

From The Dean . . .

After more than a year of construction, the Cathedral's exterior renovation is almost complete. This has been a massive endeavor, and should ensure the building's structural integrity for decades. We owe a debt of gratitude to the Property Committee, chaired by Jesse George, and the two principal leaders of this project, Karen Whitfield and Sandy Jackson, who have devoted countless hours to overseeing this complex work. We are also eternally grateful to past Property Committee Chair, David O'Leary and Capital Campaign Chair, Alan Brackett for their dedicated leadership that made these renovations possible in the first place.



As the final coat of paint is going on, I have received multiple positive comments from members of the Parish and residents of the wider New Orleans Community. This feedback underscores the important role we have as an architectural treasure and spiritual anchor in this City. As you probably know, we were only the second Church founded in New Orleans (St. Louis Roman Catholic Church was the first and neither of us were originally Cathedrals). For 213 years in four locations this congregation has spread the Gospel of Christ in word and deed. Our newly gleaming façade and stunning bell tower provide a fresh symbol of our continued commitment to serve the people of New Orleans in God's name.

At our Annual Meeting on March 8, we heard from representatives of several of our leading ministries about the many ways we are impacting our many constituents. Advent House is brimming with activity deepening the spiritual health of clergy families and lay leaders in our Diocese and around the Country. The Daughters of the King, an Episcopal order for women committed to prayer and service, has a thriving Cathedral chapter. They respond to prayer requests (submitted via a box near the Cathedral Entrance) and have several service projects in progress. The Jericho Road Episcopal Housing Initiative has acquired its Presbyterian counterpart Project Homecoming in order to strengthen the viability and efficiency of our mission to transform our neighborhoods with affordable homeownership. In the last decade, these two faith-based developers have invested over \$20 million in Central City and Gentilly and we are confident that we will be able to continue to see this ministry thrive as we have recently been invited by the leadership of Jefferson Parish to begin to work in one of their neighborhoods as well.

Undergirding this crucial ministry has been the multifaceted work of updating our Information Systems, Security protocol and Database. Everything from our phone/internet service to our server, calendar program and website is being rebuilt from the ground up under the leadership of Steven and Linda Roberts. Although not as visible and dramatic as our renovated exterior these systems will drastically improve our ability to interact with all of our constituent communities and efficiently organize and communicate the Good News of our common life as we seek to constantly renew our commitment as a Parish Family to serving the World in God's name.

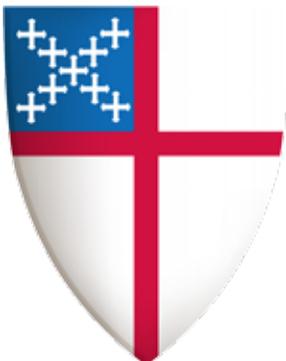
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Librarian Needed!

You have probably noticed our "Little Free Library" located at the corner of Sixth Street and St. Charles Avenue. We also have bookshelves loaded with books in order to keep it filled. What is missing is a person to make sure this happens. All that is required is a few minutes every week (on Sunday or during office hours) to make sure that the Library is kept stocked. If you would be willing to take this on, please contact Lisa Sibal (lsibal@cccnola.org) for the details.

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THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH



WELCOMES YOU

LECTIONARY TEXTS
(Sunday Readings)

April 1

Acts 10:34-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
John 20:1-18

April 8

Acts 4:32-35
Psalm 133
1 John 1:—2:2
John 20:19-31

April 15

Acts 3:12-19
Psalm 4
1 John 3:1-7
Luke 24:36b-48

April 22

Acts 4:5-12
Psalm 23
1 John 3:16-24
John 10:11-18

April 29

Acts 8:26-40
Psalm 22:24-30
1 John 4:7-21
John 15:1-8

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are always welcome.

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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

Sunday Morning 10 AM Eucharist
Live Broadcast on WGSO 990 AM
Radio.

Online streaming and downloadable
podcast at www.wgso.com
Broadcasts underwritten in part by
St. Martin's Episcopal School.

Easter Stems of cut flowers, color or kind, are needed for the Flowering of the Cross (at the beginning of the Eucharist), finger foods are needed for coffee hour, and individually-wrapped candy or pre-filled plastic eggs are needed for our Easter Egg Hunt (following the 10:00 Eucharist). If you can help with any of these items, please bring them to the Cathedral. Many thanks!



April

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



PARENTS'
night in

Mark your calendar for *Parents' Night In*
Friday, April 13th from 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Parents Night In is a great opportunity for parents of Cathedral children to get together to share a great meal and get to know each other better, while your children do the same.

The main course for the meal will be provided by Melissa Montero; we ask parents to bring a side or salad or dessert to share.

A meal, activities and adult supervision for children will be provided.

To join in please RSVP: stevenroberts@cccnola.org

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| 1 Claiborne Beary | 16 Lynda (Lyn) Gladney |
| 1 Matthew Buckley | 16 Gerald Martin |
| 1 Suzanne Reveley | 16 William Memmott |
| 2 Marian Meade | 17 Adrian Suarez |
| 5 Tim Dodson | 19 Steve Smith |
| 5 Taylor Ghere | 21 Austin Brackett |
| 5 Caleigh Richert | 22 Trevor Best |
| 6 Finn Galarneau | 24 Olivia Benge |
| 7 Jameson Allain | 25 Julio Figueroa |
| 8 Earl Moreau | 25` Ryan Garrity |
| 8 Sarah Collins | 25 Olivia Montero |
| 9 Curtis Herring | 26 Kelly Juneau Rookard |
| 9 Alison LaBauve | 27 Gabrielle Allee-Pope |
| 10 Ted Reveley | 28 Callie Ghere |
| 13 Whit Slocum | 28 Rhett Ghere |
| 15 Beau Haynes | 28 Rick Pardo, Jr. |
| 15 Nathan Reveley | |

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@cccnola.org or call the cathedral office and we'll be sure to wish you a Happy Birthday next year!

Baptism is a joyous and important event in the life of an individual and our faith community. The Church has designated several Feast days in the calendar as most suitable for baptisms. At the Cathedral: we offer baptism on those occasions and other appropriate days too. If you are interested in getting baptized or having your child baptized, please, contact Canon Steven Roberts to make arrangements.

Our next opportunities for baptism are (2nd Sunday of Easter) April 8, 2018 - 10:00 am and (Pentecost Sunday) May 20, 2018 - 10:00 am. Please contact Canon Roberts for more information.



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). *Many thanks to all!*



From Advent House

Alleluia!

In the depths of Lent, at a recent choir rehearsal of Christ Church Cathedral, someone exclaimed, "There is going to be a lot of Alleluia-ing this Easter Sunday!" I think this was after practicing the third anthem simply titled, "Alleluia."



I remember being told that this word means "Praise Yahweh," and I also remember being told that it was actually untranslatable. I like that idea. A word so deep, so profound, that it has no quick, easy translation. It is more a feeling than an idea, more of an experience than a doctrine, just more . . .

Choirs need to practice ahead of time, but for the congregations, that word is not heard from Ash Wednesday until Easter, when it is sung and proclaimed emphatically. One parish I served had a wonderful tradition of "burying the Alleluia" with the children. On Last Epiphany we would make lots of paper Alleluias, color them, cut them out and then place them all in a large box, along with our Easter Alleluia banner. While we did this we would sing, chant, or shout Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! until we were tired and could proclaim it no more. We would process to what I called "the deepest, darkest recesses of the church (remember up north there are basements and in churches they are usually dark, cobweb filled and pretty scary) and "bury" it. I would solemnly tell them that we could not say that word until Easter, when we would come back and "unbury" it before the main service and carry the banner and as many Alleluias as they could carrying in the opening procession. It was so much fun, making a big production out of it all.

One of my moms told me that when her children were with their grandpa during Lent, he said the word in some context - "well Hallelujah!" and her 4 year old corrected him, "Grandpa, you can't say that word until it is Easter!" She had gotten that lesson for sure and grandpa was stunned.

Of course, Alleluia is only a word and one whose meaning is derived from what we have learned and experienced about it and the meaning that we give to it. What does it make you think of? How does it make you feel? Have you missed it during Lent? Can you proclaim it loudly and with gusto on Easter morning?

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Indeed!

Blessed Easter,
Bridget +

The Rev. Bridget K. Tierney
Director of Advent House/Christ Church Cathedral

Daughters of the King

Annette Figueroa



The Order of the Daughters of the King is an order for women founded in the Episcopal church in 1885. Chapters of the Order can be found throughout the world. The mission of the Order is the extension of Christ's kingdom, and each Daughter takes a lifetime vow which requires daily prayer, service, and evangelism. Currently, our chapter of DOK is involved in ministry to the women of Eden House, which helps women who have been involved in sex trafficking to transform their lives. We sponsor monthly cooking classes for these women in the Cathedral kitchen, and support Eden House in various ways. We also support the ministry of the Cathedral by organizing the Pentecost picnic and helping with the Chrism Mass during Holy Week. Our box for prayer requests can be found near the main doors of the Cathedral. Anyone is welcome to fill out a prayer request card and place it in the box.

If you would like to know more about the Daughters of the King, please contact Annette Figueroa (504.812.2560; annettefigueroa@cox.net) or our chaplain, Canon Roberts.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

April 1 ~ *Easter Day*

8:00, 10:00 ~ The Holy Eucharist

May 10 - *Ascension Day*

Choral Evensong at 6:00 PM

May 20 - *The Day of Pentecost*

with picnic following the 10:00 Eucharist