



# THE CANTICLE



*Advent:* the Christian season of hopeful expectation; the season during which we prepare our hearts and homes to welcome the coming of Christ, both his human incarnation in first century Palestine, and his promised return to bring to fruition God's plan for the World's salvation. Yet, as I write these words from Jerusalem, this city has endured a horrific week of bloody violence and unconscionable unilateral retribution: on the spot military execution of alleged knife wielding attackers, one only 11 years old without benefit of Judge, jury or due process of any kind. Then, just hours ago the World watched in horror as multiple attackers ripped through the City of Paris and once again showed the vile and hateful toxicity of extremism. How can we even speak the word "hope" amidst act after act of nihilistic barbarism? The answer to this question for me comes from a much unexpected place.

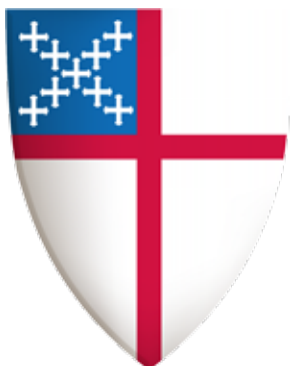
Gaza is often called the World's largest prison, and this is no Euphemism. Almost two million people live on 150 Square Miles (New Orleans is on 200 Square Miles). The borders with adjoining Israel and Egypt are virtually impenetrable, and although Gaza is on the Mediterranean coast, Israeli military patrols limit their ocean access to three miles (six is the international norm) prohibiting the viability of fishing as an industry. There is only intermittent electricity (also controlled by Israel and routinely off for 13 hours daily) and industrial facilities were bombed to rubble in the 2014 war. Unemployment is currently at 43%, and the limited land once available for agricultural production was also bombed to the point of infertility, thus 80% of the population depends on international food aid for basic subsistence.

In the middle of this wasteland stands the Al Ahli Arab Hospital, a ministry of the Anglican Diocese of Jerusalem. Under the auspices of Archbishop Suheil Dawani, I was granted a rare permit to visit Gaza and Al Ahli during my recent trip to Palestine for the Spafford Children's Center board meeting. The hospital occupies a full square block in the old town of Gaza City. It is one of the few Christian entities in Gaza, and, considering that there are barely 1000 Christians left in the entire territory, Al Ahli's continued existence is a miracle in itself. There is room for 200 beds, but currently only capacity to sustain 50. Basic medicines and supplies are hard to come by and yet, because of its reputation for neutrality and skill, Al Ahili has been asked by the Hamas Government (whose state run larger hospitals have no capacity to pay staff salaries) to help with the 2000 child waiting list for routine tonsillectomies.

Suheila Tarazi has served as the hospital's director for decades, and after several hours of hearing from her about the bleakness of the current situation, I asked her where she finds the strength to keep fighting what she candidly describes as a losing battle. Without skipping a beat she replied that Our Lord Jesus Christ called us to serve the weakest and poorest of God's children and told us to have faith even when there is no logical reason to do so. After all, he was not comfortable hanging on the cross but still he didn't lash out at those who taunted him but instead offered them forgiveness. I will never forget the sincerity and power of Suheila's words. Of course, this is not new information, but her ability to look hopelessness in the face and find strength instead of despair gave me an intense reminder of what Christian discipleship is all about. As we walk through the days of Advent preparation, I pray that God continually grants us the faith to seek within the darkness of our present age the dawning of his kingdom of light.

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WELCOMES YOU

**LECTIONARY TEXTS**  
(Sunday Readings)

**December 6**

Baruch 5:1-9  
Canticle 16  
Philippians 1:3-11  
Luke 3:1-6

**December 13**

Zephaniah 3:14-20  
Canticle 9  
Philippians 4:4-7  
Luke 3:7-18

**December 20**

Micah 5:2-5a  
Psalm 80:1-7  
Hebrews 10:5-10  
Luke 1:39-45

**December 27**  
Isaiah 61:10—62:3  
Psalm 147:13-21  
Galations 3:23-25; 4:4-7  
John 1:1-18

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Lawrence Marrione, Rick Mithun

**2019**

Ryan Garrity, Angela Kellum,  
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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 (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 I

Submissions for Cathedral publications  
are always welcome.

\*Items for the January, 2016 issue of  
*The Canticle* are due December 5.

Please e-mail articles to  
canticle@cccnola.org.

Send photos to  
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Sunday bulletin and/or weekly e-blast  
announcements should be submitted  
*before noon on Tuesdays* to  
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**WGSO 990AM**

Sunday Morning 10 AM Eucharist  
Live Broadcast on WGSO 990 AM  
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Online streaming and downloadable  
podcast at [www.wgso.com](http://www.wgso.com)  
Broadcasts underwritten in part by  
St. Martin's Episcopal School.



*A Festival of Nine  
Lessons & Carols  
Sunday, December 13  
4:00 PM*



**Casey Candebat, Tenor**

*In Concert*

**Tuesday, December 15**

**7:00 PM**

*Join tenor Casey Candebat and pianist Kristin Albarado as they ring in the holiday spirit with this recital of Christmas Classics. In our beautiful space, this recital is a great way to relax and embrace the season. This recital is free and open to the public, though donations are encouraged. All proceeds go to the artists. A reception follows the program.*

I publish the Banns of Marriage between

*Sara Nicole Kinsey and Mark Stewart Collins*

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 Reverend David A. duPlantier

**Christmas Flowers**



*If you would like to make a contribution toward the Christmas Flower array in honor of, or in memory of a loved one, please clearly note this on a Christmas Flower envelope that will be mailed to you soon - return it to the Cathedral office by Friday, December 18. Names will be listed in the Christmas service leaflets. Many thanks!*



December

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|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 2 - Lynn Finch         | 14 - Dirk Tillman     |
| 2 - Meryl Fink         | 14 - Jessie Haynes    |
| 2 - Lou Read           | 15 - Bill Buckley     |
| 4 - Anne Abbott        | 15 - Lauren Oglesbee  |
| 5 - Marisa Lazich      | 16 - Nick Montero     |
| 5 - Jack Thompson      | 17 - Greg Fahrenholt  |
| 5 - Erich Shofstahl    | 18 - Carolyn Deyo     |
| 5 - Olivia Shofstahl   | 18 - Addison Dodson   |
| 6 - Charley Browning   | 21 - Anna Schieffelin |
| 8 - Josie Ghere        | 22 - Gwendolyn Canepa |
| 9 - Marshall Monford   | 22 - Dee Strickland   |
| 9 - Lois Shofstahl     | 23 - Amanda Russell   |
| 10 - Davis Slocum      | 26 - Elizabeth Lewis  |
| 10 - Walker Slocum     | 27 - Hollie Carlson   |
| 12 - Jan Carr          | 28 - Justin Allen     |
| 12 - Harry Leche IV    | 28 - Caroline Beary   |
| 12 - Marcia Malloy     | 29 - Bob Carrow       |
| 13 - Joella Burlingame | 29 - Bridget Tierney  |

*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@ccnola.org](mailto:acs@ccnola.org) or call the cathedral office and we'll be sure to wish you a Happy Birthday next year!

## Meet Jericho Road's New Team Members!

Let us welcome Jericho Road's new team members!!! Peter Davis (Development and Communications Coordinator), Tenaj Jones (Neighborhood Engagement Coordinator) and Matthew Gonzales (Environmental Sustainability Coordinator). They have joined Jericho Road through the AmeriCorp VISTA Program. Since 1965, AmeriCorps VISTA has worked to tap the talents, skills, and passion of more than 7,000 American annually to support community efforts to overcome poverty and thrive.

Over the next year, each of these VISTA members will be taking on specific roles to maximize the program development and community engagement capacity of Jericho Road. Peter Davis helps Jericho Road expand and manage their donor base, and develop communications and marketing strategies to enhance Jericho Road's presence in the community. He is developing a complete volunteer program and tracking system to help with Jericho Road's community projects. Tenaj Jones' main role is building the capacity of neighborhood associations and fostering community partnerships that promote quality of life for all residents. Through community organizing strategies, she will continue Jericho Road's legacy of empowering residents through leadership development, cultivating working relationship among all stakeholders, and personally getting to know residents block by block with the intentions of creating a community of change agents. Matthew Gonzales is working on research in anticipation the pre-development phases of remediating the Saratoga Brownfield site in order to convert it into a greenspace.

Learn a little bit more about each of our VISTAs below and be sure and say hello if you see them out and about!!!



Matthew Gonzales hails from Albuquerque, New Mexico where he was born and where he spent his youth. For the past 8 years however, he has been living in New York City where he helped build a performance space in Brooklyn and received his Baccalaureate from Sarah Lawrence College with a focus on Philosophy, History, and Architecture. Prior to attending College, Matthew found a passion for housing and environmental justice while serving as an AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC) member in the Southern Region. His experience as an NCCC Corps member, which included rebuilding houses, tutoring kids, restoring marshes, running relief shelters, and much more, instilled in him a desire to continue to serve his country and community through another year of public service. This passion has brought him back to New Orleans where he is excited to work with Jericho Road. Matthew also enjoys bicycles, baking, vegan food, and playing music.



*Peter Davis* is native of New Orleans, who joins Jericho Road's team as the Development and Communications Coordinator. Peter has over 8 years of experience that includes instructional and educational leadership, youth development, program planning and development, community engagement and organizing, policy advocacy and data collection. Prior to joining Jericho Road, he served as a consultant to nonprofits organizations. Throughout most of his career, he has served at-risk youth and his community as a teacher and administrator at several schools in New Orleans. Peter serves on several local committees and boards. He is a graduate of Tulane University, and he completed graduate studies in Organizational Leadership at Northeastern University in Boston. Currently, he is pursuing a Master in Business Administration. Peter is also 2012 graduate of the Committee for a Better New Orleans Bryan Bell Metropolitan Leadership Forum.



*Tenaj Jones* native of Avondale, Louisiana. Her successes span multiple sectors, including government, philanthropy, non-profit, and community networks. Upon graduating from college, Tenaj was appointed by Mayor Marc H. Morial as the Department Head of the Mayor's Office of Volunteers in Government (VIGOR) for the City of New Orleans. Her successes in that role warranted her continued services under the Nagin administration. After Hurricane Katrina, Tenaj relocated to Texas and began volunteering with the Industrial Areas Foundation's (IAF) Katrina Survivors Network as a community organizer. Her leadership helped survivors access Fannie Mae and FEMA housing, garner scholarships with local colleges, maintain their right to vote, and worked with officials to create policies. Tenaj continued her service after returning New Orleans, she worked as the Senior Program Associate for Foundation for Louisiana managing Neighborhood Organizing and Planning Fund (NOPF). Tenaj is a graduate of Southern University at New Orleans where she studied Psychology and African American Studies.





*Cathedral Concerts*

*Presents*

**Lyrice Baroque**  
*In Concert*

*Performing a program of Christmas Music*

*Wednesday, December 23*  
*7:00 PM*



## The Feast of the Epiphany

Wednesday, January 6, 2015

6:00 PM - Choral Evensong

and King Cake party - *Welcome to Mardi gras!*



## Coffee Hour

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 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. For additional information or to volunteer, contact Kathy Boy, 891-1360 or kboydaj@yahoo.com. Recent hosts: Carolyn Rogers, Jonathan Kienzle, Mae & Ava Leonard, and Jen Jones.

*Many thanks to all!*

**Holiday Party**  
**Friday, January 8**  
**6:00 - 8:00 PM**  
**Lambeth House**  
**150 Broadway Street**  
*Adults only, please.*

**Christmas at the Cathedral**  
**Thursday, December 24 ~ Christmas Eve**  
**5:00 PM ~ The Holy Eucharist, Rite II**  
*Bishop Thompson, Celebrant and Preacher*  
**9:00 PM ~ The Holy Eucharist, Rite I**  
*Bishop Thompson preaches; The Dean celebrates.*  
**Friday, December 25 ~ Christmas Day**  
**10:00 AM ~ The Holy Eucharist, Rite II with Carols**

## Calling All Kids!

Claiborne Beary

*One Sunday each month, kids of all ages will get together to hang out! We'll be around the pool, baking cookies, or even jumping at Sector Six!*



### Upcoming Events:

- 12/6/15 Cookies and Christmas Classics (11:30-1:30 PM)\*\*
- 1/10/16 Sector Six (Event at Sector Six) (12-1 PM)\*\*
- 2/7/16 Parade Watching (11:30 - Till PM)\*\*

### Additional Questions

\*\*Transportation is available from Christ Church Cathedral

All events will be held at Page & Chris Beary's house unless otherwise specified

Please contact Claiborne Beary with any additional questions.

Join in the fun! Like our new Instagram page at cccnola1.

## Altar Flower Donations



Thanks to all of you who have donated flowers for the cathedral and chapel. There are still opportunities for you to donate flowers in memory or thanksgiving of loved ones. Please sign up on the sheet in Stuart Hall or for more information, contact Sue Blankingship - phone 885-0773 or Wyattppump1@aol.com.



**75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Photo Exhibition**

## **A POWERFUL, INTIMATE LOOK AT FAITH IN ACTION**

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Featuring 33 iconic photos and a timeline of our shared history.

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**Christ Church Cathedral**

**In the South Transept**

**November 22, 2015 - December 27, 2015**

**Sunday, December 13, 2015**

**Robert Radke, President of ERD, preaches at the 10:00 Eucharist.**

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

Cathedrals evolved to become spaces which invite the eyes and the heart to lift toward the heavens. The arches point the way for eyes to lift; the stained light from windows high above entice the vision higher; and the lofty vaulted ceilings complete the illusion.

Yoga teaches that the heart follows the eyes. This yoga practice will focus on opening the heart to loving kindness, accepting the human-ness of our selves and others and creating a lightness in the heart. But 'you gotta move' to teach your heart to open.

*All Levels of Experience are Welcome*

*Every Tuesday  
5:30 pm - 6:30 pm*

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

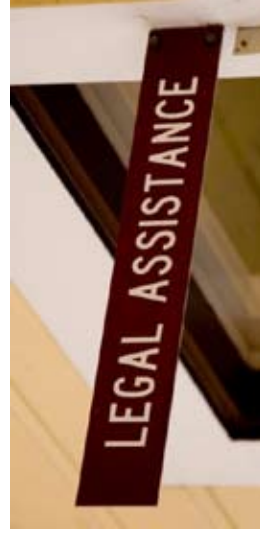
*What to Wear: Comfortable, layered clothing*

*What to Bring: A yoga mat*



## Free Legal Clinics Continue

The Pro Bono Legal Project is partnering with the Cathedral and Jericho Road to sponsor free legal clinics at the Cathedral. If you know someone (a friend, an employee, a neighbor) who might benefit from legal advice about bankruptcy, foreclosure, debt collection harassment, contract disputes, wills, or landlord issues, encourage them to come to the Cathedral at 10:00 AM on Saturday, December 12. No appointments are necessary and no fees are charged. Enter by the 6th Street door (3rd door down from the St. Charles Avenue.) For more information, call (504) 581-4043. Thanks to Vestry member Jesse George for arranging this service.



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

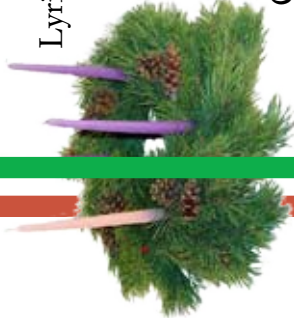


**Sunday, November 29**  
The First Sunday of Advent

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4:00 PM - A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

**Tuesday, December 15**  
Casey Candebat in Concert - 7:00 PM

**Wednesday, December 23**  
Cathedral Concerts Presents  
A Concert of Christmas music



Lyrica Baroque and featuring Mr. Ron Markham  
7:00 PM

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party celebrating the beginning of Mardi gras!