

From The Dean . . .

Jesus said to his disciples, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you... Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained" (John 20:21-23). These words, spoken on the first Easter evening, remind us that the life of faith is not lived in isolation. God sends the Spirit to dwell within us, to guide, empower, and transform.

In the life of the Church, the Holy Spirit is ever-present. The Nicene Creed, which we proclaim week by week, honors the Spirit as "the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets." These are not mere words to be recited; they are truths to be lived. The Spirit gives life, illuminates our hearts, and calls forth from us acts of love, courage, and mercy.

Yet many faithful Episcopalians find that, while they know of the Spirit's power, they have never consciously experienced it. This is not unusual. The Spirit moves in ways both subtle and dramatic. Sometimes, God's presence comes as softly as the fragrance of a rose, quietly lifting our spirits and granting insight. At other times, the Spirit comes with the force of a summer storm, shaking us awake to new possibilities and calling us to bold action. Always, whether gently or powerfully, we are changed. Our faith is deepened, our love for God and neighbor is renewed, and our hearts are opened to the wonder of God's presence in the world.

If you cannot yet recall such an experience, reflect upon the most profound moments of your life. Perhaps the Spirit was there—in a time of joy or sorrow, in a moment of beauty, in an act of unexpected kindness. And remember the words of our Lord: "Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you" (Luke 11:9). God's Spirit is always available to those who seek, willing to enliven our hearts and guide our steps.

The Holy Spirit is not a gift for a select few; it is the heritage of the whole Church. As Anglicans, we pray, we sing, and we bear witness to the Spirit's work in the liturgy, in our lives, and in the life of the world. Accept this gift with joy. Open your heart to the Spirit's presence. Let the Spirit set your heart aflame with love for God, strengthen you for service, and empower you to live boldly in faith, hope, and charity.

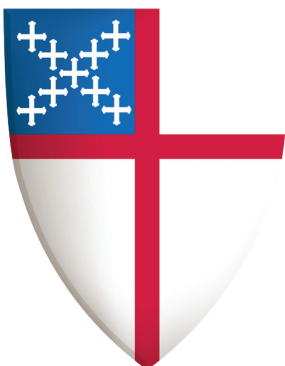
May we all, in the power of the Holy Spirit, be transformed into witnesses of God's love, bearers of peace, and instruments of grace in the world.

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WELCOMES YOU

Pentecost Picnic

Please join us for The Annual Pentecost Picnic to be held May 24 after the 10:00 a.m. service. We will have a picnic lunch, sno-balls and activities for the kids. If you are able to bring a side dish or help with clean-up, sign-up sheets will be on the table where you enter the church and at coffee hour.



Don't forget to wear red!

LECTIONARY TEXTS

(Sunday Readings)

May 17

Acts 1:6-14
1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11
John 17:1-11
Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36

May 24

Acts 2:1-21
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13
John 20:19-23
Psalm 104:25-35, 37

May 31

Genesis 1:1-2:4a
2 Corinthians 13:11-13
Matthew 28:16-20
Psalm 8

June 7

Genesis 12:1-9
Psalm 33:1-12
Romans 4:13-25
Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

June 14

Genesis 18:1-15, (21:1-7)
Psalm 116:1, 10-17
Romans 5:1-8
Matthew 9:35-10:8(9-23)

June 21

Genesis 21:8-21
Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17
Romans 6:1b-11
Matthew 10:24-39

June 28

Genesis 22:1-14
Psalm 13
Romans 6:12-23
Matthew 10:40-42

July 5

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67
Psalm 45: 11-18
Romans 7:15-25a
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

July 12

Genesis 25:19-34
Psalm 119:105-112
Romans 8:1-11
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

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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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Pentecost

The Reverend Georgene "Gigi" Conner

Pentecost is the Greek name for the Jewish Feast of Weeks, second in importance to Passover and celebrated 50 days after Passover. At this feast thanks was given for the first fruits of the wheat harvest, for the giving of the law on Mt. Sinai, and for the joy of Jewish identity as the chosen people of Yahweh.

The Christian celebration of Pentecost comes from Acts 2 which tells of the events that occurred, following the resurrection and ascension of Jesus. On that day, when the disciples were gathered together in Jerusalem, there was the sound of rushing wind, and the Holy Spirit appeared to them looking like tongues of fire.

It is in this sense that Pentecost became the birthday of the Church, the anniversary of the day on which Christ's disciples first knew themselves to be not simply a band of religious individuals but a community at one with God, enlivened and empowered by the same Spirit that was in Jesus Christ. In this way the Church incorporates the Jewish notion that it is one's identity as a people that is celebrated at Pentecost. It is not the law however, that makes us Christians one but rather the Holy Spirit bringing us together in one body.

The symbols of the presence of the Spirit are wind, fire, and the dove. During the Middle Ages, people sometimes dramatized the Pentecost story very literally by using these symbols. Some churches had an opening in the ceiling which was called the "Holy Ghost Hole." During the Pentecost celebration a wind sound, which came from trumpets or in hissing sounds made by altar boys, was heard as a cart wheel, its painted underside showing a white dove, slowly descended through this hole. In some towns burning straw was dropped to represent the tongues of fire.

We don't have a hole in the ceiling at the Cathedral nor will we be dropping burning straw, but we will have lessons read in different languages and a Pentecost picnic that will lift your spirits.

We hope you are revived and refreshed by our worship together and that you will join us afterwards for a Pentecost Picnic — perhaps even a birthday cake.

Symphony Of New Orleans Voices Of New Orleans

In Concert

Thursday, June 4
7:30 PM

Altar Flower Donations



Thanks to all of you who have donated flowers for the cathedral. If you wish to donate in memory or thanksgiving of loved ones, Please contact Sandy Jackson - (504) 717-3185.

Lyrice Baroque



Join us for our Summer Concert on May 28 at 7:00 PM. Celebrating America's 250th birthday, our annual Summer Concert features a program of American music including Samuel Barber's Summer Music performed by musicians from the *Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra* and the incredible *Bryan Batt* performing a selection of Broadway and Jazz with pianist *Oscar Rossignoli*.

We highlight American works of art during this time in our country's history to celebrate the artistic achievements that bring people together rather than divide us. This program is free and open to the public with a suggested donation of \$25. See you there!

Sponsored by the New Orleans Tourism and Cultural Fund and Christ Church Cathedral



Camp Able NOLA is a year-round program that creates a space for individuals with diverse abilities to build friendships, grow in confidence, and feel fully included in a joyful and supportive community.

Our annual Summer Camp will take place June 17-20, bringing together our friends for four days of activities, field trips, and fun. Campers participate in games, water sports, crafts, music, and more while fostering meaningful friendships in a welcoming environment.

We are also currently welcoming volunteers to serve as counselors and group leaders for camp. Training will be held June 15-16, and no prior experience is needed, just a

willingness to show up and support our campers.

To support this summer's camp, we are hosting a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser on May 16 from 4:30-7:30 PM. Tickets are \$25 and include dinner and live music, with additional opportunities to give throughout the evening. Wine and beer will be available for purchase, and all proceeds go directly toward making camp accessible for our participants.

We would love for members of the Cathedral community to be involved: whether by volunteering, attending the fundraiser, donating, or supporting Camp Able in any way.

McKenzie Jones



Camp Able New Orleans

**SPAGHETTI
DINNER**

**TICKETS ON SALE NOW
VISIT OUR FUNDRAISER WEBSITE!
WWW.GIVEBUTTER.COM/CANOLA26**

May 16, 2026 | Christ Church Cathedral
4:30pm-7:30pm | 2919 St. Charles Ave
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

June

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| 1 Jethro Celestin | 18 Jacob Anthony |
| Kaitlyn Yeates | Joshua Spencer |
| 2 Caroline Nead | 19 Liam Richert |
| 3 Dorothy Miller | 21 Tihana Zschiesche |
| 4 Reggie Cline-White | 23 Carol Billings |
| 5 Henry Slocum | Jan Cooke |
| 7 James Martin | 25 Ronald Nichols |
| 8 Katherine Goforth | 26 Caroline Carmody |
| Elizabeth Russell | Grace Carmody |
| 10 Caroline Dodson | Angela Kellum |
| 11 Teddy Brown | 29 Gabe Krass |
| Adele LeGardeur | Linda Roberts |
| Kitty Schmidt | |
| 13 Calloway Cieslak | |
| Karen Whitfield | |

July

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| 8 Brian Frilot | 19 Cathy Kirkwood |
| 9 Barry Bisbee | 21 Katherine Thomasson |
| Lillian Browning | 22 Judson Mitchell |
| 10 Jesse George | 24 Sarah Whalen |
| 11 Harry Leche III | 27 PJ Lewis |
| 14 Susan Kartzke | 29 Susan Carswell |
| 15 Sara Wallace | Gregory Curtis |
| Liv Dunn | Karen Lowry |
| Bonnie Scott | 30 Sam Buckley IV |
| 16 David Morelock | Judy Martin |
| Charlotte Schafer | 31 Justin Russell |
| 17 Claire Beary | Olivia Tuck |
| Christian Shofstahl | |

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants who 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!

Daughters of the King

St. Catherine of Siena Chapter

The Order of the Daughters of the King is open to all women in the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion. A daughter pledges herself to a life-long program of prayer, service, and evangelism, dedicated to the spread of Christ's Kingdom and to the strengthening of the spiritual life of her parish.

Our Chapter, along with other DOK chapters in the Louisiana Diocese has been busy conducting informational sessions during coffee hour at surrounding churches for women who have expressed an interest in learning about the Daughters of the King. In addition to the informational meetings, our chapter along with other DOK chapters in the Diocese, have participated in discernment meetings for All Saints, River Ridge; Christ Church, Covington and St. George's, New Orleans, which resulted in the installation of 18 new Daughters of the King.

These churches have new chapters with faithful Daughters who are called to a life of prayer, service and evangelism. We also serve our Bishop, the Cathedral's clergy and parish by making Chrism, working in the nursery when needed and participating in Church services. Our chapter also participate with Eden Centers by providing day retreats at the Solomon Conference Center and Christmas cookie decorating as well as hosting Camp Able for holiday events and summer camp.

If you would like to know more about the Daughters of the King, feel free to contact Debbie Williams, Chapter President, at blessedgigi.d1w@gmail.com or Annette Figueroa, Chapter Vice President and Diocesan Assembly President at annette.figueroa@icloud.com.



WE PRAY FOR THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD

Almighty God, today, today we lift in prayer all your beloved children who make up the human family, especially our mothers and those who have been like mothers to us. We think of you as one who cares for all people: big and tall, short and small, those born into the family and those adopted, those who wander off and those who stay close to home.

God of all life, thank you for your love.

We pray for mothers: those who gave us birth, those who have raised us and care for us still, for "mother-hearted women" who make us feel special, for aunties and grandmas and neighbors and friends, for all of the women who touch our lives and for all the men who are both mother and father to their children.

God of all life, thank you for your love.

We pray for those who are sorrowing today: those who are missing their mothers of their children, those who mourn their dead, those who worry and wonder, those who dream dreams that never come true.

God of all life, thank you for your love.

We pray for those who live in war-torn countries, whose lives have been ended or disrupted, who live in terror and pray for a time of peace. We also pray for those who committed violence against others, and who died, for they too may have children who mourn their loss.

God of all life, thank you for your love.

We pray for all families. In the Bible you remind us that families come in all shapes and sizes — couples with no children, foster families and adoptive families, extended families and birth families, single people and groups of people who call themselves family — all sharing their lives together.

God of all life, thank you for your love.

We pray for all of the groups of people to which we belong: families at home and far away, families at school and work and church. We pray for those who are separated from their families, by distances of many types and sizes. Help all people to feel connected as your human family.

God of all life, thank you for your love.

On this day, loving God, we think of our homes: houses and shelters, cabins and apartments, mobile homes and tents, beaches and alleys, hospitals and prisons — all of those places where your people live. We pray too, for those who are without a place they can call home, and those who are confined to their homes. Move us to deeds of love that can make any place a home.

God of all life, thank you for your love.

Almighty God, you teach us that we are all sisters and brothers of one human family, at home on this one, fragile planet. Help us to love one another, to honor our elders and our children, and in so doing, to honor you, our God, who always tends and cares for us. *Amen.*

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)

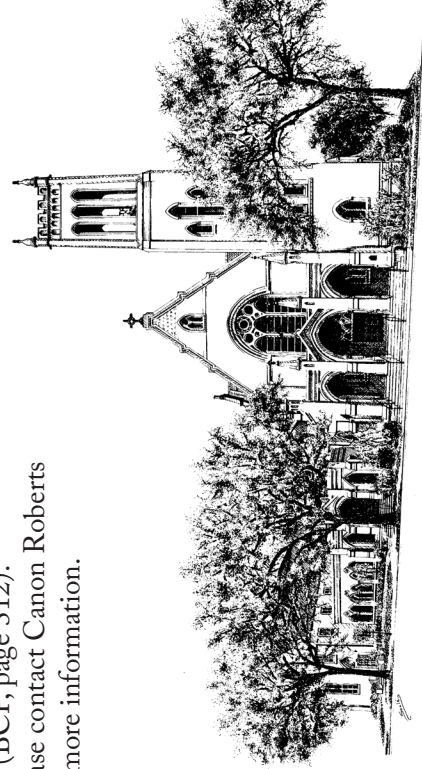
What to Wear: Comfortable, layered clothing

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, May 24
The Day of Pentecost
Pentecost Picnic
following the 10:00 AM Eucharist

Thursday, May 28
7:00 PM
Lyrica Baroque Summer Concert

Thursday, June 4
7:30 PM
Voices of New Orleans
Symphony of New Orleans
in Concert

Wednesday, June 10
6:00 PM
Diaconal Ordinations

Saturday, August 15
9:00 AM - Noon
Diocesan Acolyte Festival

Sunday, August 16
Choir returns from Summer Recess