



# Crossings

Church of the Holy Cross ✠ Episcopal  
875 Cotton Street, Shreveport, Louisiana  
September 7, 2022

## Services

(until further notice)

Please see calendar.

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## Liturgical Time

In Bishop J. Neil Alexander's book, *Celebrating Liturgical Time*, he makes a number of observations and claims about how our religious practice relates to time. We mark time with our services. We sanctify time with our prayer.

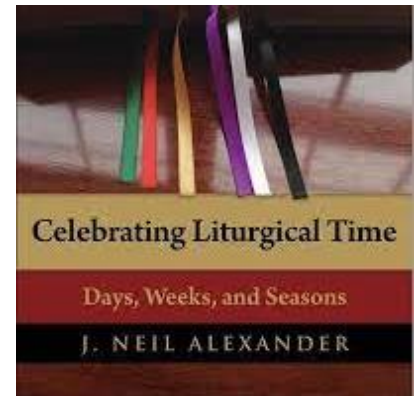
The Daily Office, a set of prayers that Anglicans say throughout the day, marks and sanctifies time in an interesting way. Sunday marks and sanctifies time in a unique way. Baptism commemorates a new birth (either physical or spiritual). The marriage rite marks a new life together for the couple. Funerals initiate the grieving period and set the tone for the mourning.

The Holy Eucharist is an event that in many ways is outside of time. As we sing the Sanctus, we join with "all the company of Heaven" who are gathered at that great marriage supper of the lamb "in the fullness of time."

Bishop Alexander tells us that "there is very little in the prayer book that is not in some sense 'time-sensitive.'" He continues, "Everything we do in worship, in some manner, directs our attention to God's actions in history, the active presence of God in the present moment, and the anticipation of God's activity in, what is in every way, God's future (Alexander v).

That we worship the "God of History" is in no way meant to limit God's action to the past. Rather, we recognize that God is in full control of not only time but of the working out of his purposes in time. We recognize that in looking back through salvation history, we can catch a glimpse of the infinite God who is deeply involved in the finite world.

Bishop J. Neil Alexander



We see this very clearly in the liturgy for the Easter Vigil. Following the Exultet the celebrant addresses the congregation and says, “Let us hear the record of God’s saving deeds in history, how he saved his people in ages past; and let us pray that our God will bring each of us to the fullness of redemption” (BCP 288).

Christian conceptions of time are fraught with paradoxical ideas as we attempt to grasp something that is utterly beyond us. For example, Sunday is for us the first day of the week. But we also call it the eighth day of the week as a way to communicate the regenerative and renewing impact of the Resurrection on the present world. It’s for this reason that baptismal fonts are almost always octagonal in shape, as the font is the locus of that regenerative renewal that begins Christian life.

Another example which Bishop Alexander makes note of has to do with the calendars of feasts and fasts. He attributes this pattern to our Jewish forbears, who mark the year with various festivals and fasts as a way of interrupting the predictability of the calendar. Additionally, we have inherited the Hebraic method of keeping time for our festivals and fasts, with the events beginning at sundown the night before. This is seen most clearly with the Easter feast, which begins at sundown on Holy Saturday. We see this also in the practice of Evensong commemorating a feast day the preceding evening. And we see this most popularly with Christmas Eve services, which are by every metric the principal method of observing the Christmas holy day. At Holy Cross, our Christmas Eve services bring in roughly 120-150 people, while Christmas morning brings in at most twelve people.

How we keep time in the Church reflects the God we confess. The constant interruption of the calendar with various feasts and fasts, the changing liturgical seasons, the pomp and the simplicity of various services that mark these times all represent our continual grasping after the God who at once is the same yesterday, today, and forever, and who is also always making all things new.

The complexity of the calendar is such to save us from complacency. But that its rhythms are generally known and expected saves us from restlessness. We move into Advent, for example, just as the season after Pentecost borders on mundanity ad infinitum with its twenty-nine weeks (maximum) of observance. But that Advent is coming does not shock us each year. Advent always comes. The season after Pentecost always ends. And so the calendar provides us with an opportunity to practice endings and new beginnings each year. It allows us to approach the eternal mysteries of God in ways that are both tried and true, eternal and yet ever new.

At the heart of the church’s year of grace, there is a great tradition of timeless narratives that give us glimpses into God’s activity in the past and offer a vision for the future that shapes the present moment. As the people of God, our engagement with those timeless narratives—the days and weeks and seasons of our prayer—is as relentless as the time those stories embody. When we ritualize these narratives we sometimes do so in great, magnificent edifices that invite our imagination to soar. We fill these vast spaces with rich music and carefully-prepared ceremonial actions and we are moved to our core. We do these same rituals in simple settings, with no music and little if any ceremonial. These same rites are simplified still further at the bedside of the ill and infirm, around a makeshift altar on a battlefield, or by the river with a group of teenagers, wet and restless, from a day on the whitewater. Rich and complex or rudimentary and simple in these moments God is blessed, lives are changed, and time is tamed, if only for a fleeting instant. The time of our lives finds its anchor in the time-laden ritual practices of the great traditions that are the habitation of a God who was before time, is now, and will be forever (Alexander 8-9).

*Fr. Garrett Boyte*



## Calendar for September

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|                          |                         |          |                    |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|----------|--------------------|
| Saturdays                | Evening Prayer, Rite II | 6:00 pm  | Online             |
| Sundays                  | Morning Prayer, Rite II | 9:00 am  | Chapel             |
|                          | Parish Choir rehearsal  | 9:45 am  | Nave               |
|                          | Holy Eucharist, Rite II | 11:00 am | Nave               |
| Mondays, Tuesdays        | Evening Prayer, Rite II | 6:00 pm  | Online             |
| Tuesday, September 20    | Vestry meeting          | 6:00 pm  | Library            |
| Wednesdays               | Book Club               | 10:30 am | Library            |
|                          | Holy Eucharist, Rite II | Noon     | Chapel             |
|                          | Evening Prayer, Rite II | 6:00 pm  | Nave and online    |
|                          | Bible Study             | 6:30 pm  | Library            |
| Wednesdays, Sept. 14, 28 | Pickle-making           | 10:00 am | Kitchen/Undercroft |
| Thursdays, Fridays       | Evening Prayer, Rite II | 6:00 pm  | Online             |



## It's time for Sunday School!

Summer's over, school's started, and Sunday School will start soon too. We meet most Sundays during the school year before the 11:00 service, and would love for all children of Holy Cross to be with us! Parents and children, please come to a short meeting:

**Sunday, October 2**

**10:30 am**

**Education Building Sunday School Room**

We want to introduce you to the Episcopal curriculum we use, *Weaving God's Promises*, and to discuss the details of Sunday School times with you. Thank you so much! We hope to see you on October 2.

Mary Richard

David Richard

Herschel Richard

# Support “Deposit First Fund” at Holy Cross Hope House

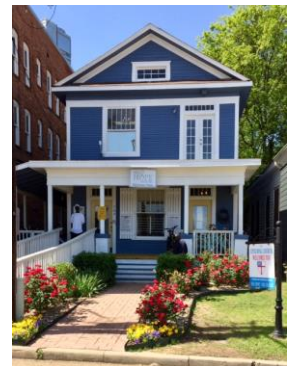


Hope House is Holy Cross’ primary ministry. The blue house on Austen Place is open daily for our neighbors who are homeless, providing showers, laundry facilities, mailboxes, and use of a telephone, all of which are important services helping to make their lives a little more comfortable.

But what if someone is ready to move from homelessness into a home? Hope House doesn’t want only to be a place that makes the homeless comfortable being homeless. We want to be a place that challenges those who are homeless to become comfortable through housing. One of the stumbling blocks that homeless people face when it comes to housing is that they are unable to pay rental and utility deposits and the first month’s rent. Realizing this, Hope House’s “Deposit First Fund” ministry was birthed.

Those people wishing to be housed are screened to assure they have the financial means to pay rent and to help Hope House identify the wraparound services to help them succeed.

Since the “Deposit First Fund” was established in the summer of 2019, we have housed seventy-two people, with forty-three of those being this year. Our long-term success rate is 97%, and we attribute this to the volume of casework that is put into each individual. Hope House has had a huge effect on homelessness, and is directly impacting individual lives.



A significant donation was made recently to the “Deposit First Fund” by a husband and wife who are members of St. Mark’s Cathedral. Your donations will be most helpful to continue the success of “Deposit First Fund.” All donations to this program are restricted, and used *only* for this ministry. If you designate a donation to the “Deposit First Fund,” you can be assured that it will go directly to those in need of housing.

Donations can be made at the church website, [www.churchholycross.org/donate](http://www.churchholycross.org/donate), where you can set up a one-time or recurring donation. You can also send a check to the church at P. O. Box 1627, Shreveport, 71165.

***Please mark your check or online donation for “Deposit First Fund” so we know where to apply your donation.***

Sincerely,  
Herschel Richard  
Holy Cross member and Hope House volunteer

# Prayer List

|                     |                           |                            |                           |
|---------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Steve Abramson      | Palmer Eubanks            | Richard Liles              | Paul Spaht                |
| Stella Rhea Bergman | Floyd "Buzzy" Farrar      | Maureen Locke              | Robert Todd               |
| Ellen Dunlop Belote | Maggie Fowle              | Jennifer Lofton and family | Cynthia Walker            |
| Mark Boydston       | Wes Gearhart              | Mim McCoy                  | Louis Wallace             |
| Nikki Brown         | John August Gianforte     | Della McCranie             | David Walsh               |
| Mary Berth          | Austin Gleason            | Michael McKenzie           | Connie Wiggins            |
| Lydia Boudreaux     | Richard Hadwin            | Larry Murff and family     | Mike Wilkerson and family |
| Marie Boudreaux     | Sandra Hadwin             | Jesse Paul                 | Bill Wright               |
| Margaret Boudreaux  | Mike Hathaway             | Kelly Rutz                 | Mary Wright               |
| Sara Lou Coyle      | Zoe Hathaway              | Brady Sessions             | Sheryl Wright             |
| John Craig          | Ann-Marie Henderson       | Mary Ann Shemwell          | The people of Ukraine     |
| Drew Dodson Family  | Kay Hunnel                | Wade Shemwell              | Survivors of gun violence |
| Jean Dooley         | Kay Hunter                | Linda Sirman and family    |                           |
| Deanna Dyck         | Elizabeth Ingram          | Angela Smith               |                           |
| Emily Eubanks       | Peggy Kirkland and family | Paul Smith                 |                           |
| Marcus Eubanks      | David Lewis               | Catherine Spaht            |                           |

We pray for those who serve and are served by The Renesting Project.

In the diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for St. Andrew's, Mer Rouge and Redeemer, Oak Ridge, the Very Rev. Dawnell Stodghill (Whit+); for Trinity, Tallulah and Grace, Lake Providence, the Rev. William Echols (Linda); for St. John's, Minden, the Rev. Wayne Carter; and for Grace, Monroe, the Rev. Donald Smith (Lloyd), Deacon Bette Jo Kauffman.

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## Lay Ministries

### **The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost: September 11, 2022**

Lectors: Melissa Fowle, Kirk Fontenot  
Prayers of the People: Kirk Fontenot  
Eucharistic Ministers: Holly McIntyre, Ginger Paul  
Acolyte: Steve Snodgrass  
Ushers: Tommie Sue Brooks, Becky Snodgrass  
Altar Guild: Tommie Sue Brooks, Becky Snodgrass

### **The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost: The Feast of the Holy Cross: September 18, 2022**

Lectors: Ginger Paul, David Richard  
Prayers of the People: David Richard  
Eucharistic Ministers: Robert Henley, Herschel Richard  
Acolyte: Lindy Jackson  
Ushers: Laura Wilkerson, Mike Wilkerson  
Altar Guild: Ginger Paul

Organist/Choirmaster Ben Gessner



## Service Music

### The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost: September 11, 2022

- Mass:** Decius, Proulx, and Hurd  
**Psalm 51:1-11:** Robert Knox Kennedy  
**Anthem:** Sheep may safely graze—J. S. Bach  
**Hymns:** 410 Lauda anima; 706 Halton Holgate; 469 St. Helena; 708 Sicilian Mariners;  
 645 St. Columba  
**Organ:** Elegy—C. H. H. Parry; *Nachtspiele* in D—A. Hesse

### The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost: The Feast of the Holy Cross: September 18, 2022

- Mass:** Decius, Proulx, and Hurd  
**Psalm 113:** 42: Tone VIII.2, *Land of Rest*, arr. B. Power; 43: Metrical setting, *St. Anne*  
**Hymn/Anthem:** Be thou my vision—Irish tune, arr. R. Shephard  
**Hymns:** 450 Coronation; 474 Rockingham; LEVAS 29 Near the Cross;  
 Gatta; 473 Crucifer  
**Organ:** *Qui tollis peccata mundi*—F. Couperin; *Allein Gott*, BWV 711—J. S. Bach

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## Holy Cross ECW News

### Holy Cross Pickle-making: CHANGE OF DATE

The dates have changed for the making of the pickles. It will take place on two days:  
**Wednesday, September 14, and Wednesday, September 28** at 10:00 am in the Undercroft.  
 Volunteers are needed and welcome! Also, if anyone has the wide-mouth pickle jars left  
 over from last year, please take them to the church.



### Fall Festival

The Fall Festival will be held Saturday, November 5, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm, and we will need help the  
 week before to set up. More information will be forthcoming about the need for baked goods and soup.  
 Meanwhile, it isn't too early to gather up new or gently-used items to donate for the bazaar. They include:

|         |             |                       |           |
|---------|-------------|-----------------------|-----------|
| Jewelry | Table linen | Scarves               | Nicknacks |
| China   | Flatware    | Yard art              | ?????     |
| Crystal | Pictures    | Handcrafted items     |           |
| Books   | Purses      | Christmas decorations |           |



Did you know that Louisiana is one of the intermediate points for people seeking refuge in our country? These immigrants enter LEGALLY, and after having been processed through ICE in the place where they were detained after entering, are given their papers and sent on their way. Most of them have family or sponsors here in the United States who are expecting them. They need help with making their contacts, and with arranging travel by bus or plane to their destination. Some need clothing, a place to stay overnight, or meals between their arrival here and their departure. The people entering our country in this way often have few, if any, resources beyond their backpacks and sometimes a little money.

Working through **Louisiana Advocates for Immigrants in Detention (Louisiana AID)**, The Church of the Highlands has initiated a ministry to welcome and help them. Most come from Mexico and Central or South America; some have come from Africa.

Volunteers are needed! Can you help with translating? Grocery shopping? Meals? Transportation to the airport or bus station? Can you contribute air miles, credit card points, or funds to provide these things?

Please pray for this ministry and ask God to lead you in the ways you might help. If you have ever been in a country where you knew little or none of the language, you can imagine the minds and emotions of people seeking refuge in the United States. For more information, please see below:

Facebook.com/LouisianaAID

Volunteer form: <https://tinyurl.com/LAAIDVol>

Louisiana Advocates for Immigrants in Detention: [www.laid.org](http://www.laid.org)

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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 **pods**, 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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The Rev. Kenneth W. Paul  
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