

January, 2011



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

## The Canticle

THE  
EPISCOPAL  
CHURCH  
WELCOMES YOU

### *From the Dean...*

#### Real Presence

“In the darkness, a fire is kindled.” Earlier this year, I wrote that this rubric from the Easter Vigil is my favorite sentence in the Prayer Book.

There is a primal aspect of our human nature that draws us inescapably toward the flickering flame as it dances before us: dangerous, mysterious, and alive.

It is no accident that our principal symbol of resurrection is the Paschal Candle which burns for the great 50 days between Easter and Pentecost.

For more than 2000 years, followers of our risen Lord have devoted their best efforts and deepest creativity to the task of telling our story. The Christian Gospel, or “good news” is centered on God’s sacred mysteries: his love for his creation, and relentless desire to win and redeem our wandering hearts.

At every celebration of the Holy Eucharist, we invite God into our midst and he is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. This action was beautifully captured by John Donne (1572–1631): “He was the Word that spake it; He took the bread and brake it; And what that Word did make it; I do believe and take it” (Divine Poems. On the Sacrament).

The various Christian bodies differ about the nature of the Eucharist. Anglicans subscribe to the doctrine of the “Real Presence” which affirms that Christ is tangibly, albeit mysteriously, present in the consecrated bread and wine. We do not simply consume a memorial meal, but the holy food and drink of new and unending life in God.

In response to the transformation that comes from being fed at the Holy Table, we at Christ Church Cathedral seek to live into our vocation as a Real Presence in our community.

There are hundreds of people within a three mile radius of our front doors who live lives of quiet desperation. People who have never heard the Gospel, and others who have heard a cold, lifeless distortion of it.

For the last several months, the clergy and program directors have been working with a team of parishioners to imagine ways that we can more effectively invite these folks to enter into our beautiful space and receive the warmth and light of the Gospel.

Beginning on the first Sunday in Lent, March 13, we will launch a new 6 PM Sunday service called “Real Presence.” I use the term “new” with caution, because this service fully embraces our tradition. It will be a celebration of the Eucharist with an emphasis on engaging the senses in different ways than we do at our morning services. There will be less emphasis on the written word, and more opportunities to engage the salvation story through meditation music and movement. Nothing radical; my challenge to the planning team is to create a 45 minute, child-friendly Eucharistic liturgy that will feed the souls of those across the spectrum of religious experience and evoke the sense of deep inner peace that we experience during the singing of the Psalms at 10 AM.

Oh, and yes, literally and figuratively, in the darkness many fires will be kindled.

**LECTIONARY TEXTS  
(Sunday Readings)**

January 2

Jeremiah 31:7-14  
Psalm 84  
Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19a  
Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

January 9

Isaiah 42:1-9  
Psalm 29  
Acts 10:34-43  
Matthew 3:13-17

January 16

Isaiah 49:1-7  
Psalm 40:1-12  
1 Corinthians 1:1-9  
John 1:29-42

January 23

Isaiah 9:1-4  
Psalm 27:1, 5-13  
1 Corinthians 1:10-18  
Matthew 4:12-23

January 30

Micah 6:1-8  
Psalm 15  
1 Corinthians 1:18-31  
Matthew 5:1-12

EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF LOUISIANA

The Right Reverend Morris K. Thompson, Jr., *Bishop*

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

The Very Reverend David A. duPlantier, *Dean*  
The Reverend Steven M. Roberts, *Canon*  
The Reverend Mary E. Koppel, *Canon*  
The Reverend William C. Morris, Jr., *Theologian in Residence*  
The Reverend W. Gedge Gayle, Jr., *Priest Associate*  
The Venerable Priscilla G. Maumus, *Deacon*  
Ms. Laurie Bailey, *Director of Christian Formation & Communications*  
Mr. Jarrett Follette, *Director of Music & Organist*  
Ms. Linda Nelson, *Director of Advent House*  
Mr. Chris Speed, *Parish Administrator*  
Ms. Carol Butcher, *Executive Assistant to the Dean*  
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Ms. Karen Landry, *Nursery Worker*  
Ms. Jeanette Gilmore-Burrell *Nursery Worker*

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The Reverend S. Chad Jones  
Mr. David R. Pitts  
The Reverend E. Mark Stevenson

VESTRY

2011

Les Bradfield (Senior Warden)  
Jennifer Buckley (Secretary)  
Jan Carr, Henry Jackson

2013

Bill Forman,  
Mary Baldwin Kennedy  
Boyd Fink

2012

Kathy Boyd,  
Liz Glidewell (Treasurer),  
Jay Miller (Junior Warden)

2014

René Dupaquier,  
Earl Moreau.  
David O'Leary

*The Canticle*

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**Please decide which method is best for you and then let us know your preference by either calling the church office 895-6602 or e-mailing [suzettefollette@cccnola.org](mailto:suzettefollette@cccnola.org). Many thanks for your help.**

I publish the Banns of Marriage between Whitney Ann Mabry and Hunter John Drackett.

If any of you know just cause why they may not be joined together in Holy Matrimony, you are bidden to declare it.

~ *The Very Rev. David duPlantier, Dean*

Submissions for the Canticle are always welcome. The **deadline** for articles is the middle of each month.

***Items for the February issue are due January 15.***

Please e-mail submissions to [lauriebailey@cccnola.org](mailto:lauriebailey@cccnola.org)

Sunday bulletin announcements should be submitted

**before noon on Tuesdays** to [lauriebailey@cccnola.org](mailto:lauriebailey@cccnola.org) and copied to [suzettefollette@cccnola.org](mailto:suzettefollette@cccnola.org)



## HOLIDAY PARTY

Friday, January 7

5:30 - 7:30 PM

Bill & Olive Forman's home

5301 Camp Street

*Adults only, please.*

*Sunday School  
Christian Formation*

*For All Ages (3 years - adults)  
Meets at 9 AM Sunday Mornings.  
Classes will not meet on January 2.  
On January 9, join us for a Pancake  
Breakfast and Epiphany Pageant in  
Stuart Hall at 9 AM.*



**CHURCH OFFICE SCHEDULE**

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1 - Closed  
9:30 AM Mass will be celebrated in  
the Chapel.

MONDAY, JANUARY 3 - Closed  
12:15 PM Mass will be celebrated in  
the Chapel.

MONDAY, JANUARY 17 - Closed  
12:15 PM Mass will be celebrated in  
the Chapel.



*Sunday School Kick Off, Part 2  
'Back to Church' Pancake Breakfast &  
Epiphany Pageant  
Sunday, January 9  
9 AM Stuart Hall*

Don't miss the fun on January 9th as we return to Christian Formation offerings on Sunday morning after our holiday break. Hot pancakes will be served with ham and fresh fruit.

The costume box will be brought out for an impromptu Epiphany Pageant. We'll need the Holy Family, shepherds, angels, wise men and narrators. Please plan to take part.



If you can bring a bowl of fresh fruit, please sign up on one of the sheets in the back of the cathedral, chapel or posted on the bulletin board. See you Sunday, January 9th!



## Greetings from Advent House:

Many thanks to our Advent House Sunday guest preacher, The Rev. Dr. Minka Sprague. Her message on welcoming everyone was very timely for this season of preparation.



I would remind you that in your bulletin on December 12 was a contribution envelope for Advent House. This is the time of year that you are asked to contribute to the program ministry of Advent House. Please make your check out to Christ Church Cathedral with Advent House on the "for" line of the check.

- I will be presenting a brief workshop on Dreams at the Sunday "Coffee Hour Class". We will look at why dreams are given importance in scripture and how to look at and learn from your own Dreams. This will be an information class and handouts will be available.
- The Book Club is taking a holiday break. We will gather again from 1 to 2:30 PM on Mondays beginning Monday, January 24. We will listen to and discuss a series of four recorded lectures from a conference held at Millsap's College. The presenter is Bishop Jack Spong. Come prepared to be challenged and to participate in a lively discussion. All are welcome to come.
- Advent House Dream Group will reconvene the first Monday in January (3rd) and the first Monday thereafter each month. You do not have to have great knowledge of dreams, simply come and share in the discussion of those willing to share. The discussions are based on the book Natural Spirituality by Joyce Rockwood Hudson.

All groups listed above will meet at Advent House; 1637 7th Street (on the corner of 7th and Carondelet Streets behind the Cathedral). Questions, comments or concerns? Call Linda Nelson at 504-895-0553 or email Linda at LHN@aristotle.net.

May the peace of the Lord be with each of you in this new and exciting year to come.

Linda Nelson  
Director of Advent House  
"A ministry of Christ Church Cathedral"



Thanks to all who continue to donate disposable cups and plates. The Mission anticipates feeding 22,000 meals to hungry men, women and children and providing 72,000 nights of safe shelter for needy people in the next twelve months. If you wish to do more for the homeless and hungry, you can donate online at [www.NewOrleansMission.org](http://www.NewOrleansMission.org). Your gift will be used to care for people in need all year long!



### COFFEE HOUR CLASS

The Coffee Hour Class is an adult offering that meets from 11:30 to 12 noon in the Martin Room. A ringing bell calls people to class. You are more than welcome to take refreshments with you into class. The Nurturing Center remains open during class so parents may attend. Watch the bulletin announcements for upcoming topics:



## VESTRY NOMINATIONS FOR 2011

A Nominating Committee has been appointed by the Dean to select a slate of candidates for the election of Vestry members to be held at the annual meeting of Christ Church Cathedral parish on Sunday, March 13, 2011. Three new Vestry members will be elected to fill positions vacated by those whose terms of service will be expiring. Members of the Nominating Committee are Les Bradfield, chair; Alan Brackett; Jennifer Buckley and Jan Carr. Biographies of all nominees will be published in the February Canticle.

In compliance with the Cathedral Charter, the congregation is reminded of the following provisions:

### ARTICLE V. SECTION III, (b):

“Notice of the appointment of the members of the committee and a copy of this Section III of Article V of the Charter shall be mailed to qualified voters no later than forty-five days before the Annual Meeting. Candidates may be suggested to the nominating committee: additionally, not later than ten days before the Annual Meeting, ten qualified voters of the Corporation may submit a petition to the nominating committee to place in nomination the name of a person eligible for election to the Vestry. Not less than twenty days prior to the Annual Meeting the committee shall cause to be mailed to all qualified voters the names and brief biographies of all nominees for membership on the Vestry, whether nominated by committee or by petition. In the event that further nominations are made, either by petition or committee, less than twenty days prior to the Annual Meeting, the committee shall make every reasonable effort to provide the names and biographies of the additional nominees to all qualified voters prior to the annual meeting. At the Annual Meeting no nominations shall be permitted from the floor. The names of all candidates nominated by the committee or by petition, if the nominees are different, shall be placed on a written ballot and distributed at the Annual Meeting to the qualified voters.”

“(c) Nominees for membership on the Vestry shall be elected by the qualified voters of the Corporation at each Annual Meeting. All elections of Vestrymen shall be conducted by written ballot and shall be under the supervision of their supervisors of election, who shall be qualified voters of the Corporation, other than members of the Vestry, and who shall be appointed by the Dean at the Annual Meeting. Those nominees receiving the greatest number of votes shall be elected to fill the vacancies. For all nominees receiving such equal number of votes to be elected, the balloting shall continue between such nominees until the tie be broken and the necessary plurality be obtained.”

### ARTICLE IV

I. “The membership of this Corporation shall consist of those persons whose names are now, or may hereafter be entered, on the Parish Register of the Corporation as a result of baptism, transfer, reception, or confirmation.”

II. “The voters of this Corporation at annual and other meetings of the Corporation shall possess those qualifications as may from time to time be set forth in the Canons of the Diocese of Louisiana.” [See below]

III. “The Parish Register of the Corporation shall be final and conclusive in all respects as to membership in the Corporation; and the books of the Treasurer of the corporation shall be conclusive as to the contributions of members, requisite to suffrage.”

### CANON 19, SECTION 2:

“Those entitled to vote at an annual parish meeting shall be communicants in good standing of the Parish who are at least eighteen (18) years of age, and who have been contributors of record toward the support of the parish during the six (6) months next preceding the meeting.”



**University Singers from  
The University of Virginia**  
Monday, January 10  
7 o'clock in the evening

A ninety voice choir will present pieces from Britten, Lauridsen, Biebl, and Eric Whitacre. Please help spread the word and be sure to bring a friend to the concert.

**WGSO 990AM**

Christ Church Cathedral  
Sunday Morning 10 AM Service  
Live Broadcast on  
WGSO 990 AM Radio.  
Online streaming and downloadable  
podcast at [www.wgso.com](http://www.wgso.com)  
These broadcasts are underwritten in part by  
St. Martin's Episcopal School

## Celebrate Your Baptism!

It is good to remember one's baptism with a special celebration or by simply saying a prayer. In an effort to help us all remember our baptism, we print a list of baptismal anniversaries monthly. Like the birthday list, our records may not be complete. If the anniversary of your baptism isn't listed, please call the church office and let us know the date.

Parents, a baptismal anniversary is a great time to celebrate with your children. Pull out pictures, their baptismal candle or towel and talk about what happened on that special day.

Kyle Del Hierro 1/1  
Peter Dorsett 1/1  
David Estes 1/1  
Lynn Finch 1/1  
Berry St. John 1/1  
Addison Dodson 1/7  
David O'Leary 1/7  
Meagan LeBlanc 1/8  
Sam Schieffelin 1/8  
Avery Wegmann 1/8  
Adalyn Wilson 1/8  
O'Hara Pejic 1/10  
Andrew Shofstahl 1/10  
Brant Walterman 1/10  
William Bisso V 1/11  
Alexander Dadukian 1/11  
Marlene Dadukian 1/11  
Kimberly Nichols 1/11  
Dirk Tillman 1/17



Helena Lazich 1/11  
Estella Parker 1/11  
Brian O'Leary 1/22



**Second Harvest Food Bank**  
Greater New Orleans and Acadiana

### Fill the Wagon!

Let's fill our red wagon on Sunday morning with high protein food items for the Food Bank. Non-perishable canned items like peanut butter, soups/stews, canned fruits/vegetables, canned meats (chicken, beef, ham), tuna fish, chili, cereal, hot cereals (grits, oatmeal), beans, juice, rice, pasta, & shelf stable milk.



## THE DEAN'S TEAM

*A behind-the-scenes look at the work of the Cathedral staff.*

**Ms. Linda Hoover Nelson**  
Director of Advent House



What better recipient could there be of the Service to Mankind Award, presented each year by the SERTOMA Clubs of America than our Director of Advent House, Linda Nelson? It is well-deserved, as Linda has taken more than seventy continuing education courses on such topics as: spiritual direction, theology, human development, psychological health, life planning, conflict resolution, mediation and goal setting to name but a few. As anyone who has sat in a meeting where she is present will attest, Linda's training in in-depth listening is a rare and much appreciated skill.

As the Mission Statement of Advent House reads, it "provides spiritual direction, guidance, hospitality and friendship for clergy, their families, and lay people" making the Director's job an interesting and at times challenging one. In addition to planning events and "quiet days" Linda's full schedule includes retreats, conferences, discussion groups, the book group and the dream group and she is counselor to the Cathedral Staff. Linda comes to us from Little Rock, Arkansas where she and her pilot husband Mike still have a home.

### ***Christian Yoga***

**Mondays at 5:45 PM**

Relaxing yoga moves are followed by stretching and breathing exercises ending with a bible meditation.

No prior experience needed.

Enter off St. Charles Avenue  
(office door)

Good Shepherd atrium  
(end of hallway)

We will not meet January 3 or 17.



## So, Who Are You, Anyway?

*A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices,  
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.*

*O Holy Night,*

Words: Placide Cappeaule Roquemarque, trans. John Sullivan Dwight

Music: Adolphe Charles Adams



Several times each coffee hour, I am asked, “So, when are you going to be ordained?” “When are you going to become a priest?” So I thought I’d give you a little more information about who deacons are called to be and how we function in the church.

While deacons and priests are both ordained, and while priests pass through a brief stage (usually the six months or so preceding ordination to priesthood) called the transitional diaconate, our calls are very different.

I think of priests as the door to the tabernacle, acting as mediators between heaven and earth, consecrating the bread and wine in the Eucharist, uniquely charged with conferring God’s blessing and absolution. Deacons, on the other hand, are the door to the church. We open the doors to invite in the needy, the neglected and forgotten and to send out the congregation to address those needs and bind up those wounds.

While all orders (bishops, priests, deacons, and lay people) do this, deacons are especially charged with helping the congregation connect Sunday with Monday. If you look at our role in the liturgy, you will see we are messengers, facilitators, and motivators.

First, we proclaim the Gospel, the Good News, or, as the hymn says, “the thrill of hope” to the weary world. Notice, it’s not just to us in the pews, who may ourselves be weary or wanting, but to the world.

Second, we introduce the Prayers of the People (this will begin at Epiphany for this congregation). These represent the needs of the world and of ourselves.

Third, we receive the gifts from the people at the Offertory. Think about it. These gifts aren’t simply what God made -- grain and grapes. They are what we make of what God gave us. We are presenting them back to God.

Fourth, we elevate the chalice at the invitation to Communion, reminding all of us that God has transformed the gifts we have offered into the gift of Himself.

Lastly, we dismiss the congregation with a charge to remember why we gathered for this meal. This is not just about being fed. It is a working lunch with the Boss. We have a job to do, “Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.” It is up to us all by our words, but, most importantly, by our actions and service, to do our part *every day of every week* to make sure the weary world feels the thrill of hope and to usher in the new and glorious morn of the Kingdom come.

Today, that part could be listening to someone with a sore heart, even if you’ve heard the story before and have no solution for the problem. It could be giving a co-worker who is stuck on a project a helpful tip or resource. It could be volunteering for an outreach project at the Cathedral such as the Choir School or at a project in the diocese such as St. Anna’s Medical Van or a community project which serves the poor and under-served such as Luke’s Place, which feeds and gives medical care.

The point is, *it is always something*. Every day we are all called to live in discernment about what God is calling us to do to show the light and hope of his presence to the world.

The deacon is there to remind us all that what we do on Monday through Saturday is what we are called to present to God on Sunday.

*Priscilla Maumus*

### *FROM THE THEOLOGIAN IN RESIDENCE:*

#### TWELFTH NIGHT

The Christian feast of the Nativity, celebrated on December 25, begins a twelve day festival season which ends, predictably, on the twelfth day, January 5. The evening of January 5, is commonly referred to as Twelfth Night. The feast of the Epiphany, celebrated on January 6, inaugurates a distinct season in the Christian year.

*William Morris+*





## Coffee Hour Ministry

Keep up our reputation for surpassing hospitality by volunteering for Coffee

Hour. A new schedule has been posted. Please check the sign up sheet in Stuart Hall and grab a date before they are all gone! You can always grab a couple of friends and host together to defray the cost. Or perhaps you don't want to provide food but you could help with setting the food out on the tables; that's a ministry as well. For additional information/volunteer, contact Kathy Boyd, 891-1360 or kboydaj@yahoo.com.

December Coffee hour Contributors:

Advent House Board

Pudney Pointer

Frances Beverly

Marsha Malloy

Carol Butcher

Ted duCharm

Jack Anderson

Liz Glidewell

Many thanks to all!



Did you know that the office has Philander Chase ornaments and bookmarks as well as note cards featuring our stained glass windows and a lovely print of the cathedral for sale? Well, we do. These items make nice gifts. Samples with prices are on the bulletin board outside the church office.

Also-

Symmetry Jewellers at 8138 Hampson Street sells a beautiful Philander Chase cross necklace in various sizes cast in your choice of sterling, yellow gold or white gold. Symmetry makes a donation to the Cathedral for each one sold. Call Symmetry at 861-9925 for more information or check out the flyer posted on the bulletin boards to see details.



*We wish a very Happy Birthday to all those born in January. If your name isn't listed, we don't have your date of birth in our records. Please call the church office and we'll be sure to wish you a Happy Birthday next year.*

Joseph Bisso  
Yvonne Browning  
Harlan Bush  
Carol Butcher  
Ricky Dunn  
Jewel Faust  
Spring Gaines  
Kendall Genre  
Jackie Gunter  
Kacie Hardy  
Michael Holt  
Tirzah Howard  
Sandy Jackson

Jen Jones  
James Jones IV  
Samuel Kellum  
Riley Kirkpatrick  
Tim Kirkpatrick  
Michael Martin  
Alice McKay  
Judson Mitchell III  
Richard Moreland  
Sarah Morris  
Mike Nelson  
Andy Pierce  
Patricia Schoenbrun

Vicki Shofstahl  
Andrew Spangenberg  
Laurie St. Paul  
Chris Waltermann  
Robin Werner  
Lucille Whitley  
Charles Ziegler



WHITHER THE ANGLICAN COVENANT?

THE ANGLICAN COVENANT is a proposal which purports to strengthen the Anglican Communion by helping us be clearer about our faith, more intentional about our relationships, and more disciplined in our ways of dealing with disagreements.

IT WAS FIRST PROPOSED in 2004, and has been earnestly backed by the Archbishop of Canterbury. However, the process of formulating the Covenant has been fraught with problems. For a while, the idea was hijacked by conservatives, who welcomed it as a potential means for controlling the Communion, and the proposal became bogged down in church politics. That, in turn, influenced the several revisions of its text, which has been tweaked so much that it has lost whatever rhetorical appeal it might once have had. It is pedestrian, and there is little in it that has not already been better expressed elsewhere.

MORE CONTROVERSIAL is the Covenant's intention to alter Anglican tradition and practice limiting the autonomy of member provinces in doctrine and discipline. It requires that anything different or controversial must obtain something like a communion-wide consensus before it can be enacted or accepted. Member churches that refuse to submit to this process of peer mentoring may find themselves assigned to second-class status in the Communion, or, perhaps, kicked out altogether. Enforcement will come through the already-extant four 'instruments of communion': the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Lambeth Conference of Bishops, the Anglican Consultative Council, and the Primates' Meeting.

MAJOR QUESTIONS lurk there: Should a world wide Communion always be headed by a bishop appointed by the British crown? Of the four instruments of communion, only the Anglican Consultative Council has lay members. All the others consist entirely of bishops. Should the Communion be subject to bishops acting unilaterally and with little accountability? That is customary in some parts of the Anglican Communion, but the American Church, among others, thinks it is in principle a bad idea.

ADOPTION seems to be being rushed: The present draft has been declared to be 'final', but most of the Communion has not yet formally considered it, so by what warrant is it final? The limits it would place on provincial autonomy would change us from a communion into a union, with rules about how to stay in good standing--and, given the range of theological opinion in world-wide Anglicanism, adoption of the Covenant would almost certainly result in the punishment or expulsion of the American and Canadian Churches over the issues of sexuality and the ordination of women. So speed is suspect.

NOT SURPRISINGLY, there is organized opposition to the Covenant. Opponents declare that the Covenant would change the character of Anglicanism, savage reform efforts, and impede the development of Anglican thought.

WHAT IS SURPRISING, however, is that opposition to the Covenant has also developed among conservatives, specifically in the provinces of Kenya, Nigeria, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda, West Africa, and among other members of the Global Anglican Futures Conference (GAFCON), a conservative alternative to the Lambeth Conference. They object that the language of the Covenant is vague and insufficiently biblical, and that it does not expressly disallow homosexuality, the ordination of homosexuals, and gay marriage. Some would also want a repudiation of the ordination of women.

IT IS HARD TO TELL if the Covenant has much of a future. It is being attacked from both right and left, and even the center is wishy-washy. Some of those in the Church of England's General Synod, which voted to send it to the English dioceses for study, did so more to be supportive of the Archbishop of Canterbury than because they are taken by the idea. If the luke-warm center deserts, the Covenant is probably toast. That would probably be a good thing. Stay tuned!

*William Morris+*

## HOLY BAPTISM

10 o'clock service on  
January 9, 2011  
The Baptism of Our Lord

Please contact Canon Roberts  
or Canon Koppel for more  
information.



## Altar Flower Donations

If you would like to order flowers for the cathedral or chapel to honor or memorialize your loved ones, please sign up on the Flower Sign-up sheet in Stuart Hall or E-mail Sue Blankingship at [wyattpump1@aol.com](mailto:wyattpump1@aol.com) or call 885-0773.

## DIOCESAN RETREAT FOR MEN & WOMEN BECOMING HUMAN; OPENING TO GOD

Leader: The Very Rev. John Senette  
January 21-23, 2011  
The Solomon Episcopal Conference Center - Robert, LA

Jesus was born divine and human in Bethlehem, but freely chose our humanity on the Mount of Temptation. We are born human, but must constantly choose to become who we are. Unlike Jesus we grasp at divinity, never really owning our humanity. How does one embrace the poverty of humanity?

This silent retreat explores the ultimate call to become human, experiencing breathing, eating, walking and thinking. I believe that the practice of awareness in these ordinary ways is what makes us truly human. Ironically it is in the poverty of becoming who we really are that we perceive the gift of The Presence given us at baptism.



### *Should I attend?*

If I can arrive on Friday evening at the beginning of the retreat and leave on Sunday afternoon at the end of it; If I can give up communication with my business associates, my friends, and my family for a weekend; If I can leave my work at home and focus on the call of God; *Then I should consider coming.*

Retreats sponsored by the Diocese of Louisiana follow the traditional model of silent, meditative retreats. The retreat begins on Friday, January 21, 2011 with supper at 6:30 PM and will go through lunch on Sunday, January 23, 2011. During the weekend there will be several meditations. In addition, private spiritual direction sessions may be scheduled. Retreatants are free and encouraged to take full advantage of the scenic grounds of the Solomon Center for walking, meditating, meditative (quiet) fishing, reading, and relaxing. Attendance at meditations, voluntary spiritual direction and all aspects of the Retreat are optional.

The cost for the retreat weekend is \$235, including six meals and two nights lodging in private bedrooms (single occupancy unless requested otherwise). A non-refundable deposit of \$100 is required.

Registration forms and online registration are available at [www.solomoncenter.org](http://www.solomoncenter.org) or send name, address, phone number, Church name, special dietary requirements, and a \$100 deposit check to:  
SECC

54296 Highway 445  
Loranger, LA, 70446



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*THANK YOU...* to the Flower Guild for the beautiful flowers on Christmas Eve. Each year this talented group of ladies transforms our already lovely worship space into something even more beautiful. This is by no means an easy task; it takes hours of work. Thank you again to all those who helped with the transformation.

*THANK YOU...* to the Altar Guild. This devoted group routinely sets up and cleans up the altar for all services, makes sure that all that is needed for the Eucharist is at hand and maintains the altar linens. Thank you for all that you do in your ministry.



Dear Rev. DuPlantier + Mr. Speed -

Thank you for the financial assistance your church provided in covering burial expenses for Richard Gumm. The unexpected assistance was of great help during our sadness over the loss of Richard. We also appreciate the efforts of Ms. Grace Williamson

in obtaining this most helpful assistance, and have noticed her as well.

It gave my family a wonderful feeling knowing that there are still good people doing God's work for those in times of need. Thank you again for your generosity and kindness. Please convey our appreciation to your congregation. Yours in spirituality,  
Peter Bell + family

# The Canticle

## January, 2011

### Important Upcoming Events



January 1: Church Office Closed

9:30 AM Mass will be celebrated in the Chapel.

January 2: Regular Sunday Services at

7:30 AM, 10 AM & 6 PM

No Christian Formation Classes

January 3: Church Office Closed

12:15 PM Mass will be celebrated in the Chapel.

January 6: The Feast of the Epiphany ~ 12:15 PM Mass in Chapel

January 7: Holiday Party, 5:30 - 7:30 PM

Bill & Olive Forman's home

January 9: Sunday School Kick Off, *Part 2*

Pancake Breakfast & Epiphany Pageant

9 AM in Stuart Hall

January 10: Concert ~ University Singers, UVA - 7 PM

January 17: Church Office Closed

12:15 PM Mass will be celebrated in the Chapel.

January 21-23: Silent Retreat for Men & Women

Solomon Episcopal Conference Center

Leader: The Rev. John Senette

*(see page 10 inside for more information)*

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