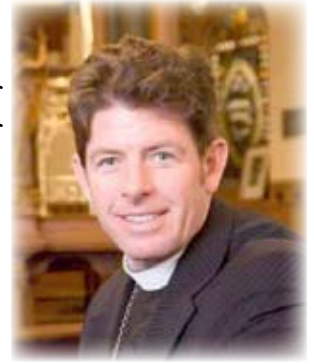


## From The Dean . . .

When I was a child, I particularly enjoyed our family tradition of using an Advent Calendar. The design was different every year, however, it inevitably included a sober, restrained winter theme with plenty of “glitter snow” and a different shaped door numbered for every day of the Advent Season. My sister and I took turns opening each daily door knowing full well that when all had been opened Christmas would happen. Behind each door one would find a passage of scripture, a scriptural image (such as a manger or pregnant Mary on a donkey) or a suggestion for intercession, something like “pray today for orphans waiting for adoption.”



The thing about this simple tool was that it both built the anticipation for Christmas, while giving tangible flesh to the fragile season of Advent. Even in the late 1960's the commercial aspect of the holiday was already reaching back to Thanksgiving, and with Legos and Hot Wheels to unwrap in the near future, it was a hard sell to get kids to pay much attention to the four candles of the church Advent Wreath. The daily doors of the calendar helped teach the discipline of waiting. Now, more than any time in human history, we are accustomed to instant everything: the world is literally at our fingertips. There is much about this technological accomplishment that is good, yet to keep our lives in spiritual balance it is important to remember that there are realities ranging from childbirth to building a prayer life that require the learned disciplines of patience and endurance.

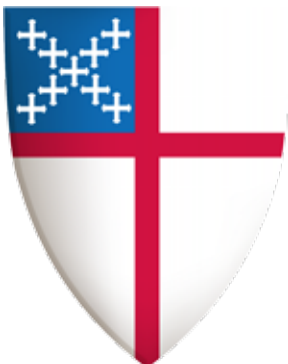
This year Advent is very short. It begins on December 3 and concludes with the 8 AM Mass on December 24. Twenty-One days to prepare ourselves in heart and soul and mind to welcome again the coming of Our Savior. In this brief season we ask God to give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. Whether you use an Advent wreath, calendar or some other devotional tool, I encourage you to adopt some kind of daily spiritual practice to help you engage this important season of waiting.

## THE CANTICLE

### IMPORTANT NOTE

Since Sunday, December 24 is both the Fourth Sunday in Advent, and Christmas Eve, we will NOT have a 10:00 AM Eucharist. Please join us at 8:00 AM, 5:00 PM or 9:00 PM.

THE  
EPISCOPAL  
CHURCH



WELCOMES YOU

*God willing*

*The Right Reverend Morris K. Thompson, Jr.*

*will ordain*

*Regina Brewster-Jenkins*

*and*

*Stephen Andrew Shortess*

*to the Holy Order of Deacons*

*Saturday, December 16, 2017*

*10:00 AM*

*Christ Church Cathedral*

## LECTIONARY TEXTS

(Sunday Readings)

### December 3

Isaiah 64:1-9  
Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18  
1 Corinthians 1:3-9  
Mark 13:24-37

### December 10

Isaiah 40:1-11  
Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13  
2 Peter 3:8-15a  
Mark 1:1-8

### December 17

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11  
Psalm 126  
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24  
John 1:6-8, 19-28

### December 24 (Morning)

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16  
Psalm 89:1-4, 19-29  
Romans 16:25-27  
Luke 1:26-38

### December 31

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

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The Reverend S. Chad Jones  
Mr. David R. Pitts  
The Reverend E. Mark Stevenson

### VESTRY

2018  
Kendall Genre,  
Jesse George (Senior Warden)  
Lawrence Marrione, Rick Mithun

2019  
Ryan Garrity, Angela Kellum,  
Dan LeGardeur (Treasurer)

2020  
Alan Brackett, Laura Brown, (Secretary)  
Robert Clepper

2021  
John Sibal, Steve Smith,  
Borden Wallace

## 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](http://www.wgso.com)  
Broadcasts underwritten in part by  
St. Martin's Episcopal School.

## Thrift Sale

Friday & Saturday  
December 1 & 2

We need workers to help stock our  
*wonderful merchandise!*  
If you would like to help, we will meet  
Monday-Friday  
November 27 - December 1  
during the day.

Please contact Sandy Jackson at  
sditta@tulane.edu.



### December

2 - Lynn Finch	14 - Jessie Haynes
2 - Meryl Fink	15 - Bill Buckley
4 - Anne Abbott	15 - Lauren Oglesbee
4 - Paloma Pardo	15 - Heidi Smith
5 - Marisa Lazich	16 - Nick Montero
5 - Erich Shofstahl	17 - Greg Fahrenheit
5 - Olivia Shofstahl	18 - Carolyn Deyo
5 - Jack Thomson	18 - Addison Dodson
6 - Charley Browning	18 - Greg Gunter
8 - Josie Ghere	18 - John Thomas
9 - Marshall Monford	19 - Adeline Smith
9 - Lois Shofstahl	21 - Hunter Meade
10 - William Mallery	21 - Anna Schieffelin
10 - Davis Slocum	22 - Gwendolyn Canepa
10 - Walker Slocum	23 - Amanda Walker
12 - Jan Carr	26 - Elizabeth Lewis
12 - Harry Leche IV	27 - Hollie Carlson
12 - Marcia Molloy	28 - Justin Allen
13 - Joella Burlingame	28 - Caroline Beary
13 - Sandra Johnson	29 - Bob Carrow
13 - Jack Meade	29 - Alison Davis
14 - Dirk Tillman	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.*

## 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 Thursday, December 15. Names will be listed in the Christmas service leaflets. Many thanks!*

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

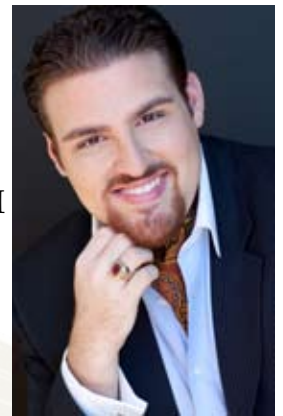
# Christmas Concerts



**A Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols**  
Sunday, December 10 at 4:00 PM

*All events are free of charge.  
Donations are gladly accepted.*

**Mr. Casey Candebat, Tenor**  
Sunday, December 17 at 3:00 PM

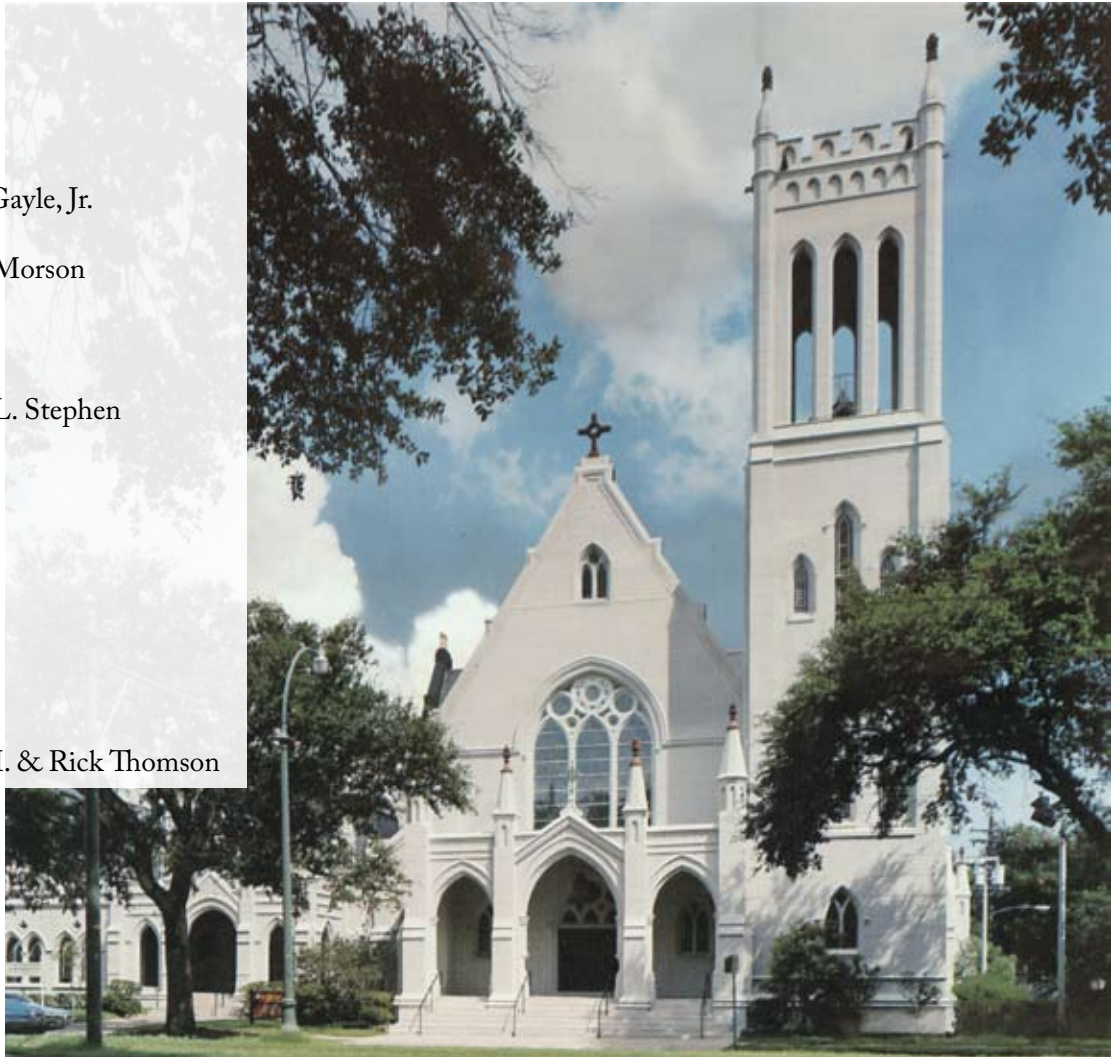


**Lyrice Baroque**  
Saturday, December 23 at 7:00 PM

## Pledges as of November 15, 2017

Abbott, Herschel  
Beary, Chris & Page  
Becker, Gay H.  
Beverly, Frances B.  
Boyd, Kathy  
Brackett, Alan G.  
Bradfield, Les & Linda  
Brown, Chris & Laura  
Browning, David & Kathryn  
Burlingame, Joella B.  
Buttone, Troy A.  
Canepa, Gwendolyn Reich  
Carlson, Art & Rita  
Carr, Bob & Jan  
Clepper, Robert  
Cooke, Janice R.  
DeLoach, John E. &  
The Most Rev. Theodore E. Feldmann;  
Deyo, Carolyn  
Dudley, Bobette B.  
Dunlap, Alma  
Dupaquier, Rene & Holly  
duPlantier, The Very Rev. & Mrs. David  
Faust, James C. ("Jimmy")  
Felts, Jean C.  
Forman, Olive & William  
Foster, Betty A.  
Gaumer, The Rev. Susan S.  
Gayle, The Rev. W. Gedge Gayle, Jr.  
Genre, Diane  
Genre, Kendall & Andrew Morson  
George, Amanda & Jesse  
Herring, Curtis  
Holley, Alma  
Holzhalb, III, The Rev. Dr. L. Stephen  
Johnson, Sandra L.  
Kartzke, Susan T.  
Kirkwood, Catherine  
Kohler, Claude  
Loudon, Marc & Judith  
Marrione, Lawrence J.  
Martin, Judy & Michael  
McCall, Pamela O.  
Meade, Charles & Keith  
Meade, The Rev. Dr. Jean M. & Rick Thomson

Messersmith, Carol  
Miller, Dr. James & Linda  
Moore, Katherine B.  
Nead, Mr. & Mrs. Arthur  
Nichols, Dr. Ronald & Elsa  
O'Brien, Jennifer  
Orr, Diana W.  
Pointer Helen J. ("Pudney")  
Porteous, Sylvia Todd  
Raacke, Jr., Norbert E.  
Rhodes, Richerson L.  
Ricciardi, Dr. & Mrs. James  
Schmidt, Mr. & Mrs. Charles W.  
Sibal, Lisa & John  
Spencer, David B.  
St. Paul, Laurie  
Thomson, Mr. & Mrs. Jack W.  
Tierney, The Rev. Bridget K.  
Wallace, Sara & Borden  
Whitfield, Karen & Ed  
Williams, Anne R.  
Williamson, Grace M.



## Christmas at the Cathedral

Sunday, 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.*

Monday, December 25 ~ Christmas Day  
10:00 AM ~ The Holy Eucharist, Rite II with Carols

## Holiday Party

Friday, January 5

6:00 - 8:00 PM

Christ Church Cathedral  
Stuart Hall

## 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](mailto:kboydaj@yahoo.com). Recent hosts: Judith Loudon, Henry and Sandy Jackson, Kendall Genre, and the many contributors for Bob Carr's 90th birthday celebration.

*Many thanks to all!*

## Advent House Coffee Hour Program

December 17

On Advent House Sunday we are pleased to have William Thiele, Spiritual Director of the School for Contemplative Living, join us after the 10:00 a.m. service to talk about



the cultivation of compassion. Dr. Thiele is a licensed professional counselor and spiritual director in private practice. He is the author of *"Monks in the World: Seeking God in a Frantic Culture,"* and an adjunct professor at Loyola University.

In his words,

*"We live in a world dominated by people polarizing and news of horrible tweets, abuse, and hating and shooting. But what if we made compassion cultivation an essential part of human training? The Dalai Lama helped fund the creation of a Compassion Cultivation Training program at Stanford, and I will share a synopsis of the program, which is based in guided meditations and small group discussions. The gist is that one part of us feels compassion naturally, and another part resists. And self-compassion is the hardest practice of all for Americans."*

*"Come explore the highest spiritual ideal of all the world religions: compassion cultivation."*



# Deaconal Ministry in the Diocese of Louisiana



Michael Hackett - Retired

I find it a real privilege to be able to volunteer as a Law Enforcement Chaplain for Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office. All of the deputies that I have worked with have been very professional and work each call to provide the best outcome for all concerned.

The majority of calls we answer, we do not know the outcome of our interaction.

The exception was a call about a person texting inappropriately to a lady. We checked it out and were able to determine the identification of the person texting.

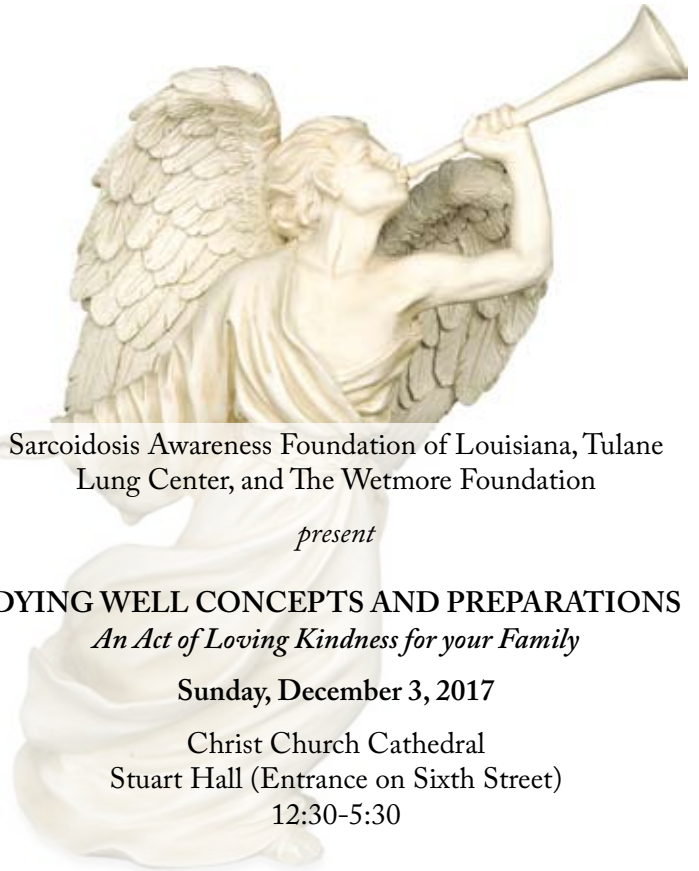
The lady told us that a few years earlier, she was working at a shopping center and having problems with her cell phone. This person noticed her dilemma and mentioned that he had a spare phone that she was welcome to use. She offered to pay him but he refused.

Fast forward to current: She was at Target the person with the cell phone recognized her and demanded that she pay him immediately. He followed her to the parking garage where she lost him. Arrive home, she started getting threatening texts. That was when she called 911.

We notified the Bureau and they traced him and the address where he was located. They also determined that he had outstanding warrants. They went to his location, arrested him, and advised him of his new charges.

All of this took place while we waited, about two hours.

*For more information about our deaconal ministries check out our Facebook page at: EDOLA Deacons.*



Sarcoidosis Awareness Foundation of Louisiana, Tulane Lung Center, and The Wetmore Foundation

*present*

## DYING WELL CONCEPTS AND PREPARATIONS

*An Act of Loving Kindness for your Family*

Sunday, December 3, 2017

Christ Church Cathedral  
Stuart Hall (Entrance on Sixth Street)

12:30-5:30

Two things are certain in Life:

- That death will occur
- How it will occur is uncertain

But in life, we can free loved-ones from the pain, stress, strain, and regret of an unprepared-for death.

- Warm, humorous, friendly workshop for all ages
- We encourage bringing at least one other person in your life: Family members, friends, or a neighbor.
- Explores cultural approaches to death and the fullness of life
- Participants will draft legal documents

**Ms. Paloma Lopez** is a Tibetan language scholar and translator for the Buddhist Katog Choling Monastery. She is internationally acclaimed for her dedication to share skills of dying well and peaceful living with others.

**Dr. Anne-Marie Russell** is a specialist at Imperial College, London, acclaimed for changing the landscape of research and care of lung disease by paying attention to patients' concerns and priorities for life satisfaction.

**Dr. Lesley Ann Saketkoo** is a physician, internationally recognized in patient-centered research in rare complex diseases such as lung fibrosis, Pulmonary Hypertension, Scleroderma, Myositis, and Sarcoidosis.

*This workshop is free. Donations are welcomed.  
Please register by contacting: Dr. Lesley Ann Saketkoo at  
[livingwelllung@gmail.com](mailto:livingwelllung@gmail.com) or (504) 702-5057.*

## 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.

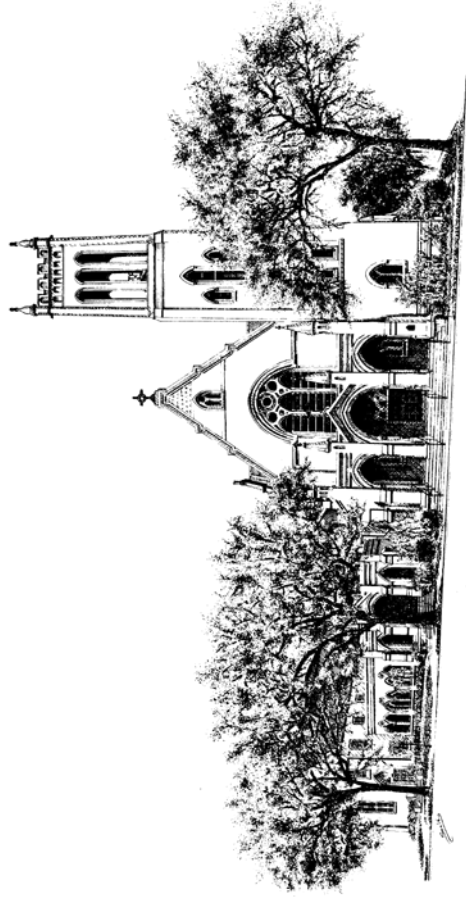
*All Levels of Experience are Welcome*

*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*



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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The First Sunday of Advent

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**Saturday, December 23**  
Lyrica Baroque in Concert - 7:00 PM

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Celebrant & Preacher - Bishop Thompson

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