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CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS ✠ EPISCOPAL
875 COTTON STREET, SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA
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Services (until further notice)

Morning Prayer, Rite II

Online only
Sunday, 11:00 am

Evening Prayer, Rite II

Online only
Monday-Saturday, 6:00 pm

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Jo Ann Horton is now Sister Cecilia

On Saturday, July 11, 2020, the Feast of St. Benedict, **Jo Ann Horton** was received and vested as a novice in the Order of Benedictines, with the Anglican Benedictine community of the Companions of St. Luke. She was blessed as onlookers watched virtually from across the the United States and other countries, including Brazil, Canada, and the United Kingdom. Her religious name, given to her by the superior, is **Sister Cecilia**. Here is her response, in her own words: "When the Abbot of our community announced my new name, both Sister Anna Grace Madden and myself were in tears. It was a precious moment for both of us."



Saint Cecilia of Rome lived during early 200 AD/CE. She is said to have been quite close to God and prayed often. She took a vow of virginity, but her wealthy parents forced her to marry. During her wedding ceremony, she was said to have sung in her heart to God, and before the consummation of her nuptials she told her husband, a pagan nobleman named Valerian, that she had taken a vow of virginity and had an angel protecting her who would punish him if he violated her virginity but protect her if he respected her vow. Valerian asked to see the angel as proof, and Cecilia told him he would have eyes to see once he traveled to the third milestone on the Via Appia (Appian Way) and be baptized by Pope Urban. After being baptized, Valerian returned to his wife and found an angel at her side, crowning her with a chaplet of roses and lilies.

Cecilia spent her life preaching, and was able to convert more than four hundred people, most of whom were baptized by Pope Urban. She and her husband later fell afoul of the authorities, and were arrested. Cecilia was condemned to be suffocated in the public baths. She was shut in for a night and a day, as fires were stoked to a terrifying heat—but it is said that Cecilia did not even sweat. An executioner was sent to decapitate her, but after striking her three times with his sword was unable to do so. She lay bleeding for three days before she died, and during that time asked the pope to convert her home into a church. Her remains were transferred to that church in Trastevere, and placed under the high altar.



The name Cecilia means “lily of heaven,” the way for the blind, the contemplation of heaven and the active life, and a heaven for people to gaze upon. Saint Cecilia is the patron saint of singers, musicians, and pipe organs, because she sang to God in her heart.

Sister Cecilia began her postulancy days before she was diagnosed with breast cancer. She did not want to let go of her time spent with God and her studies. She says, “I waited all my life for this. I wasn’t about to give up. I give thanks to God for a wonderful parish, Holy Cross, that stood by me, and for my formation master Sister Anna Grace Madden, who teaches me what it really means to be a sister, to be a Bride of Christ.” Sister Cecilia is a soloist, psalmist, and cantor in Holy Cross’ choir. Holy Cross celebrates

with Sister Cecilia as she continues her spiritual journey in the Order of Benedictines!

Daily Feast: Meditations on the Word, Year A

Louisville: Westminster, John Knox Press, 2012



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The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost: August 16, 2020

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8 ✎ *Psalms 67* ✎ *Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32* ✎ *Matthew 15: (10-20) 21-28*

(Psalm 67) In modern cultures that vigorously propose alternate frameworks, the affirmation that all good gifts come from God steadies and orients the believer to the true source of life and being. No, the stock market is not the source of all good things; the marketplace is not the source of all good things; human ingenuity and will are not the source of all good things; certainly human power and control are not the source of all good things. It is God who is the source of all that is good.

Leanne Van Dyk

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost: August 23, 2020

Isaiah 51:1-6 ✎ *Psalms 138* ✎ *Romans 12:1-8* ✎ *Matthew 16:13-20*

(Isaiah 51:1-6) The garden of joy, gladness, thanksgiving, and song that has been prepared for the redeemed *will* endure. Hearers pressing forward through barren, wasted lands can indeed find strength in the temporary gardens God planted in the deserts of our forebears, but even more in the expansive horizon of the garden that will finally, unshakably, perennially thrive. What do we do here in between? Listen. Look. Give heed. Remind one another of what has been and what will be when present circumstances look hopeless.

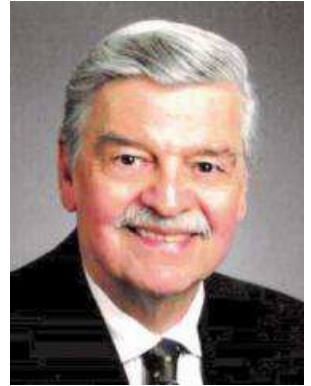
Angela Dienhart Hancock

Rest in Peace, Reece Middleton

Adapted from the announcement Fr. Garrett posted on the Holy Cross Facebook page upon hearing of Reece's death:

Dear all,

It is with the greatest sadness that I report to you the news that Reece Middleton died Thursday, July 30. Reece was a fixture at Holy Cross, a former senior warden off and on throughout the years, a devoted and gifted member of the choir, a superb lector, and a dear, dear friend. His passing leaves an empty spot in the lives of many and in the life of this parish. I know that I speak for the whole parish when I say that we are devastated by the loss of our friend. Holy Cross was a better place for his presence and will not be the same without him. We know that life is changed, not ended, and that Reece is in the nearer presence of our Lord. The grief we all feel now is a testament to his impact on our lives.



In addition to his many years of service at Holy Cross, he was also well known for his work with problem gambling as the first Executive Director of the Louisiana Association of Compulsive Gambling, for his work as an actor at the Shreveport Little Theatre, and for his involvement in many other community organizations.

Beyond his engagement at the parish level, Reece was also heavily involved in the life of this diocese and the national church. He was a frequent delegate to Diocesan Convention, and was as well a delegate to the triennial General Convention of the Episcopal Church numerous times, where he represented Holy Cross well and carried the message of Christ's redemptive work. Among his friends he counted many priests and bishops, and has been regarded by many of them as a wonderful soul. Our own Bishop Jake Owensby sends his condolences, as do many other priests in the diocese.

Due to the ongoing pandemic, Reece's funeral was a small affair, limited to close family and friends. It took place at Holy Cross on Friday, August 7, and his cremains were buried in the Rose Garden. I ask you all for your prayers for the repose of Reece's soul and for the comfort of his family, especially Marshall, during this time.

Almighty God, with whom still live the spirits of those who die in the Lord, and with whom the souls of the faithful are in joy and felicity: We give you heartfelt thanks for the good examples of all your servants, who, having finished their course in faith, now find rest and refreshment. May we, will all who have died in the true faith of your holy Name, have perfect fulfillment and bliss in your eternal and everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Rev. Father Garrett Boyte, M. Div.

Rector

The Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross

Rest in Peace Rev. Sally Fox

We grieve the death of Rev. Sally Fox this week, who served our parish part time for several years until being called to serve as priest at St. John's in Minden. The private burial service will be held at The Church of The Holy Cross at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, August 14th, of this week. Only parishioners from St. John's Episcopal in Minden, and those who knew her from Holy Cross are asked to attend, due to limited safe seating space. The service will be on Zoom, via the funeral home. No other details are available at this printing.

Visitation will be held at Kilpatrick's Roseneath Funeral Home on Marshall Street in Shreveport on Thursday Evening.

Prayer List

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| Wanda Allen | Kitty Coyle | Linda Jordan | Curtis Williams |
| Margaret Boudreaux | Brian Crawford | Maureen Locke | Jimmy Wise |
| Sara Lou Coyle Brachman | Jean Dooley | Baby Lucas | Bill Wright |
| Corinne Campbell | Floyd “Buzzy” Farrar | Mim McCoy | Mary Wright |
| Robert Cangelose | Patsy Fitzgerald | Della McCranie | Sheryl Wright |
| Mikey Carlisle | Robin Foster | Brady Sessions | |
| Charles Graves Coyle | Maggie Fowle | Angela Smith | |
| Hugh Coyle | Charles Hall | Robert Todd | |
| Julie Coyle | Barbara Hughes | David Walsh | |

We pray for those who serve and are served by the Martin Luther King Health Center and Pharmacy. In the diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for Hardtner Camp and Conference Center, Daniel Chapman (Katie); for Episcopal School of Acadiana, Dr. Paul Baker, Headmaster, Dr. Andrew Armond, Dr. John Campbell; and for all Parish Day Schools. We pray for all Canterbury ministries and Chaplains: Centenary College (Rob Gilchrist), Grambling University (Dr. Lemmy Akoma), Louisiana State University at Alexandria (Daniel Maunel), Louisiana Tech (Stephanie Carwile), McNeese State University (Paul White), Northwestern State University (Bill Wolfenbarger), University of Louisiana at Lafayette (Katy Campbell), University of Louisiana at Monroe (Venerable Bette Jo Kauffman); and for the University of the South, Virginia Theological Seminary, and the Seminary of the Southwest.



Service Music

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost: August 16 Online Liturgy

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| Canticles: | Jubilate S-44; Magnificat – Hymn 438; Gloria – Hymn 421; Te Deum – St. Patrick’s Breastplate/Deidre; T. Clarkson, metrical text |
| Hymn: | 665 All my hope on God is founded - Michael |
| Solo: | Dear Lord and Father of mankind – C. Hubert H. Parry; arr. Chambers |
| Online Sung Hymn: | 686 Come, thou found - Nettleton |
| Online Organ Hymn: | 687/688 A mighty fortress is our God – Ein feste burg |
| Online Organ Solo: | Sortie in Gm – Lefébure-Wély |

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost: August 23

Online Liturgy

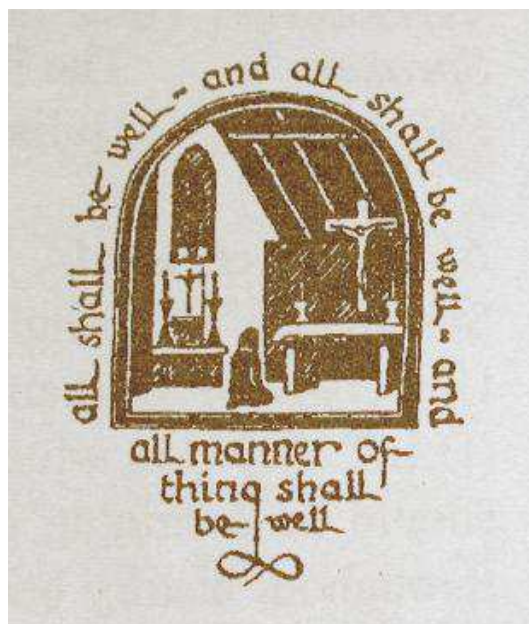
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| Canticles: | See August 16 |
| Hymn: | 524 I love thy kingdom, Lord – St. Thomas (Williams) |
| Solo: | Blessed city, heavenly Salem – Plainsong, Mode II |
| Organ: | Thou art Peter - Desmessieux |
| Online Sung Hymn: | 469 There's a wideness in God's mercy – St. Helena |
| Online Organ Hymn: | 704 O thou who camest from above – Hereford |
| Online Organ Solo: | Tu es Petrus - Mulet |

Music Notes

During this time of physical absence from Holy Cross, thanks to the unending and devoted work of Reid Raymond, we still have music at our parish. Besides our regular daily online liturgies, we offer a vocal hymn and an organ hymn each week on our Facebook page. In addition, we will start offering a third recording of an organ solo from the organ repertoire.

In July we were sad to bid farewell to our staff singer, Amanda Charles, who left Shreveport to pursue doctoral work in Mississippi. However, we are fortunate to have **Rebecca Vacha**, a well-known soprano in the area. She has been the Choral Director at Byrd High School, and has recently assumed the same position at Airline High School in Bossier.. She is also a staff singer at First Methodist Church, Shreveport.

Rebecca Vacha



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Hope House: There is an ongoing need for coffee, sugar, creamer, laundry detergent **pods**, disposable razors, and personal-size hygiene products (soap, shampoo, deodorant, etc.) Please take your donations to 762 Austen Place or to the church office. Thank you for your continued support.

Forward Day by Day for **August** and **September**, in both standard and large-print editions, is available in the Narthex and the Undercroft. During the weeks that the church is closed, they will be available in the Rose Garden beside the outdoor altar.



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