

May, 2012



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

The Canticle

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CHURCH
WELCOMES YOU

From The Dean...

From time to time I am called upon to officiate at the funeral of a person whom I did not know. These occasions offer an opportunity to make an important point about the purpose of the Christian funeral. For the bereaved, the early days after the death of a loved one are filled with remembering. Stories and anecdotes allow mourners to re-live important events and share those memories with others also grieving the loss. The classic example of this process is the traditional Irish wake. Sharing memories is both therapeutic and life giving; activating our instinctive healing processes.



For Christians, there is another distinct process operating simultaneously. Jesus' resurrection destroyed the power of death and opened the gates of eternal life to all humanity. In the eighth chapter of his letter to the Romans, St. Paul assures us that there is nothing in all creation that can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. These two realities come together in the funeral liturgy to create a window of hope in the midst of profound grief. Just as the wake is a time for stories about the deceased, the funeral underscores the promise of resurrection for all believers. It reminds the entire community of our own mortality, and invites us to drink deeply from the well of faith; confident in the promise of eternal bliss given to us at Baptism.

We do not deny our tears of grief, but for this brief moment, we rejoice in the knowledge that no matter their sins or failings, those we have loved but see no more are in that place where there is neither pain nor grief; where, as the liturgy puts it: "life is changed, not ended." Funeral eulogies are not normative in our tradition precisely because they tend to confuse this important distinction and thwart the comforting power of this crucial moment when the faithful face the shadow of death and shout "Alleluia!" What's more, now that they have completed this mysterious journey, we can take comfort in the reasonable and holy hope that our loved ones will be there to greet us when it is our turn to pass through the gate of death and take our place in the communion of saints surrounding God's eternal throne.

PARISH PICNIC

Sunday School for this program year will end on Sunday, May 20.
To celebrate there will be a Picnic for the parish
following the 10 o'clock service.
The church will provide the main course.
Please sign up to bring a side dish.
Plum Street Sno-balls will be on hand as well.

Hope to see you there!

LECTIONARY TEXTS
(Sunday Readings)

May 6

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

May 16

Acts 10:44-48
Psalm 98
1 John 5:1-6
John 15:9-17

May 20

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
Psalm 1
1 John 5:9-13
John 17:6-19

May 27

Acts 2:1-21
Psalm 104:25-35, 37 or
33:12-15, 18-22
Romans 8:22-27
John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

THE BANNS OF MARRIAGE

I publish the Banns of Marriage between Molly Dinham Green and Rhett Michael O'Keefe.

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*

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Submissions for the Canticle are always welcome.
The deadline for articles has changed to the 10th of the month.

Items for the June issue are due May 10.

Please e-mail submissions to lauriebailey@cccnola.org

Sunday bulletin announcements should be submitted
before noon on Tuesdays to
lauriebailey@cccnola.org and copied to
suzettefollette@cccnola.org

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Please decide which method is best for you and then let us know your preference by e-mailing acs@cccnola.org.

Many thanks for your help.

Pentecost Sunday ~ May 27 Foreign Language Speakers Needed



Each year we bring to mind the first Pentecost when the disciples received the Holy Spirit and were able to speak the Good News of Jesus Christ to visitors in Jerusalem using many languages by presenting the gospel reading in different languages. Acts 2:1-21 tells the first Pentecost story.

If you speak a foreign language, will attend the 10 o'clock service on May 27 and are willing to read the gospel lesson out loud in that language in church while others are reading as well, contact Laurie Bailey at 895-6602 / lauriebailey@cccnola.org or sign up on the sheet posted on the main bulletin board. Many thanks!

Save the date...

*at Coffee Hour on Sunday
June 3 we will have a special
presentation honoring Harriet
Williams and the important role
that her family has played in the
history of the Cathedral.*



The church office will be closed
Monday, May 28,
for Memorial Day.
The 12:15 PM Mass will be
celebrated in the Chapel as
scheduled.

Sunday School Christian Formation

Classes For All Ages

Meet at 9 AM Sunday Mornings

The Good Shepherd atrium (3 to 6 year olds)

The True Vine atrium (1st - 5th grade)

The Kingdom atrium (6th - 8th grade)

The Youth class (9th - 12th grade)

All are welcome - See you in class

For more information:

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Greetings from Advent House:

The Advent House Book Club will begin a new book: The Dovekeepers by Alice Hoffman on April 23 at 1:00-2:30 at Advent House. As always you can come for sessions as your schedule allows. No registration needed.

This book is a "must read" whether you can join us for the discussion or not...

The Dovekeepers is a novel set about two thousand years ago when 900 Jews held out for months against armies of Romans on Masada, a mountain in the Judean desert. According to the ancient historian Josephus, two women and five children survived. Based on this tragic and iconic event, Hoffman's novel is a spellbinding tale of four extraordinarily bold, resourceful and sensuous women, each of whom has come to Masada by a different path. Yael whose father, and expert assassin; Revka, a village baker's wife; Aziza, a warrior's daughter, raised as a boy for her safety; and Shirah, born in Alexandria is wise in ways of ancient magic and medicine. The four women's lives intersect in the desperate days of the siege. All are dovekeepers and all are also keeping secrets.

We will be discussing:

- Part I: The Assassin's Daughter on April 23;
- Part II: The Baker's Wife on April 30th;
- Part III: The Warrior's Beloved on May 7 and
- Part IV: The Witch of Moab on May 14.

Dream Group will meet May 7 at 6pm.

Advent House is located on the corner of Seventh Street and Carondelet.

~ Linda Nelson

Musical Opportunity



Mr. Follette is looking for a few students who would like to learn to play the piano. For more information: jarrettfollette@ccnola.org or 895-6602.

"**LOVE FREE OR DIE**" is a story about the Bishop of New Hampshire Gene Robinson. When he was elected to serve as bishop in 2003, he was an openly gay partnered priest and Canon to the Ordinary in New Hampshire. His consecration ignited global controversy in Christian tradition and division within the Anglican Communion. As a bishop in the Episcopal church, he was not invited to the 2008 Lambeth Conference.



The movie focuses on his personal tribulations of maintaining his steadfast love and life commitment to his partner as well as his sacred vow to serving God in the church.

"Love Free or Die", just released at the Sundance Film Festival is being brought to New Orleans for one nite only by Integrity NOLA. The feature will be held Tuesday May 1 at 7:30pm at The Prytania Theatre. Tickets cost \$10 and may be purchased online at theprytania.com.

Early purchase is highly recommended as seating is limited.



Jazzercise

Classes Monday and Wednesday 5:00pm and 6:15pm
Tuesday and Thursday 6:15pm and a Personal Touch
Class at 7:05pm

Please contact Meredith Cox-Smith at uptownjazzercise@hotmail.com with questions.

Bodytime Bootcamp

Classes Tuesday and Thursday 5:15pm-6:15pm
Please contact Elijah Hobley elijahhobley@yahoo.com or 504.905.2237 with questions.

Jazzercise & Bodytime Bootcamp classes meet in Stuart Hall using the Sixth Street entrance.

Christian Yoga

Monday 5:45pm

Please contact Laurie Bailey at lauriebailey@ccnola.org
Good Shepherd atrium use office entrance.

From the Theologian in Residence...

SAY BYE-BYE TO THE ANGLICAN COVENANT

THE MUCH-DISCUSSED MOVEMENT TOWARD AN ANGLICAN COVENANT seems to be ending, not with a bang, but a whimper. The Covenant was a kind of treaty, proposed in 2004, to moderate strife in an Anglican Communion shredded by conflict about authority, human sexuality, and the role of women in the Church.

THE IDEA WAS PROBABLY FLAWED FROM THE START. It purported to be about truth. In reality, it was about power. When the rambunctious American and Canadian churches began to reform their teachings about the role of women and human sexuality, after many unsuccessful attempts to get the Communion to discuss them, conservative Anglicans accused them of deserting scripture and declared themselves out of communion with them.

IT WAS A FIGHT WAITING TO HAPPEN. Many English evangelicals and third world churches felt disrespected and disregarded, and as early as 1981 there was a plan to use any discussion of human sexuality as a pretext for attempting to gain control, on the theory that public opinion would be outraged and would back them. There were highly public denunciations of the American and Canadian churches and overt attempts to divide the American Church or even to replace it as the USA's official Anglican body. Conservatives also organized an alternative to the Lambeth Conference of Bishops, called the Global Anglican Futures Conference (GAFCON), which had separate meetings and pursued its own agenda, and hinted at replacing the Archbishop of Canterbury as the center of unity for the Anglican Communion with a new way of managing things. However, the plan failed to anticipate fast-changing attitudes toward homosexuality in Western culture. The sense of outrage was not definitive.

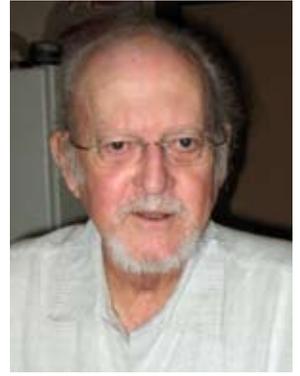
THE EMBATTLED Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams, tried to hold things together, but found, as thoughtful moderates often do, that nearly everyone was mad at him. That was debilitating for someone whose authority is influential, not administrative. He seemed bewildered by the passions the disagreements unleashed, with their strident demands for justice and truth. His remedy for every conflict was more discussion, an idea that didn't sit well with people who had pretty much stopped speaking to each other. The Anglican Covenant was concocted to establish something Anglicans have never had, namely, an orderly method for dealing with disagreements. Williams backed it strongly, as the best hope for keeping the Communion from disintegrating.

THE COVENANT, however, was tainted by the sordid politics that prompted it, and, in the end, both conservatives and liberals began to distrust it. Conservatives wanted it to prohibit certain initiatives about the role of women and human sexuality. It didn't. Reformers noted that it offered inadequate protection for minority opinions, and decided that its effect would be a permanent prohibition of reform. The text of the Covenant was several times revised, losing what little rhetorical punch it had, without making anyone like it better. It seemed to assume that the Church, in making decisions, moves from doctrine to action, whereas, historically, it usually moves from a pastoral initiative, perhaps gropingly arrived at, to a theological rationale for it. For conservatives, it wasn't fierce enough, but, for the reform-minded, it was too restrictive, designed to keep member churches from doing anything.

FINALLY, VOTING on the Covenant began. So far, seven member churches have voted for it. The Church of England, however, just recently voted it down. The bishops supported it, but the clergy and laity did not. The Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams, one of the Covenant's chief backers, has announced that he will resign in October. How much the failure of the Covenant has to do with that, we don't know.

NOW THE COMMUNION must start afresh. No one knows if it will emerge as, in effect, two communions, one centering on Africa, and the other on first world churches, or if some process of reconciliation will take place. The loss of the only non-papal plan for Christian unity would be grave. Much of the leadership that fell into such severe and immoderate conflict is retiring. It is entirely possible that living together with our differences will now seem more important to faithfulness than it used to. In any case, as Christians, we don't believe in survival. We believe in resurrection.

William Morris+



Don't Forget to Wear Red on Pentecost - May 27!



*We wish a very Happy Birthday to all those born this month.
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.*

Dawn Adams	Rene Dupaquier	Grace Pelton
Jake Allbritton	Beau Dupaquier	Diane Piret
Mary Catherine Beary	Jarrett Follettte	Raeanna Poplus
Page Beary	Kaylee Henry	Lyndsay Rhodes
Chris Beary	Daniel Hudson	Barbara Richmond
Annabelle Browning	Henry Jackson	Nancy Rowland
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Butch Carriere II	Leah LaBauve	Mary Ann St. John
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Alexander Dadukian	Clancy Leitner	Frederick Ziegler
Jessica Deyo	Benjamin Matthew	
Aimee Dunn	Miss Caroline Nead	

Remember Your Baptism!



It is good to remember baptisms with a special celebration. 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. You might burn their baptismal candle during a special family celebration.

Polly Finley 5/1
Don Hudson 5/1
Grace Pelton 5/1
Avery Fortenberry 5/2
Steve Smith 5/4
Richard Rowland 5/5
Jameson Allain 5/7
Sara Glidewell 5/13
Connor Fagan 5/15
Katy Fagan 5/15
Matthew Buckley 5/19
Katie Barrios 5/22

Kaili Dyson 5/23
Caroline Beary 5/27
Aubrey Ghery 5/31

***OUR NEXT SCHEDULED
BAPTISMAL DATE IS PENTECOST
SUNDAY, MAY 27. PLEASE
SPEAK TO CANON ROBERTS
ABOUT SCHEDULING A BAPTISM.***

Altar Flower Donations

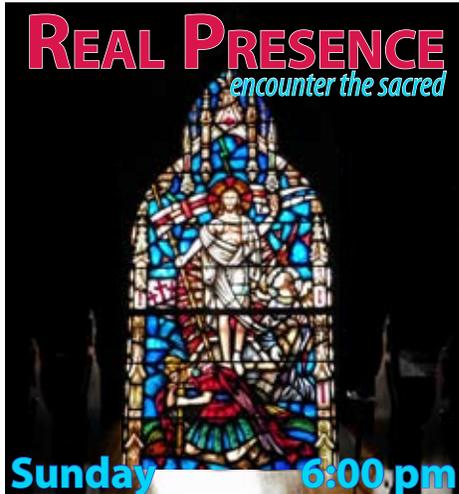
The Flower Donation Sheet is located at the entrance to the Parish Hall. Please help us make our worship spaces even more beautiful by ordering flowers to memorialize or honor your loved ones. If you would like to order flowers, either fill in your desired date on the sign-up sheet, or call Sue Blankingship @ 885-0773, or E-mail wyattpump1@aol.com.

Our prices are now \$80 for the Cathedral and \$45 for the Chapel.



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A contemplative twilight service of Holy Eucharist for those seeking holy silence.

Real Presence celebrates the mystery of God's grace through worship that engages the heart, the mind and the senses.

Invite a friend to attend this informal service. Casual dress is appropriate.



Don't forget to buy an extra package of disposable plates and cups when you are out shopping. We collect these items for the New Orleans Mission. Place your donation in the boxes located in the back of the cathedral and chapel. The Mission serves three meals a day to hungry men, women and children as well as providing safe shelter for homeless men and women. If you wish to do more for the homeless and hungry, you can donate online at www.NewOrleansMission.org.



Your gift will be used to care for people in need all year long!

Visitors to the Cathedral are always surprised by the offering we have during Coffee Hour. I've heard many a person say they were going to go home and tell their church about our hospitality. You can help us keep up our reputation for great hospitality by volunteering to host Coffee Hour one Sunday. You can host with friends to reduce the cost of the food; drinks are provided by the church. If you have no time to shop and prepare food, donations are always gladly accepted. For additional information/volunteer, contact Kathy Boyd, 891-1360 or kboydaj@yahoo.com.



April Coffee Hour hosts: Karla duPlantier, Sarah Whalen, Frances Beverly, and all who contributed for Easter Sunday festivities: Les & Linda Bradfield, Kathy Boyd, Sara & Borden Wallace, Laurie Bailey, Henry & Sandy Jackson, Sarah Whalen, Rita & Shelie Carlson, Jennifer & Sam Buckley, Annette Figueroa, Mary Baldwin Kennedy, Meryl Fink, Alice Hopkins, Jennifer Jones, Pamela McCall, Emily & Eric Nethercott and those who brought eggs and baskets for the children. Many thanks!

The 2012 Sign Up sheet is posted in Stuart Hall with open dates. Please sign up today.



Second Harvest Food Bank
Greater New Orleans and Acadiana

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.

They are in short supply of Peanut Butter.

**Help
Fill the Wagon!**



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IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

May 20 - Last Day of Sunday School
Parish Picnic following the 10 o'clock service

May 27 - The Day of Pentecost
Gospel reading in many languages
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May 28 - Church office closed
for Memorial Day
12:15pm Mass will be celebrated in the Chapel.

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