

From The Dean . . .

Sorrow prepares you for joy. It violently sweeps everything out of your house, so that new joy can find space to enter. It shakes the yellow leaves from the bough of your heart, so that fresh, green leaves can grow in their place. It pulls up the rotten roots, so that new roots hidden beneath have room to grow. Whatever sorrow shakes from your heart, far better things will take their place.

— Jalāl ad-Dīn Muhammad Rūmī



The beloved twelfth century Persian Islamic poet, known as Rumi, touches on deep truths that span religious tradition. The passage above could have equally well come from a Christian mystic or Jewish Rabbi and, for me, speaks powerfully to a reality that is particularly appropriate to reflect upon during these months of holiday observations.

The eight weeks between Halloween and New Years Day are over-stuffed with personal, professional, and familial obligations that engender myriad emotional and spiritual stimuli. At best we greet the season with anticipation and fervor to focus time and energy on the ones we love, while at the same time reflecting on the calendar year that is coming to a close: Where has Joy bloomed? What progress has been made? How have we grown? Inevitably, we also are acutely aware of the losses and setbacks that have taken place since we last came together as a faith community to sing “O Come all ye Faithful.”

The cycle of life, death and resurrection is the bedrock of Christian faith, and the images of nature can be a dynamic tool with which to engage this cycle. As Jesus tells us in John 12:24: unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Our particular location in this cycle at any given time is but a temporary sojourn on a much longer path, a path that, we believe, ultimately leads to an eternal place of joy and peace. May the weeks ahead bring you an abundance of internal housekeeping so that whatever is ready to fall away may do so in order to allow far better things to take their place.

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WELCOMES YOU



A Visit from Saint Nicholas

Come all & bring your parents!
Kids and kids at heart.

Friday, December 6, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Chapel front porch on St. Charles Ave.

You won't want to miss this opportunity to meet St. Nicholas and learn the real story of St. Nick.

Come... Get your photo taken... a perfect chance for a family Christmas photo.
Join in this fun filled season event.
Refreshments and goodies too!

For more information call
Canon Steven Roberts

LECTIONARY TEXTS

(Sunday Readings)

December 1

Isaiah 2:1-5
Psalm 122
romans 13:11-14
Matthew 24:36-44

December 8

Isaiah 11:1-10
Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19
Romans 15:4-13
Matthew 3:1-12

December 15

Isaiah 35:1-10
Psalm 146:4-9
James 5:7-10
Matthew 11:2-11

December 22

Isaiah 7:10-16
Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18
Romans 1:1-7
Matthew 1:18-25

December 29

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

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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
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Radio.

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podcast at www.wgso.com

From Advent House

The Reverend Bridget K. Tierney

*A Different Way to See Gratitude
(many thanks to Joyce Rupp)*



If you look at a sunset, you might see only the disappearance of daylight.

If you look beneath, you may see darkness opening the splendor of the stars.

If you look at illness and disease, you might see only physical diminishment.

If you look beneath, you may see a teacher bringing you vital wisdom.

If you look at a broken relationship, you might see only a harsh ending.

If you look beneath, you may see the courageous seeds of new growth.

If you look at lost dreams, you might see only disappointment and doubt.

If you look beneath, you may see the stuff that new dreams contain.

If you look at the death of a loved one, you might see only pervasive sorrow.

If you look beneath, you may see that love lives on forever in the heart.

If you look at the planet's pain and creatures' woe, you might see only despair.

If you look beneath, you may see hope woven in the compassionate care of many.

If you look at yourself, you might see only tarnished unfinishedness.

If you look beneath, you may see your basic goodness shining there.

If you look for the divine being, you might see mostly unresolved questions.

If you look beneath, you may be astounded at the availability of divine love.

Which one of these resonates most with you, in your life right now? Pray with it until you have mined all the richness it has for you and then move on to another one. And you don't have to stop after Thanksgiving! The days leading up to Christmas can be some of the most stressful of the year for many and gratitude, especially the kind we often miss, can be a great antidote.

I wish everyone a blessed Thanksgiving and I want you to know that I am grateful for all of you and for my ministry here.

Bridget+



2 - Lynn Finch	15 - Bill Buckley
2 - Meryl Fink	15 - Heidi Smith
4 - Anne Abbott	16 - David Estes
4 - Paloma Pardo	16 - Nick Montero
5 - Erich Shofstahl	17 - Greg Fahrenholt
5 - Olivia Shofstahl	18 - Carolyn Deyo
6 - Charley Browning	18 - Addison Dodson
9 - Erin Tuck	18 - Greg Gunter
9 - Marshall Monford	18 - John Thomas
9 - Lois Shofstahl	19 - Adeline Smith
9 - Patrick Tuck	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 - Sandy Johnson	29 - Bob Carrow
13 - Jack Meade	29 - Alison Davis
14 - Jessie Haynes	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 or call the cathedral office and we'll be sure to wish you a Happy Birthday next year!



A Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols
Sunday, December 8 at 4:00 PM

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

Christmas Presence

Wed, Dec 11, 2019 at 7:00 PM
in the Cathedral

Join the Real Presence Trio as they perform their own contemplative versions of carols, modern songs, and new works. The lights will be low and the spirits will be light!



Lyrica Baroque
Thursday, December 19 at 7:00 PM



Episcopal Relief & Development

Working Together for Lasting Change

September 26, 2019

The Very Reverend David duPlantier
Christ Church Cathedral
2919 Saint Charles Ave
New Orleans, LA 70115-4498

Dear David:

Thank you for Christ Church Cathedral's recent generous gift of \$200.00 to our Hurricane Relief Fund which will be used to help those impacted by the devastation of Hurricane Dorian. Please know your gift is already at work, providing relief for the most vulnerable individuals who were caught or displaced by the storm.

Since late August, Episcopal Relief & Development staff has been in regular contact with Episcopal dioceses and other Church partners in the path of Hurricane Dorian to support both preparedness and relief efforts. So we were busy preparing even as the slow-moving storm passed through Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, the Bahamas, and up the eastern coast of the United States over Labor Day weekend and the first week in September. Hurricane Dorian slammed into the northern Bahamas as a Category 5 storm, devastating Grand Bahama and the Abaco Islands with torrential winds, rains and a storm surge of up to 25 feet. More than 70,000 were affected and the full extent of the destruction is still being assessed.

Episcopal Relief & Development was standing beside local partners ready to respond. Coordinating with the Anglican Alliance, we are providing support to the Anglican Diocese of the Bahamas and the Turks and Caicos as they continue to assess and respond to the needs of the island communities. Led by the Rt. Rev. Laish Z. Boyd, diocesan staff and clergy, many of whom themselves have been impacted by the storm, all are working to identify unmet needs of the most vulnerable communities. It is in these gaps that the Church can play a unique role, both in immediate relief and in long-term recovery. This is where your support will be vital.

In addition to our response in the Bahamas, we are in partnership with the Episcopal Diocese of Central Florida, the Episcopal Church in South Carolina, the Episcopal Diocese of Georgia, and the Episcopal Farmworker Ministry to give assistance such as food, water, clothing, shelter and other emergency supplies to individuals and families affected by the storm.

While local assessments, gaps and responses continue to be identified, please keep an eye for updates on our website. In the meantime, we thank you for trusting us and our local partners to use your compassionate gifts where the needs are greatest.

Faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Radtke', written over a white background.

Robert W. Radtke
President & CEO



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Rev. David duPlantier
Christ Church Cathedral
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New Orleans, LA 70115-4421

November 4, 2019

Dear Rev. DuPlantier,

Thank you for your generous gift of \$1,500.00 that we received on October 30, 2019.

As a partner in this ministry, you enable an individual like Rosemary (check out her full testimony on our YouTube channel @neworleansmission) to succeed in her journey of recovery. As you join hands with the New Orleans Mission, the investment of your time, talent and treasure makes it possible to continue to rescue so many from unimaginable circumstances and provide them with a pathway to a future filled with Christ, dignity, and hope.

Rev. DuPlantier, so many will continue the journey to recover through your heartfelt generosity and compassion. From all of us here at the New Orleans Mission, we thank you for your heartfelt gift.

Sincerely,

David Bottner
Chief Executive Officer

Come by for
a updated
tour ?
504-723-3325

If you would like to continue your support today, please use the envelope I have enclosed. Thank you again for investing into the lives of those hurting in our city.

The New Orleans Mission is a Christian Humanitarian Organization dedicated to working with homeless and hurting people to help them reach their full potential through rescue, recovery and re-engagement. Motivated by our faith in Jesus Christ, we serve alongside the poor and oppressed as a demonstration of God's unconditional love for all people. The New Orleans Mission serves all people, regardless of religion, race, ethnicity or gender.

****The New Orleans Mission is tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Your gift is deductible for federal income tax purposes under Section 170 of the code. IRS regulations require us to advise that "no goods or services have been exchanged for your gift". Tax ID# 72-1151696.**

Christmas at the Cathedral

Tuesday, 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.

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

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 13**. Names will be listed in the Christmas service leaflets. Many thanks!

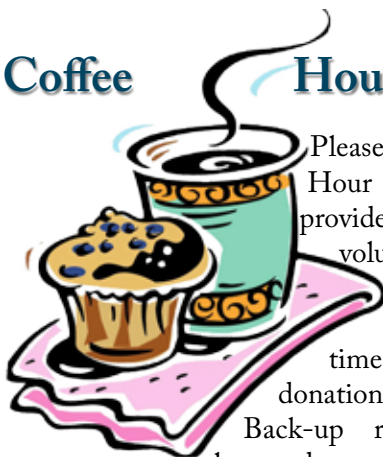
Did you know?

You can listen to Sunday services anytime online!



Visit our website at <http://cccnola.org> and click on the Archives link at the bottom right of the page.

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).

Holiday Party

Friday, January 3

6:00 - 8:00 PM

*The Home of Barbara Mangum
500 Hector Avenue,
Metairie, LA*

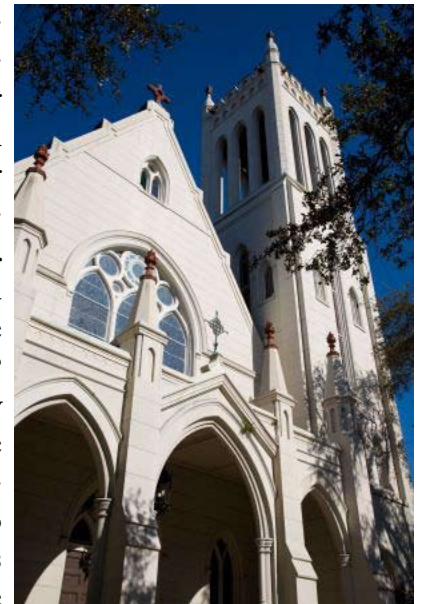
Men's Bible Study

I have had an inquiry about starting a Men's Bible Study at the Cathedral beginning in January of 2020. The time that is being considered is Wednesday mornings from 7:30-8:30. If you would be interested in participating in such a group, please email Lisa Sibal (lsibal@cccnola.org) and if there is sufficient interest we will follow up with the specifics.

The Very Reverend David Allard duPlantier

Funeral Planning

While this is not always a very joyful endeavor, planning your funeral in advance can be a great gift to your family and friends during their time of loss. What hymns should be sung? Which bible readings shall we read? Will there be Holy Communion? Do we want a choir? Leaving these decisions to grieving loved ones can be traumatic. We



encourage you to make an appointment with one of our clergy or Canon Follette to discuss your plans. The Cathedral keeps your wishes on file.

It is also most important that your family *contact the Cathedral immediately* anytime you have any kind of emergency so we may offer our assistance.

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.

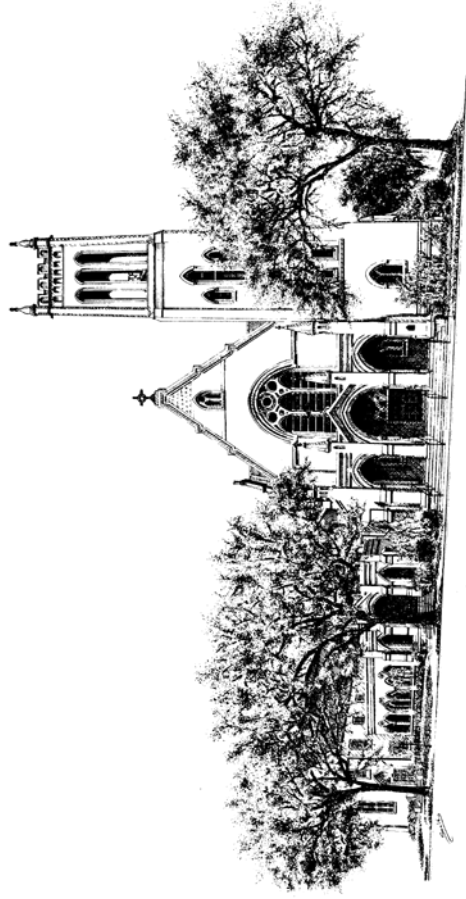
All Levels of Experience are Welcome

*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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