



THE CANTICLE

From The Dean . . .

As you read this, Lent is well under way, and we are moving into a busy March during which we will share our Annual Meeting, Vestry Retreat, Holy Week, and several Lenten programs discussed elsewhere in this month's Canticle.



Lent is often described as a journey—a good enough metaphor, yet there are so many kinds of journeys that it can feel vague. Lent may be better understood as a pilgrimage. A pilgrim (Latin: peregrinus) is one who comes from another place and has a holy destination. The classic Christian pilgrimage is to the Holy City of Jerusalem. For those unable to make this journey physically, the Church created the Stations of the Cross, symbolically transporting the experience of walking the Via Dolorosa—Jesus' way of sorrow between his condemnation and crucifixion—into parish churches around the world.

Walking a labyrinth is another kind of pilgrimage, one that requires neither passport nor packed lunch, yet is often experienced as a deeply moving interior journey. Even the traditional Palm Sunday procession is its own kind of pilgrimage. The point is not the distance traveled, but the movement toward the sacred. You are holy because God has made you holy, and He calls you to move closer to the divine presence day by day throughout your life.

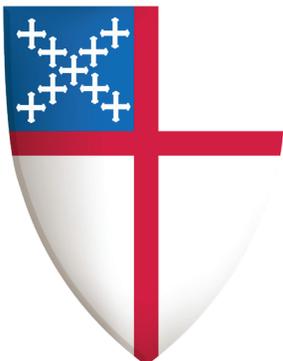
The Lenten pilgrimage differs from person to person and from year to year, depending on where we find ourselves physically and spiritually when Ash Wednesday dawns. Even though this pilgrimage is an individual one, as Church we follow our unique paths while remaining together in community. Think of co-riders on a Carnival float. Everyone has their own reason, purpose, and way of making the ride, yet all are traveling a shared route. Each person's experience is enhanced and supported by the presence of the others. When an empty or sparsely populated float comes down the parade route, its glitter and lights cannot mask its sad, lifeless quality.

Similarly, Lent is a time when the parish community especially needs your active presence and participation. Our liturgical and formational life is only as rich as the diversity and number of its participants. You are the Cathedral. We have beautiful buildings and dedicated clergy and lay staff, but this infrastructure exists to support, inspire, and empower you—as individuals and as a community—to make the pilgrimage to which God calls you and to become ever more fully His Real Presence in the world.

Make it a priority this Lent and Holy Week to walk with your brothers and sisters toward the Cross of Jesus' Passion, so that when Easter arrives, the Alleluias will be more joyful than ever.

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*THE
EPISCOPAL
CHURCH*



WELCOMES YOU

Annual Parish Meeting

following the 10:00 AM Eucharist
Sunday, March 15.



LECTIONARY TEXTS

(Sunday Readings)

February 22

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Romans 5:12-19

Matthew 4:1-11

Psalm 32

March 1

Genesis 12:1-4a

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

John 3:1-17

Psalm 121

March 8

Exodus 17:1-7

Romans 5:1-11

John 4:5-42

Psalm 95

March 15

1 Samuel 16:1-13

Ephesians 5:8-14

John 9:1-41

Psalm 23

March 22

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Romans 8:6-11

John 11:1-45

Psalm 130

March 29

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Philippians 2:5-11

Matthew 26:14- 27:66

Psalm 31:9-16

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Submissions for Cathedral publications
are always welcome.

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2026

Chrissy Carmody, Meryl Fink,
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2027

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2028

Charlotte C. Meade, Bonnie Scott,
Angela Sella

2029

Alan G. Brackett (Senior Warden),
Liz Schafer, Patrick Tuck

Weekly Liturgies

Sundays

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

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February

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| 1 Jonathan Leetham | 19 Carey Slocum |
| Oriel Romano | 20 Bill Lagan |
| 3 Warren Billings | 21 Chas Fahrenolt |
| Evariste Rookard | 23 Tommy Das |
| Julia Spencer | Marla Garrity |
| 4 William Billings | Caroline Schieffelin |
| 6 Tucker Goforth | 24 Jenn Krass |
| Don Hudson | 25 Dorothy Stencil |
| 8 Robert Shofstahl | 28 Jack Anderson |
| 10 Miller Haynes | The Rev. Gedge Gayle |
| 11 Ibari Best | Enid Fahrenholt |
| Tyler Anthony | Liz Goforth |
| 13 Cathy Schieffelin | Albert Hage |
| Lisa Wilkie | Chase Zetzmann |
| 17 Bailey Shofstahl | |

Holy Land Pilgrimage

A pilgrimage to the Holy Land is one of the most powerful experiences in Christian life. Technology allows us to explore these places through video and books, which is a gift. But, when possible, an in-person pilgrimage is different. It changes the pilgrim, and it deepens the faith of those who hear the stories brought home.

In Lent 2027, we will have the chance to make such a pilgrimage together. Our Diocese has organized Holy Land pilgrimages since 2012. They were paused in 2020, and now, by God's grace, they will resume. The pilgrimage is scheduled for March 3 through March 16, 2027. We will visit the Church of the Nativity, marking the place of Jesus' birth; the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, marking his death and resurrection; and the many sacred sites in between.

Registration for this pilgrimage will open in late March and the capacity is limited to 35 participants. Two Zoom informational meetings will be held at 7 p.m. on March 11 and

March

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| 1 Michael Martin | 17 David Smith |
| 2 Andy Jameson | 18 Abbie Carlson |
| 3 Les Kellum | Thomas Hayes |
| 4 Charlie Kellum | 19 Louise Meade |
| 5 Kathryn Washington | Amanda Anthony |
| 7 Sarah LaBauve | 20 Les Leathem |
| Zachary LaBauve | 21 Annette Figueroa |
| 8 Ruth Frugé Green | Marie-Louise Spangenberg |
| 9 Milton Seiler, Jr. | 22 Mimi O'Leary |
| 10 Laura Brown | Shawyn Mars |
| Mandy Reynolds | 23 Elizabeth Thomas |
| 11 Esther Hage | 25 Linda Miller |
| 12 Susan Mitchell | Andrew Schafer |
| Michael Talbot | 26 Daphne Fahrenholt |
| 13 Kyle Del Hierro | 27 Joey Keegin |
| 14 John Hurtel | 29 Luana Naylor Smith |
| 15 David duPlantier | Pam Ricciardi |

Easter Flowers



If you would like to make a contribution toward the Easter Flower array in honor of, or in memory of a loved one, please clearly note this on a check or an Easter Flower envelope - return it to the Cathedral office by Monday, March 23. Names will be listed in the Easter service leaflets. Many thanks!



March 16. These sessions will explain the itinerary, costs, and expectations, and will help you decide whether this pilgrimage is right for you. If you would like to participate in one of these sessions, please contact Lisa Sibal (lsibal@ccnola.org) to get the zoom link. If neither date works for you, but you would still like to consider participating, Lisa will take your contact information, and we will arrange an alternative time to share the information.

IN COLLABORATION WITH THE RACIAL HEALING COMMISSION

EDOLA'S PILGRIMAGE TO JACKSON, MS

MARCH 6-7, 2026

EDOLA invites you to join a pilgrimage to Jackson, Mississippi—a city that stood at the heart of both the Jim Crow South and the Civil Rights Movement. Together, we'll journey through our shared history and reflect on what it means for us today as citizens and children of God.

Cost: \$75/person – includes transportation, dinner on Friday evening, full programming

Youth welcome.



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Vestry Nominations - 2026

Mark Edward Andrews

Mark graduated from Ruston High School in 1975 and from LSU in Baton Rouge in 1980 with a BS in Biochemistry. Then Mark moved to New Orleans where he rented a house from his grandparents who had retired to Slidell. From 1983 to 1988 Mark worked for the then-new Regional Transit Authority, assembling and managing an in-house computer system and a team of programmers and analysts. From 1989 to 1996 Mark was Director of MIS for the Audubon (Nature) Institute where he personally designed, coded, and implemented in-house ticket sales and group reservations systems on networked microcomputers, for the opening of the Aquarium in 1990 and expanding to an IMAX theater, the Audubon Zoo, and to a sales and reservations call center serving schools and other groups. Mark entered Tulane Law School in 1996 and received his Juris Doctor degree in 1999. He is a Registered Patent Attorney and is a member of the bar in Louisiana and California. He practiced patent law in Monterey, California 2000–2002 before returning to New Orleans.



Mark was baptized in 1958, First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, MS, and made his Confession of Faith in 1972, First Presbyterian Church, Ruston, LA. Throughout his life Mark has sung in many church choirs and other groups. Mark was singing with the New Orleans Musica da Camera early music group, which sometimes performed at the Cathedral, when in 1985 he decided to attend a church service, where he sang from the back of the church, was approached by usher John Newsham, and was in the choir. In 1986 Mark was received into the Episcopal Church by Bishop Brown and became a member of Christ Church Cathedral.

After an absence, Mark rejoined the choir in March 2019. He also serves as one of the Cathedral's lectors, especially enjoying channeling Old-Testament prophets. In April 2022, after the cootie storm, Mark began bringing meatballs served with pre-inserted toothpicks, and continues to do so. Mark has been serving on the Property Committee and hopes to continue working to preserve this magnificent historic church building and support the Church's ministries within a modest and reasonable budget.

Melissa Nunn

Melissa Nunn and her husband, Will, have been attending the Cathedral since early 2022, where they immediately felt welcomed by both the clergy and the wider community. Melissa was baptized at St. Cecilia's Church and confirmed at St. Mary Magdalen Church in Metairie, Louisiana.



Feeling called to serve as a lector, she soon became more deeply involved in parish life, including participation on the Congregational Development Committee. She has also served on a variety of local and statewide nonprofit boards and membership organizations.

Professionally, Melissa is a pediatric nurse practitioner and serves as an Assistant Dean for Student Services at a local nursing school. She looks forward to bringing her leadership experience, commitment to service, and passion for community development to support and strengthen the mission of the Cathedral.

Jason Stencel

Jason joined Christ Church Cathedral in 2017 and married his wife Dorothy at the Cathedral in 2021. They attend church regularly with their daughter, Isabella. Dr. Stencel is a practicing Cardiologist.



Lenten Dinners

You're invited to two casual, drop in, family friendly dinners designed to nourish both body and spirit during our Lenten journey together.

Dinner Dates

- February 27
- March 20

Join us 5–7 p.m. on these Fridays in Lent for a shared meal (with vegetarian options), meaningful conversation, and joyful fellowship. All ages are welcome—there will be something for everyone!

Please RSVP or reach out with questions:
stevenroberts@cccnola.org

We look forward to this opportunity to gather with you!

Day of Grace

On Saturday, March 28, from 12–4 p.m., the Cathedral will open its doors to all on St. Charles Avenue for a Lenten Day of Grace—a sacred time set aside for healing, reconciliation, and prayer.

Throughout the afternoon, you are invited to participate in a variety of prayerful experiences, including:

- Stations of the Cross (devotion)
- The Sacrament of Unction (prayers for healing)
- The Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession)

Come for one practice or many or simply rest in the quiet of the Cathedral for as long as you need. Drop in anytime between 12 p.m. and 4 p.m.

All are welcome to encounter God's grace in this holy season.



*The Choir of Grinnell College sings
the New Orleans premiere performance of*



Considering Matthew Shepard

Under the direction of John Rommereim
Thursday, March 12 at 7:30 PM

Considering Matthew Shepard is a Grammy-nominated three-part oratorio composed by Craig Hella Johnson. The work is an evocative and compassionate musical response to the murder of Matthew Shepard. On October 6, 1998, University of Wyoming student Matthew Shepard was kidnapped, beaten, and left to die, in what became an infamous act of brutality, and one of America's most notorious anti-gay hate crimes. Shepard's murder ultimately led to the creation of the Matthew Shepard Foundation and provided a catalyst for legislation that expanded the definition of a hate crime to include sexual orientation. In 2009, Congress passed the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act. Composer Craig Hella Johnson had a profoundly personal reaction to both the murder and its resonance. The Shepard family and Foundation engaged with Johnson in the creation of the work, and allowed the use of fragments from Shepard's personal diary.

Twilight Gatherings

Our next *Twilight* gathering will be on Saturday, February 21 at 2 pm. We will be watching a movie – *The Penguin Lessons*. Refreshments will be – what else – popcorn and sodas.

The movie is based on the memoirs of Tom Michell and his experience as a British teacher when he went to South America to teach at a boys' boarding school in Argentina in the 1970s. On a side trip to Uruguay, he visited a beach where he stumbled on dead penguins soaked with oil. He rescued one that was still alive, cleaned and fed it. After that, the penguin, named Juan Salvador, would not leave him and kept following him; eventually he took it back to the school, where it became a popular pet, teaching the students how to care for each other. The story/movie uses the penguin as a metaphor and tackles serious themes like loss, political fear, and empathy.

We'll have time for discussion following the movie. And again, this is open to anyone age 60 or older.



The
**Penguin
Lessons**

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)

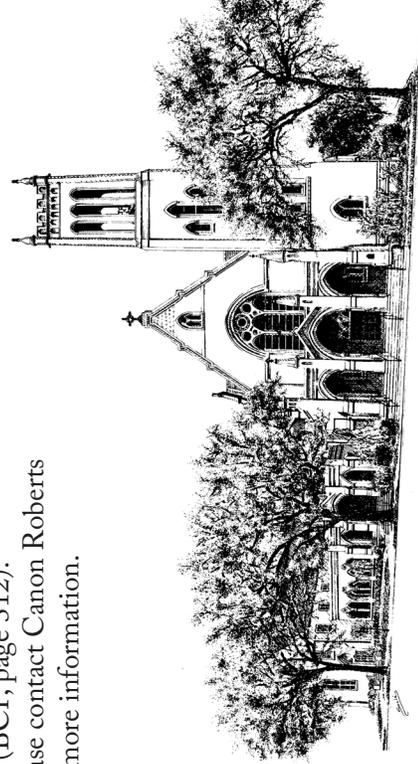
What to Wear: Comfortable, layered clothing

What to Bring: A yoga mat

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).

Please contact Canon Roberts for more information.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Sunday, February 15
Parade Sunday

9:00 only - The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Wednesday, February 18

Ash Wednesday

Services at 7:30 AM, 12:15 PM, & 6:00 PM

Saturday, February 21

Twilight Gathering

2:00 PM

Fridays, February 27 and March 20 at 5:00 PM

Lenten Dinner

Thursday, March 12 at 7:30 PM

Grinnell College Choir in Concert

"Considering Matthew Shepard"

Sunday March 15 at 11:15 AM

Annual Meeting

Saturday, March 28 ~ 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Day of Grace

Sunday, March 29

Palm Sunday

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, March 29-30, April 1

Holy Week Liturgies (Real Presence)

6:00 PM

Thursday, April 2

Maundy Thursday Liturgy

6:00 PM

Friday, April 3

Good Friday Liturgy with

Communion from the Reserved Sacrament

Noon