



# Crossings

Church of the Holy Cross ✠ Episcopal  
875 Cotton Street, Shreveport, Louisiana  
November 2, 2022

## Services (until further notice)

Please see calendar.

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## Time, Talent, and Treasure

Dear Holy Cross,

This year has been quite a roller coaster, I know, for many of us. But I am so thankful to be a member with all of you of a church that has worked so hard and dedicated itself to serving our neighborhood, and beyond, as well as our membership.

Each of you has contributed in some way to this endeavor, whether by volunteering your time, sharing your talents, or making a financial donation to the church's ministries. And this is what the Episcopal Church means when it talks about stewardship in its canons and teachings.

We, as a church, simply could not do what we do without everyone's involvement and help. I know we all love our priest and the church staff, but it's important to remember that *our individual ministries* within the church are just as important to our continued presence and service in this community.

And I'm proud of everyone here who has taken their time, talent, and treasure, and given them over to the service of the church for God's greater glory. And we have now reached the time of the year when we have to start planning for what we want to do next year. But before we can do that, we need to hear from you, our members, about your plans for 2023. How is God calling you to serve next year?

The way the Church has gauged this is by its members filling out a pledge card each year and making known what ministries they want to serve in.

Every member or member family should fill out a pledge card. Even if you think you don't have much to offer, or if you're unsure about what you can offer in 2023, we need to hear from you. A pledge card is an intention, not a sworn oath. And we hope that you will fill one out and return it to the church before November 15. Members of Holy Cross are incredibly faithful in giving of their time, talent, and treasure, but we've not always been the best at filling out pledge cards. However, this is changing!



For 2021 we received only about thirty pledge cards from our eighty or so members. For 2022, we received nearly sixty pledges, representing over eighty of our roughly ninety members. Our hope for 2023 is that we will receive pledges representing 100 percent of all 106 members.

When we talk about giving, it's important that we not think of giving as a percentage of our income. One reason for this is that we should give more than just money to the Church. Each Sunday we offer our "sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving," which we surely cannot break down into a percentage, and yet it is the greatest gift we can give.

It is much better to think of our gift to the church in two ways. One way is as an expression of gratitude for all the blessings of our lives. We go to church and receive communion because we are grateful to God for his gift to us, so we return thanks. We assist with our various ministries as a way of giving back to our community as thanks for its forming and shaping our lives. It's important that we show gratitude and become the kind of people for whom gratitude is a way of life.

The other way to think about our gift to the church is in terms of a sacrifice. When we offer the "sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving," we're giving our time, talent, and treasure to God and the Church. When we spend an hour at church, we can't spend that hour somewhere else. When we give money to the church, we can't spend it on something else. We have given up the opportunity to do something anything else, so that we can do something for the Church. We have sacrificed the other possibility in order to sanctify our gifts.

So when you ask the question, "How much should I give?" or "What ministries should I volunteer with?" or "What talents should I share?" the answer should not be a percentage. But ask yourself, "For what about Holy Cross am I thankful?" and then ask yourself, "What can I sacrifice to show my gratitude?" It might be that you give up going to restaurants on a certain night of the week and give that money to the church and use that time for prayer. It might be that you take one less vacation or buy fewer things. The possibilities are endless.

If you are particularly grateful for what a certain ministry does, you might consider giving your time to that ministry. Whether it be Hope House, the Villas, Eucharistic Ministers, or any of the other many ministries, your involvement is welcome. and if you approach ministry out of gratitude, you will find it even more enjoyable.

I think we all realize there is simply no way we can ever repay God for what God has done in our lives. Our offerings of time, talent, and treasure, are truly insufficient to repay our creator not only for the gift of life, but for the gift of Christ. But we have nonetheless been invited to share in the Kingdom of God, and our stewardship is but one way we participate as the People of God.

As 1 Peter says, "Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received." We are, each of us, stewards of gifts that God has given us. And we have been given our gifts to share with the world around us and with our fellow members of the Church. So consider what gifts you have been given, and imagine what ways your gifts can be used to help others.

So to summarize:

- ❖ Please turn in a pledge card, using the suggestions above. Our goal is a 100 percent return rate.
- ❖ Let us know of your possible areas of interest, e.g. gardening, altar guild, Sunday morning donuts, etc.
- ❖ Whatever your intended contribution, please let us know by turning in your pledge card by November 15, 2022. It can be placed in the offering plate, mailed to the church, or dropped off at the office. You can also pledge online by visiting our website: [www.churchholycross.org/stewardship](http://www.churchholycross.org/stewardship).

Thank you for your continued service and generosity,

The Stewardship Committee



## Calendar for November

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Saturdays	Evening Prayer, Rite II	6:00 pm	Online
Sundays	Holy Eucharist, Rite II	9:00 am	Chapel
	Parish Choir rehearsal	9:45 am	Nave
	Children's Sunday School	10:30 am	Education Building
	Holy Eucharist, Rite II	11:00 am	Nave
Mondays, Tuesdays	Evening Prayer, Rite II	6:00 pm	Online
Wednesdays	Book Club	10:30 am	Library
	Holy Eucharist, Rite II	Noon	Chapel
	Evening Prayer, Rite II	6:00 pm	Nave and online
Thursdays, Fridays	Evening Prayer, Rite II	6:00 pm	Online
Saturday, November 5	Fall Festival	10:00am-1:00 pm	Undercroft
Tuesday, November 15	Vestry meeting	6:00 pm	Library

## Prayer List

Steve Abramson Stella Rhea Bergman Ellen Dunlop Belote Mark Boydston Nikki Brown Mary Berth Margaret Boudreaux Sara Lou Coyle Drew Dodson Family Jean Dooley Deanna Dyck Jake Evans Floyd "Buzzy" Farrar Maggie Fowle	Wes Gearhart John August Gianforte Austin Gleason Richard Hadwin Sandra Hadwin Alisha Harkey Mike Hathaway Zoe Hathaway Ann-Marie Henderson Kay Hunnel Elizabeth Ingram Peggy Kirkland and family David Lewis Richard Liles	Maureen Locke Mim McCoy Della McCranie Michael McKenzie Jesse Paul Kelly Rutz Brady Sessions Mary Ann Shemwell Wade Shemwell Angela Smith Paul Smith Catherine Spaht Paul Spaht Robert Todd	Cynthia Walker Louis Wallace David Walsh Connie Wiggins Bill Wright Mary Wright Sheryl Wright The people of Ukraine Survivors of gun violence Those affected by Hurricane Ian
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We pray for those who serve and are served by The Philadelphia Center.

In the diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for St. James, Shreveport, the Rev. James Yazell (Kelsey);  
and for Holy Trinity, Sulphur, the Very Rev. Paul White (Marianne).

# Lay Ministries

## The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost, All Saints' Sunday: November 6, 2022

Lectors: Kirk Fontenot, Ginger Paul  
Prayers of the People: Mike Wilkerson  
Eucharistic Ministers: Holly McIntyre, Herschel Richard  
Acolyte: Robert Henley  
Ushers: Carolyn Mahlen, Donna Neal  
Altar Guild: Laura Wilkerson, Mike Wilkerson

## The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost: November 13, 2022

Lectors: Carolyn Mahlen, Pembroke Roeder  
Prayers of the People: Kirk Fontenot  
Eucharistic Ministers: Carolyn Mahlen, Lucie Thornton  
Acolyte: Grady Jackson  
Ushers: Tommie Sue Brooks, Bill Richard  
Altar Guild: Ginger Paul



## Service Music

### The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost, All Saints' Sunday: November 6, 2022

**Mass:** Rutter, Powell, and Berthier  
**Psalm 149:** Response—Mit Freuden zart; Plainsong, tone V.1  
**Anthem:** Blessed city, heav'nly Salem—13<sup>th</sup> c.; Plainsong, arr. Gessner  
**Hymns:** 287 Sine nomine; 518 Westminster Abbey; 624 Ewing; 293 Grand Isle;  
618 Lasst uns erfreuen  
**Organ:** Two Voluntaries in A minor—T. Weelkes; Fugue in D, BWV 532ii—J. S. Bach

### The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost: November 13, 2022

**Mass:** Rutter, Powell, and Berthier  
**Psalm 98:** Response—Song 1; Plainsong, tone I.2  
**Anthem:** Christ, whose glory fills the skies—T. Frederick Candlyn  
**Hymns:** 7 Rastibon; Gatta; 462 York; 615 St. Flavian; 601 St. Michael  
**Organ:** Pastorale (Psalm 23:1)—P. Whitlock; *Nun danket alle Gott*—S. Karg-Elert



# FALL FESTIVAL

**This Saturday, November 5  
10:00 am – 1:00 pm  
in the Undercroft**

Would you like to do some early Christmas shopping? Come to our Fall Festival, and choose from a wide assortment of china, glassware, clothing, purses, jewelry, Christmas ornaments, books, kitchen gadgets, and so much more. It's a great time to visit with friends and neighbors while you shop. We hope to see you there!



## **Do you love to grow veggies?**

Would you like to grow veggies in the **Holy Cross Seeds to Success** vegetable garden behind the church? Our friends Dennis and Cindy Murray have been in charge of making the decisions for the garden for more than ten years, and have been working in the garden as well, along with other friends. However, they are needing to take a step back from the planning and decisions, while continuing with the week-to-week caretaking.

Holy Cross is searching for a head gardener. Responsibilities include choosing the veggies and herbs to plant each season, seeing that the seeds are on hand at the right time, and helping to line up planters, weeders, and waterers (some of whom are already in place). If you or a team of you would like to try it out for a season, Cindy and Dennis are happy to be resources for you. Call Laurie in the church office if you're interested in giving it a try!

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

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