

November, 2013



# The Canticle

## *From the Dean . . .*

What is your earliest memory of experiencing the presence of God? What about your most recent one? Do you feel that presence now, today, even as you are reading these words? Consider the miracle that occurs with every breath you take. We can be lulled into thinking that God comes to us only in the midst of flashing light and divine utterance when, in reality, he seems to speak most frequently in a still small voice: the sound of a rose blooming or a grandmother's smile. It is easy to rush through life completing one "to-do" list after another, while at the same time blowing past the things that make life joyful in the first place. Look for God's presence three times today, and I predict you will find it seven times...maybe even seventy times seven.



## *Advent House Sunday, November 24*

We will be commemorating the ministry of Advent House and Linda Nelson on November 24. We will be presenting Linda Nelson with a purse as she prepares to retire. If you would like to contribute to this please make checks payable to the Cathedral with Linda Nelson Purse in the subject line.

## *Parish Administrator Transition*

After four productive years on the Cathedral Staff, Chris Speed has accepted a position as Controller for the Diocese of Louisiana and has moved next door to their offices. I am grateful for Chris' work on our behalf and know you join me in wishing him a bright future.



In light of this, I am pleased to announce that Lisa Wilkie has accepted my invitation to become the Cathedral's fourth Parish Administrator effective October 15. Lisa is a native New Orleanian who lives in Marrero with her husband who works in law enforcement for Jefferson Parish. Lisa has had many years of experience as office manager at a local law firm, and because of this experience, in addition to the Cathedral administration and financial operations for both the Cathedral and Jericho Road, she will be the supervisor for the Plant Manager and other cleaning and maintenance staff as well as the Parish Secretary.

Please welcome Lisa to our community when you are next in the Cathedral office.

## *Support the Mission!*

*What can \$2.49 buy? How about a full meal of turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy and all the trimmings, followed by pumpkin pie and coffee? For the price of a hamburger you can provide a Thanksgiving Dinner for someone at the New Orleans Recue Mission and make Thanksgiving a day of celebration instead of one more day of loneliness and hunger. To donate go online to [www.NewOrleansMission.org](http://www.NewOrleansMission.org) or mail your check*

to:

*New Orleans Rescue Mission, PO Box 56565, New Orleans, LA 70156.*

*Thank you for your kindness.*

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**LECTIONARY TEXTS**

(Sunday Readings)

**NOVEMBER 3**

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

Psalm 149

Ephesians 1:11-23

Luke 6:20-31

**NOVEMBER 10**

Haggai 1:15b—2:9

Psalm 145:1-5, 18-22

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

Luke 20:27-38

**NOVEMBER 17**

Isaiah 65:17-25

Canticle 9

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Luke 21:5-19

**NOVEMBER 24**

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Canticle 16

Colossians 1:11-20

Luke 23:33-43



Submissions for Cathedral publications are always welcome.

*Items for the December issue of The Canticle are due November 13.*

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**Weekly Liturgies**

*Sundays*

7:30 AM The Holy Eucharist (Spoken)  
1928 Prayer Book

10:00 AM The Holy Eucharist (Sung)  
Rite II

6:00 PM Real Presence (Sung)

*Weekdays*

12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist

*Saturdays*

9:30 AM The Holy Eucharist  
Rite I



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**FREE CATHEDRAL BOOK EXCHANGE**

As you enter the parish hall, you will notice a bookcase on the right just as you walk through the first set of doors. This is the Cathedral Free Book Exchange. Bring a book, take a book. If you have books that you can donate, please leave them on the shelves. Happy reading!

## Racial Reconciliation Events: Uplift or Uproar?

*Deacon Priscilla Maumus*



Two important events coming up in the next three months deserve both explanation and attention. In accordance with Resolution 17 of the 168th Convention of the Diocese of Louisiana, we have pledged ourselves to work to become a Diocese committed to ending institutional and other kinds of racism through dialogue and training. The Committee on Racial Reconciliation has been working for several years to frame ways in which we can encounter Christ in each other, especially in the sensitive area of racism. The first of these events will be an all-day workshop at St James in Baton Rouge on Saturday, November 2nd during which we will have an opportunity to listen to one another and to Bishop Robert Wright, the 10th Bishop of Atlanta. Bishop Thompson has asked all clergy and senior parish leaders to participate in the workshop. The second will be a service, "Seeking Christ in all People: A Service of Commitment to Racial Healing, Justice, and Reconciliation" to be led by Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori and held at the Cathedral on Saturday, January 18, 2014.

It is important to understand that these are not to be viewed as stand-alone events, but rather as the beginning of ongoing exams and dialogues among ourselves and with our neighbors about how the sin of racism has shaped our history in The Episcopal Church, our Diocese, and our parish and how it continues to distort human relationships and opportunities.

The reactions I most often hear to the news of these events are "Sin? what sin? I'm fair to all people." Or "Why dredge up the past and re-open old wounds?" Or "This is just window-dressing. Nothing important or good can come of it."

I can understand these reactions, but, if we look at the matter theologically and through the lens of of our baptismal covenant, I think we can see both the deeper meaning and the richer possibilities of these efforts.

First of all, sin can be corporate as well as individual. Like a fog or a miasma, it can arise out of our environment, permeating it, and making it hard for us to see each other as we all really are or the world as it truly is. We don't have to have committed the injustice to live in an unjust world, but, our catechism tells us that the mission of the Church is "to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ." It further tells us that the Church pursues this mission by worshipping, proclaiming the Gospel, and by promoting justice, peace, and love. I usually do pretty well on the first two parts of this charge, but in order to promote justice, peace and love, I need to see where justice is needed, how peace can come about and who needs my love. If I don't examine my society, acquire the tools for peace-making, and create opportunities for interaction with my neighbor, how can these objectives be

accomplished?

As far as dredging up the past, it seems to me that the past is ever-present when hurts abide. When I think of alienations between friends or family members, some generations-long, I reflect that these are never healed unless acknowledged, examined, and gotten past. Sure, it's a tough slog, clearing away the thorns of resentment, cutting through the undergrowth of misconceptions and the overgrowth of misunderstandings, but, as anyone who has ever planted a garden knows, the effort can be richly rewarding.

As far as these efforts being window-dressing, taken down like Christmas decorations when the brief season is past, the Church challenges us to carry out this mission of reconciliation on an ongoing basis, as it puts it "through all of its members." No slouchers allowed.

So how will we begin (and continue) to accomplish this difficult task? The catechism tells us that, too. Through grace. "Grace," it says, "is God's favor towards us, unearned and undeserved; by grace, God forgives our sins, enlightens our minds, stirs our hearts, and strengthens our wills."

May he do so.



Hello my name is Scott Webster and I am the Green Space Coordinator for Jericho Road Episcopal Housing Initiative. Along with overseeing the maintenance of our vacant properties I help beautify, maintain, and grow citrus and vegetables at our community garden and orchard. Recently we received a generous donation of woodchips from a local arborist in Central City for both sites. It is a very daunting

task for me to take on alone so I am asking for any and all volunteer help. Normally we have open hours from 4:00pm-6:00pm Tuesday and Wednesday; Tuesday at the orchard and Wednesday at the garden. Please feel free to come by during those times, or if a person/group would like to set up a time over the weekend that can be arranged too. The orchard is located at 2715 South Saratoga, between 4th and Washington, and the garden is located at the corner of 6th and Dryades. Feel free to call me at my office number or email me to set up a time.

Thank you,

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Visitors to the Cathedral are often surprised by our 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. Drinks are provided by the church 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. For additional information/volunteer, contact Kathy Boyd, 891-1360 or kboydaj@yahoo.com. Recent hosts:



Verna Barnett, Lyn Gladney, Sandy Jackson, Olive Forman, Pamela McCall, Frances Beverly, Les Bradfield, Linda Bradfield, Linda Miller, Susan Carswell, Travers Koerner, Frances Beverly, Sara Wallace, Betty Foster, Karla duPlantier, Sara duPlantier, Sarah Morris and Linda Roberts.

*Many thanks to all!*

The Sign Up sheet for the remainder of the year is posted in Stuart Hall with open dates. Please sign up today.

### *Gentle Reminders*

The street just in front of the cathedral steps is a Drop Off Zone for passenger unloading on Sunday mornings. Please do not park there.

Our choir and organist work very hard to prepare the music offered during worship. Please respect their ministry and do not visit with your neighbor during their offerings. Many thanks.

### *Altar Flower Donations*



Thanks to all of you who have donated flowers for the Cathedral and Chapel this year. The dates for the Cathedral are almost filled, some dates for the Chapel are open. During Advent, of course, we do not have flowers on the altar. Please watch for the 2014 sign-up sheet around the first of the year.

## *Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza!*

On Saturday, November 9, the New Orleans Chapter of the American Guild of Organists presents a program entitled *Pedals, Pipes and Pizza*. Aimed at young piano students, this day is devoted to introducing children and adolescents to the pipe organ utilizing both videos and live demonstrations.

Mr. Follette, and our Young Artist in Residence, Thomas Kientz, will be among those demonstrating our instrument. If you know anyone who might be interested in attending, please speak to Mr. Follette.



## *Holy Baptism*

is especially appropriate at the Easter Vigil, 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 Sunday, January 12. Please contact Canon Roberts for more information.*



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If your name isn't listed, we don't have your date of birth in our records. Please call the cathedral office and we'll be sure to wish you a Happy Birthday next year!

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Verna Barnett	Jimmy Faust	Katherine Lee
Bennett Thomas Bengé	Bess Ferguson,	James Mangum
Hudson Joseph Bengé	Kenya Fredie,	David O'Leary
Les Bradfield, Jr.	Carl Gaines, Jr.	Pricilla Oyekan
Beth Buckley	Alicia Heard	Manda Schwaner
Bob Carr	Michael Ibiwoye	Jonathon Schwaner
Drew Cooke	Sam Jameson	Scott Smith
Erica LeBlanc Dodson	Caitlin Kirkwood	

*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.*

## Greetings from Advent House:

**Linda Nelson,**  
*Director*



I purchased a card for a friend the other day that said: "Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass. It is about learning how to dance in the rain." The losses Mike and I face in moving away from you and this unique city are hard, but like all transitions, they invite us into the dance of creative change.

Out of chaos comes creation. This we are told in the first chapter of Genesis and throughout the scriptures. The eight years I have been with you, which includes hurricane Katrina and its impact, have not always been easy. Knowing we have the resources of our Cathedral community (including Advent House's ministry) has made it a journey of mutual ministry.

The Nelsons, Christ Church Cathedral, Advent House, and many of you are in transition these last few months of 2013. Transition is good. It allows closure of what was, and moves us toward opening doors of opportunity, which we would not explore unless in a time of change.

In preparing to leave, I realize how blessed I have been to have you invite me into so many of your individual transitions...your going out and your coming in... your losses and your illnesses... your marriages and your divorces... your births and deaths... looking at your choices and making your decisions. Thank you.

In the month to come, please keep Mike and me in your prayers and mark you calendar for our goodbye on Sunday, November 24.



## What's Next? How Can We Know? Deacon Priscilla Maumus

Join us Sunday, December 1 from 11:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m. in Stuart Hall for a special Dean's Forum with psychologist and author Dr. Marilyn Mendoza speaking on deathbed visions, near-death experiences, and after-death communications. Dr. Mendoza is the author of *We Do Not Die Alone: Jesus Is Coming for Me in a White Pickup Truck*. (She will explain the title in her talk.)

Dr. Mendoza has her Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Psychology from the University of Georgia and her Doctorate in Counseling Psychology from Loyola University of Chicago. She is a practicing counseling psychologist in New Orleans and a bereavement counselor with Serenity Hospice. She has taught in the Department of International Health and Development at Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine and is currently a clinical instructor of Psychiatry in the Department of Psychiatry and Neurology at Tulane Medical Center and a lecturer on death and dying at LSU School of Nursing.

She is a member of the American Academy of Bereavement, the Association for Death Education and Counseling and the International Association of Near- Death Experiences.

Come hear Dr. Mendoza's provocative accounts. Invite a friend. Based on the overwhelming response to Dr. Eben Alexander's recent talk on his own near-death experience recounted in *Proof of Heaven* and the packed house for Dr. Mendoza's talk at Lambeth House, this should be a popular presentation.

## Give A Special Gift

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# Health & Wellness

## *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*

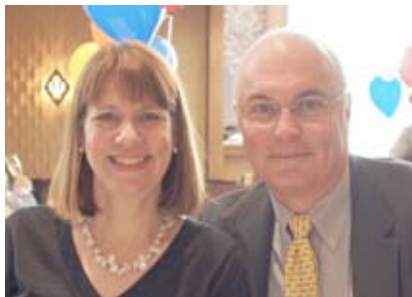
Classes Tuesday and Thursday 5:15pm-6:15pm,  
 Saturday at 8:00am  
 Please contact Elijah Hogley elijahhogley@yahoo.com or  
 504.905.2237 with questions.

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

## *Stewardship*

### *Our Journey*

*Boyd & Meryl Fink*



Stewardship and giving are difficult topics; they are full of messages about what we should do and how we should feel. We are told that we should be joyful about giving - I wish that were always true. We are also confronted by the reality that no matter how large our gift is to us, it is small in comparison to the need. How can we possibly make a difference?

As a result of conflicting messages and feelings, Meryl and I have been on a long stewardship journey. Each year we struggled with decisions about it. We began by giving a small amount that was, for us at the time, truly a sacrifice. More recently, we have come to believe that how we use our money (and time) reflects our values. It is still hard to feel like we are perfectly aligned between giving and values, so we continue to work at it. For us, stewardship began as a sacrifice, became a duty, and is now becoming an expression of who we are. This journey has been particularly challenging for me as I have realized that all I have is finite - money, possessions and time. The best I can do with them is to use them for the goals I feel are most important.

## *Pictorial Directory*

*This pretty lady was photographed in the chapel with a cell phone! We want your picture for our new Pictorial Directory too! The good news is that technology makes this easy for us to produce in-house. Please email (high-quality) digital photos of your family members (they need to be individual photos as they will be attached to each individual's computer record) to: photos@cccnola.org.*



*Thank you to everyone who made the Thrift Sale such a great success. You worked hard and made us proud!*

*O God, You bless us, your faithful people, With all that we have and all that we are. We humbly accept the challenge to Share from our means rather than from our excess. We resolve to be generous with our time, talent, and treasure, giving in proportion to the gifts we have received. Help us, we pray, to live each day in a grateful spirit of peace and joy secure in the knowledge that we are striving to do your will. Amen*

Pledge cards will be presented to God during worship  
 on  
 The First Sunday of Advent,  
 December 1.

## On Giving Thanks

Jarrett Follette

Canon Precentor

The Bishop and the Dean have bestowed on me the honor of a new title: Canon Precentor. The word “precentor” is built on two root words, “Preces” and “Cantor,” literally, the “Singer of Prayers.” I love that; what a wonderful way to spend my life! During this season, when Americans hopefully ponder their blessed lives, I think about *singing* thanksgiving, or playing thanksgiving on the organ, or offering thanksgiving through generosity. Why am I thankful?

I try to remember that I didn't get where I am on my own and am very thankful for the people who encouraged me along the way. I am thankful I had the opportunity to attend great schools and study with world-class teachers. I am thankful for my internship



at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Indianapolis and my mentor, Frank Boles. I am thankful to the Dean who hired me here.

I do not take any of this for granted; most human beings never have the opportunity to realize their potential. I am truly blessed and I know that none of this is possible without God's grace. If any of the circumstances of my past had been different, I might not be serving at Christ Church Cathedral!

Nobody got where they are on their own. To live with an attitude of gratitude can be far more spiritually fulfilling than an entitled sense of self-aggrandizement and greed.

This year, I am particularly thankful for my intern, Thomas Kientz, and all of you who made his sojourn here possible. I hope each of you are edified by his music. I hope that during this season each of us finds a way to be a “precentor,” a singer of prayers, of thanks, for our very many blessings – richly bestowed, by our Creator.



### Cathedral Advent Get-Away!

Mark your calendar for the Advent Cathedral Get-Away at the Solomon Episcopal Conference Center December 13-15 (Friday evening – Sunday morning). It's a great opportunity for a restful, family-friendly retreat in the midst of our hectic schedules. This year we are excited to announce it will be led by an exceptionally talented priest, The Reverend Minka Sprague, Th.D. More details are coming soon. For questions or to reserve a place, contact Canon Steven Roberts.



We need your help to spruce up the grounds around the Cathedral November 9, 2013 at 8:00am. Bring your tools of choice. We will be trimming the hedges, reshaping trees, weeding and much more. Everyone is welcome. You can contact Sandy Jackson at [sditta@tulane.edu](mailto:sditta@tulane.edu).



*The Annual "Blessing of the Animals" on the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi.*

*Notice the two police horses in the upper right!*



# The Canticle

November, 2013

LOOKING AHEAD:

The Feast of All Faithful Departed (All Souls)  
The Reading of the Necrology  
*Saturday, November 2*  
*9:30 AM*

The Sunday after All Saints' Day  
*Sunday, November 3*

Farewell to Linda Nelson  
*Sunday, November 24*

Thanksgiving  
The Holy Eucharist with Hymns in the Chapel  
*Thursday, November 28*  
*10:00 AM*

Lessons & Carols  
*Sunday, December 15*  
*4:00 PM*

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