erhalt, uns Herr* as the musical setting of her poem. You will hear Melissa's new poem married to an old, familiar tune as the Sequence Hymn on the Sunday after All Saint's Day.

*Bruce*

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## Help us conserve the resources of the earth . . . and of our church!

The long arm of higher tariffs has reached us! With tariffs being raised on goods imported to the United States, our paper goods are going up in price—10% now and 25% on January 1. We are trying to cut down on the amount we use, and we ask:

- that you re-use our biodegradable cups and plates whenever possible;
- that you bring a cup from home to use here, and either leave or take it home to wash;
- that you use the church's washable cups and leave them to be washed in the dishwasher;
- that you consider donating your extra cups or mugs to Holy Cross.

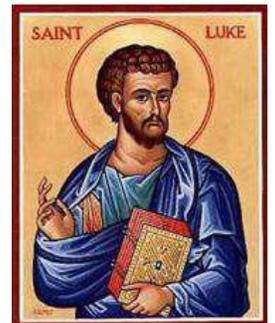
We know this is an inconvenience. We know also that our members are careful not to be wasteful. Our budget is written tightly, so a large portion—33%! —of our income can go into ministry in the community. Please help. **THANK YOU!**

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## *Wednesday Study Class and Eucharist resumes October 31* *Luke's Gospel* *11:00 am in the Undercroft*

The first Sunday of Advent, December 2, we will begin reading the lessons prescribed for Year C in the Church Lectionary. Most of the gospel lessons in Year C are chosen from Luke's Gospel. We began in September studying Luke and his unique perspective on Jesus' life and ministry. The last Wednesday in October, and every Wednesday in November, we will continue our study, concentrating on the parts and perspective of Luke's Gospel that are unique to him and his interpretation of the Good News.

*Come, bring your Bible, and join us!*



# *A Challenge for November: Stock the St. Luke's Van*



In November, **St. Luke's Episcopal Medical Ministry** is having a drive to stock the van with supplies that are used weekly and even daily for people who come to the clinics, and sometimes to their offices in the Education Building at Holy Cross. All the Episcopal churches of our convocation will participate. While supplies of any kind are welcome, Holy Cross has been asked to collect **elastic (Ace) bandages, cold medicine, and sinus medicine.**

As you know, St. Luke's is a ministry of our diocese and the eight Episcopal churches of our convocation. The van goes at least once a week, and most months two or three times a week, to neighborhoods and communities where people do not have access to convenient and affordable medical care. Doctors and nurses volunteer for every mission, along with members of St. Luke's staff and ten to twenty-five community volunteers per month. The van goes to Hope House twice each month, and to the HUB neighborhood ministry once a month, so our neighbors are well cared for. Many, but not all, of the people served are homeless; the ministry also reaches the "working poor," a critical population.

Through September of this year 1,523 people have been served in 118 clinics throughout the parishes of Northwest Louisiana. St. Luke's provides basic medical examinations, breast exams, and access to medications for conditions such as diabetes, heart disease, and high blood pressure. St. Luke's also partners with the Philadelphia Center for HIV testing, and this year vaccinated more than 100 people for Hepatitis A.

St. Luke's was founded by the late Rev. Ken Cooper, and continues through the support of his family, our diocese, and the churches of our convocation, all of whom are represented on their board. Marshall Middleton is our board representative, along with Priest Mary Richard. St. Luke's work in our community is appreciated and supported in the form of grants from the Beaird Foundation, Caddo Parish, Willis Knighton, The Community Foundation 2020, and the United Way.

"Stocking the Van" is an important and vital way we can all, individually, support the ministry of St. Luke's and reach out both to our neighbors and to the people served as far away as Minden, Mansfield, and Ringgold. Please, when you visit the pharmacy or the grocery, remember St. Luke's. **THANK YOU!**



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## **All Saints' Day Sunday Service at All Saints' Chapel November 4, 3:00 pm**



For many years it has been the custom of our diocese to offer a Eucharist at All Saints' Chapel in Stonewall on the Sunday after All Saints' Day. The Very Rev. Alston Johnson will celebrate, and music will be played on the chapel pump organ.

The chapel, built in 1887, is one of only two surviving plantation chapels still in use in Louisiana. It was consecrated on February 6, 1887, by Bishop John Nicholas Galleher, Third Episcopal Bishop of Louisiana, on four acres deeded to the diocese from the plantation of John Julian Marshall. The Dean of St. Mark's Cathedral has for many years had spiritual oversight of All Saints'. St. Mark's Altar guild tends the interior of the chapel.

This is a beautiful and meaningful service as we remember the many saints who have witnessed before us and to whom we are indebted for establishing and keeping our faith, particularly here in Northwest Louisiana. Please come worship with the people of our area on the afternoon of the Sunday after All Saints' Day.

***A history of All Saints' Chapel is on the table in the Narthex.***

A distinguishing characteristic of the God of the Hebrew scriptures is that Yahweh hears the cries of the poor and defends the orphans and widows and immigrants. God chooses the slaves, the nobodies, as means of divine liberation and salvation. In Jesus Christ, God comes in vulnerability and poverty.

***Kenneth L. Carder***

## Fall Festival is coming soon, and the ECW needs your help!

Saturday, November 17, will be the annual Fall Festival, sponsored and organized by the Holy Cross ECW. Now is the time to think about items you can donate to the festival. Some things the ECW will be collecting this year include Christmas decorations, fine china and crystal, pictures, vintage cookbooks, gently used purses, new and old jewelry, old clocks, baking dishes and casseroles, picture frames, and miscellaneous other items such as hardcover and paperback novels in good condition.



You may take your items to the church office Tuesdays through Fridays 8:45 am - 3:00 pm, through November 14.

**Holy Cross Pickles are now on sale: \$6 a jar, or \$72a case. Get them now, before they run out!**

**And please remember that all proceeds go to support the ministries of the ECW.**

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## Sunday, November 4, is the All Saints' Sunday Continuing Feast



Come celebrate All Saints' Day Sunday, and the cool fall weather, by bringing an appetizer, main dish, side dish, salad, or dessert to the *Continuing Feast*. Bring your appetite too, of course, and bring a friend if you like. If you aren't a cook, "store-bought" dishes are most welcome.

**Note:** Kitchen crew Monty and Lynn Walford will be out of town for the December 2 feast. If anyone would like to volunteer to help heat dishes and serve them up, please let us know.

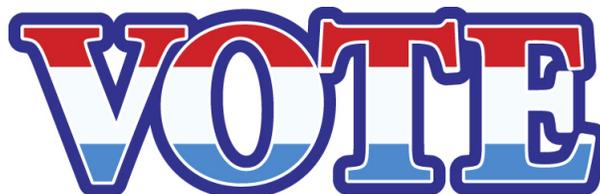
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## Two Important Dates in November

**Sunday, November 4**



**Tuesday, November 6**



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



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