

# From The Dean . . .

Lent is *fast* approaching

There are still several weeks until the season of Lent begins. The first day of Lent is Ash Wednesday, occurring this year on February 26, and the season lasts through Good Friday. These two significant days in the liturgical life are unique as well because according to the calendar of the church year (in the Prayer Book on Page 17), these are the two days of the year designed to be fasts.



Many faithful life-long Episcopalians are surprised when they learn that we have fast days on our calendar, and it is helpful to clarify what we mean by this term.

In the ancient world feasts and fasts were common in most religions. Still today both Islam and Judaism observe ritual fasts. Controlling, limiting or changing our eating patterns are a vivid way to remind us of the fact that all of our human needs are met by God, our creator.

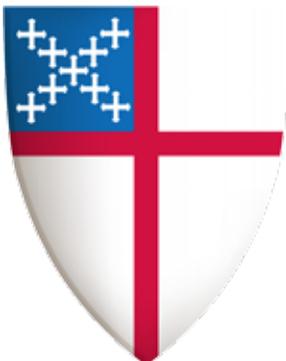
Our own tradition allows a broad range of interpretation of the notion of the fast. Some among us observe the practice of taking nothing by mouth from sundown on the eve of the fast until sundown on that day. Others are less stringent and simply make a point of simplifying their diets on these days of special observance. The main point is to consider one's lifestyle and what is practical and possible that will have the desired effect of making these particular solemn days different than the other 363 days of the year.

The entire penitential season of Lent, bracketed by these two fast days, is designed as a season of discipline and self-denial. All Fridays in Lent (in fact most Fridays of the year) are considered days of special devotion, because every Friday is a reflection of the one on which Our Lord Jesus Christ stretched out his arms of love on the hard wood of the cross.

Consider taking some time during the Carnival Season between now and Ash Wednesday to determine for yourself the best way to honor the special opportunities offered to us by the great fast days of Lent.

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## Parade Sundays



### Sunday, February 16

8:00 ~ The Holy Eucharist (Chapel)  
10:00 ~ The Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
No Coffee Hour  
No Real Presence

### Sunday, February 23

8:00 ~ The Holy Eucharist (Chapel)  
9:00 ~ The Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
No Nursery  
No Coffee Hour  
No Real Presence

## Road Closure on February 9

*The Rock N Roll Marathon will be run on Sunday, February 9. Saint Charles Avenue will be blocked as you make your way to church. Please leave early and plan an alternate route.*

**LECTIONARY TEXTS**

(Sunday Readings)

**February 2**

Malachi 3:1-4  
Psalm 84  
Hebrews 2:14-18  
Luke 2:22-40

**February 9**

Isaiah 58:1-9a  
Psalm 112  
1 Corinthians 2:1-12  
Matthew 5:13-20

**February 16**

Deuteronomy 30:15-20  
Psalm 119:1-8  
1 Corinthians 3:1-9  
Matthew 5:21-37

**February 23**

Exodus 24:12-18  
Psalm 99  
2 Peter 1:16-21  
Matthew 17:1-9



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2020

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Laura Brown (Secretary),  
Karen Whitfield

2021

John Sibal (Junior Warden),  
Jethro Celestin, Borden Wallace

2022

Justin Allen, Melissa Montero,  
Jennifer O'Brien-Brown (Treasurer)

2023

Les Leathem, Charles Meade,  
Judson Mitchell

**Weekly Liturgies**

*Sundays*

8:00 AM ~ The Holy Eucharist (Spoken)  
1928 Prayer Book

10:00 AM ~ The Holy Eucharist (Sung)  
Rite II (Rite I in Lent)

6:00 PM ~ The Holy Eucharist (Sung)  
Real Presence

*Weekdays (M-F)*

12:15 PM ~ The Holy Eucharist

*Saturdays*

9:30 AM ~ The Holy Eucharist (Spoken)  
Rite II

**WGSO 990AM**

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Broadcasts underwritten in part by  
St. Martin's Episcopal School.

Hermes Parade Party Fundraiser  
Stuart Hall  
Friday, February 21



Sixth Street entrance  
to Stuart Hall

Doors Open at 5:30 PM

All are invited to the annual Hermes Parade Party! Please bring friends.  
There are three beautiful uptown parades that night:

Krewe of Hermes	Krewe d'Etat	Krewe of Morpheus
5:30 PM	6:30 PM	7:00 PM

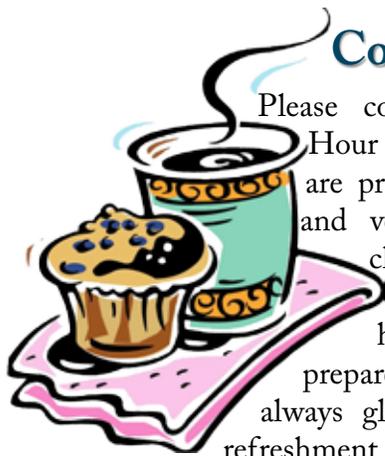
So come out, have a great meal, hear some fabulous music, catch some beads and raise money for a worthy cause. A new option this year, in addition to great wine, is a selection of craft beer. Stuart Hall will remain open until 9:00 PM for food, fellowship and clean bathrooms. We hope to see you there! (Please speak to Nick Montero if you wish to park in the lot. Space is extremely limited.)

We need your help to make the fund-raiser a success. Please sign up to bring a batch of your favorite spaghetti sauce, a loaf of bread, a bag of salad mix, a King Cake, or some soft drinks. Sign up sheets are posted on the main bulletin board leading to Stuart Hall. Volunteers are also needed to fill a variety of jobs; decorating crew, kitchen helpers, ticket takers, drink servers, food runners and cleanup crew. And if you would like to underwrite the cost of the event, donations will be gladly accepted. Just note "Hermes Parade" on your check. Thanks for your support! Our thanks go to Nick & Melissa Montero for coordinating this event. Please contact them for more information [4melissamontero@gmail.com](mailto:4melissamontero@gmail.com)

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## Coffee Hour



Please consider hosting Coffee Hour one Sunday. Drinks are provided by the cathedral and volunteers provide their choice of food. Host with a friend or two. If you have no time to shop and prepare food, donations are always gladly accepted. Back-up refreshment supplies are low and contributions are welcome. For additional information or to volunteer, contact the Hospitality Committee (co-chairs Annette Figueroa & Judith Loudon).

In recent months, many members of the cathedral have contributed to the Coffee Hour. We thank each of you: Eben McClenahan, Kelly DeMarco, John and Lisa

Sibal, Meryl and Boyd Fink, Acolytes, Sheila Julien, Daughters of the King, Pam Lanaux, Troy Buttone, Sarah and Liam Whalen, Carmody Family, Betty Foster, Karla duPlantier, Sara Wallace, Buckley Family, Nick and Melissa Montero, The Bracketts, Advent House.

Also, we want to thank the members of the Hospitality Committee: Meryl Fink, Kathy Boyd, Barbara Mangum, Sandy Jackson, Linda Belletto, Pamela McCall, Shelia Julien, and Vicki Moreland. If others want to volunteer for Coffee Hour, please sign-up on the board in Stuart Hall.

*Annette Figueroa and Judith Loudon  
Co-Chairs of The Hospitality Committee  
Many thanks to all!*

# Lenten Study Program

*The Reverend Canon David Lowry, Ph.D*

On April 1, 2020 the 50th anniversary of Earth Day will be commemorated around much of the world. In the fifty years since Earth Day was created most scientists have concurred that the 'health' of our planet has deteriorated because the average surface of the earth has risen substantially. However, the reasons for the precipitous rise in the surface temperature continue to be debated.

Those who believe that the climate crisis is 'man-made' call upon forces of society—including religious communities—to come to the fore on the need to curb the green-house gasses to limit warming. Others (including a minority of scientists) disagree, without making alternative proposals to help protect earth's environment. Christian denominations—as well as our Jewish sisters and brothers—have weighed in on the issue and Pope Francis' first encyclical dealt directly about climate change. However, in reality the Old and New Testaments dealt only indirectly with the protection and preservation of the earth; the Old Testament was focused on the establishment and protection of the Israelites and the New Testament was focused on making the case that Jesus is the Messiah, God's chosen Son, belief in him was necessary for salvation and that the end of the world was not too-far-away; in neither the Old testament nor the

New Testament case was the protection of the earth's environment tantamount.

Nonetheless, people of faith are now looking for Judaism and Christianity to make statements about the environment. Following the Lenten program for clergy of the Diocese this Lent, Christ Church will offer a program on "*Living Faithfully in the World that God has Given Us.*" It will focus on Franciscan spirituality and emerging "Christian environmental care." The main book to be used in the class is Ilia Delio, *Care for Creation: A Franciscan Spirituality of the Earth.* This book is readily available from on-line booksellers and can be obtained through local bookstores as well. Pope Francis first encyclical, *Laudato Si*, will also be used in the class. It is available on-line.

In addition, the class will address environmental issues and environmental solutions that the people of Christ Church Cathedral can do to mitigate environmental concerns in our own community.

The weekday class will meet on Wednesdays (March 11, 18, 25 and April 1) at 1:30 pm and there will be a Saturday class (10:00 am to 2:00 pm with lunch) on April 25.

## Activities for Children and Youth

Youth and Children are very important at the Cathedral. We strive to offer enjoyable programs and education which support their spiritual growth. Whether this is your first time or you're a veteran, friend or guest... All are Welcome.

### Sunday Mornings:

**Children Church Gathering:** 10:00 am – 10:40 am (Communion) in the Dean's Parlor; for children ages 5 years through Elementary School. We gather for breakfast and a time for discovering and sharing the fundamentals of our faith.

**Middle and High School Youth Sunday School:** (Following the 10 am service) 11:15 am – 11:45 am; for Middle and High School youth in the Dean's Parlor.

**Nursery:** while we encourage families to worship together and children are always welcome, we understand that we ones may need a place where they can celebrate God's love in their own hands-on way. Our trained Nursery staff provide a safe and fun atmosphere for your children (0 to 4yrs) in the Nursery for the 10:00 am service.

### Other regularly scheduled gatherings and events are:

**New Orleans High School Youth Group:** Youth (8th – 12th grade) from all of the Episcopal Churches in New Orleans gather on Sunday evenings twice a month.

**New Orleans Middle School Youth Group:** Youth (5th – 7th grade) from all of the Episcopal Churches in New Orleans gather on Sunday evenings every other month.

**Parent's Night IN: (Returning in March)** A gathering for children and youth of all ages for a time of community building and sharing a meal, while the parents separately, gather for fellowship around their own shared meal. On scheduled Friday evenings from 6:00pm – 9:00pm

See the schedule inside and for more information see our website. If you have any questions please call Canon Steven Roberts

# Upcoming Youth Activity

## February

- 7-9 – High School Rally – Solomon Episcopal Conference Center
- 16 – No Middle & High School Sunday School (Mardi Gras Parades)
- 16 – Uptown Parade Hang Out for Middle & High School Youth:  
*A designated area on the Neutral Ground in front of the Cathedral*  
*- adult supervised, food, beverages and bathroom facilities available.*  
12:00 to 4:00 pm.
- 23 – No Middle & High School Sunday School (Mardi Gras Parades)

## March

- 6 – Parents Night In (Friday 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm) - Stuart Hall
- 8 – Middle School Youth Group (Sunday 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm) - Molly's House  
Trinity Episcopal Church, New Orleans 2123 Coliseum Street
- 20 -21 – Happening #84 Retreat – Solomon Episcopal Conference Center
- 29 – High School Youth Group (Sunday 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm) - Molly's House  
Trinity Episcopal Church, New Orleans 2123 Coliseum Street

## April

- 5 – Middle School Youth Group (Sunday 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm) - Molly's House  
Trinity Episcopal Church, New Orleans 2123 Coliseum Street
- 9 – Middle & High School Youth Lock-in St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Lakeview.
- 26 – High School Youth Group (Sunday 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm) - Molly's House  
Trinity Episcopal Church, New Orleans 2123 Coliseum Street

## May

- 1 – Parents Night In (Friday 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm) - Stuart Hall
- 3 – Middle School Youth Group (Sunday 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm) - Molly's House at Trinity Church
- 17 – High School Youth Group (Sunday 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm) - Molly's House at Trinity Church



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|------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 - Jonathan Leetham   | 19 - Carey Slocum         |
| 2 - John DeLoach       | 20 - Bill Lagan           |
| 2 - Evariste Rookard   | 21 - Chas Fahrenolt       |
| 4 - Owl Dwyer          | 23 - Emma Morson          |
| 6 - Tucker Goforth     | 23 - Caroline Schieffelin |
| 6 - Don Hudson         | 28 - Jack Anderson        |
| 8 - Ava Leonard        | 28 - Gay Becker           |
| 8 - Robert Shofstal    | 28 - The Rev. Gedge Gayle |
| 10 - David Haynes      | 28 - Enid Fahrenholt      |
| 11 - Ibari Best        | 28 - Liz Goforth          |
| 11 - Tyler Anthony     |                           |
| 13 - Cathy Schieffelin |                           |
| 14 - John Burke, Jr.   |                           |
| 17 - Bailey Shofstal   |                           |
| 19 - Ann Mentz         |                           |

*O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

If your name isn't listed, we don't have your date of birth in our records. Please send an e-mail to [acs@cccno.org](mailto:acs@cccno.org) or call the cathedral office and we'll be sure to wish you a Happy Birthday next year!

## Vestry Nominations - 2020

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 15, 2020. 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 Alan Brackett, Laura Brown, and Karen Whitfield.

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 num-

ber 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 preceding the meeting.”

## Baptism

is especially appropriate during the Easter season, on the Day of Pentecost, on All Saints' Day or the Sunday after All Saints' Day, and



on the Feast of the Baptism of our Lord (the First Sunday after the Epiphany). It is recommended that, as far as possible, Baptisms be reserved for these occasions or when a Bishop is present. (BCP, page 312). *Our next opportunity for baptism is April 19.* Please contact Canon Roberts for more information.

## 2020 Vestry Nominees

### CHRIS BROWN

Christopher Brown, 33, was baptized at Bethany United Methodist Church in Austin, Texas in 1987. He began attending St. Alban's Chapel during graduate school at LSU, and first began attending the Real Presence service at Christ Church Cathedral near the inception of that ministry in 2012. He has regularly attended Real Presence since moving to New Orleans in 2014. It's hard to pinpoint exactly when he became a parishioner, but it was certainly by 2016 when he was confirmed at the Cathedral and his wife was conscripted into the Vestry. Chris is a mechanical engineer at the National Data Buoy Center and uses his engineering background on the Property Committee, where he has served since 2017. He is honored to offer his time to the Cathedral, his church home.



### AMANDA GEORGE

As a member of the cathedral family for over a decade, I am honored to serve this treasured church home in a new role as a member of the vestry. I was born in New Orleans, and I was baptized at St. Louis King of France Catholic Church in Metairie, Louisiana. My family moved to Tampa, Florida when I was four years old. My parents were - and continue to be - dedicated civil servants, professionally, and church servants, spiritually. They were actively involved in the faith formation programs at Espiritu Santo Catholic Church in Clearwater, Florida, where I was confirmed. I eventually moved back to New Orleans to attend Tulane University and Tulane Law School, where I met my husband, Jesse George (Christ Church Cathedral's own dedicated servant and top fan on Facebook!). As law students, Jesse invited me to attend mass with him one Sunday, where the sanctuary, music, and message compelled me to return, week after week. Since that day, life has changed dramatically: I am now a litigating attorney with the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of the U.S. Trustee; Jesse and I married and have two sons (Robin, 6, and



Jonah, 3), and we bought our first home in historic Algiers Point. Despite the twists and turns, Christ Church Cathedral has remained a constant, peaceful presence in my life. However, the Church does not thrive only on passive spiritual enjoyment. Prayerful consideration and God's nudge have set forth a new path, and I look forward to serving this wonderful place alongside the vestry members for the years to come."

### CURTIS HERRING

I am a native of Bossier City, LA, but moved to New Orleans upon graduating from LSU in 1991. In my search for a church home, I found Christ Church Cathedral and immediately felt welcomed and at home. I was confirmed here in 1991.

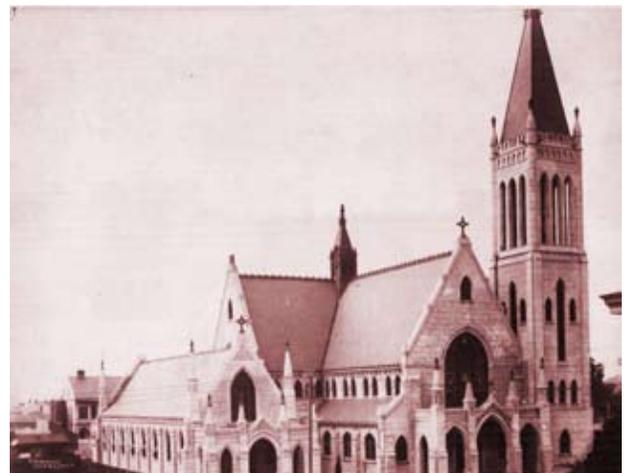


In the past I have served as an Acolyte, and I currently serve as a Sacristan on the Altar Guild, as well as a member of the Property Committee. I also serve on smaller committees and miscellaneous projects as needed.

I enjoy offering my talent and experience as a licensed interior designer to preserve and improve Christ Church Cathedral as needed. My interior design firm specializes primarily in high-end residential projects and restaurant design.

On a personal note, I strive to live my life in such a way that I might be an example to others in the hope of leading them to Christ. If I am elected to serve on the Vestry, I will continue to contribute my time, talent and devotion to making this wonderful place even better.

Thank you for your consideration.



## LIFT YOUR GAZE - LIFT YOUR HEART YOGA IN THE CATHEDRAL

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*Every Tuesday*

*5:30 pm - 6:30 pm*

*Cost: FREE (Donations are welcomed but are not required)*

*What to Wear: Comfortable, layered clothing*

*What to Bring: A yoga mat*

## Ash Wednesday



*On Ash Wednesday*, February 26, in addition to our Solemn liturgies at 7:30am 12:15pm and 6pm, we will again have clergy and lay persons stationed at locations around the City offering "Ashes to Go" for persons who are not able to attend a Church service on that most Holy of days. The specific times and locations, once finalized, will be available at the Cathedral website and via the weekly Sunday bulletin and email blasts.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**February 14-16; February 19-25**  
Mardi gras parades on Saint Charles Ave.

**Friday, February 21**  
Hermes Parade Party

**Sunday, February 23**  
Parade Sunday  
Services at 8:00 and 9:00 only

**Wednesday, February 26**  
**Ash Wednesday**  
Services at the Cathedral at 7:30 AM, 12:15 PM and 6:00 PM  
*Ashes to go* at locations around the city.

**Sunday, March 15**  
Annual Parish Meeting and Election of Officers

**Sunday, March 22**  
Choral Evensong at 4:00 PM

**Sunday, April 12**  
Easter Day