



# THE BULLETIN

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## Lenten Series 2019 highlights Resurrection – with Brigid’s Hope

On Sunday, March 17, two graduates from the Brigid’s Hope of The Beacon program will speak at the Cathedral about their transformative experiences with the program, as part of the 2019 Robert C. Stuart Lenten Series on resurrection.

A mentoring, spiritual, and residential program that supports self-sufficiency and is offered through The Beacon, Brigid’s Hope assists previously incarcerated women who desire to make the transition to independence, maintain a clean and sober life, and rise above their past.

While the program exposes participants to practical life skills, it also touches on life-defining themes that help their healing on a very deep level. It’s about forgiveness of others and of themselves, as they give up old



Two graduates of Brigid's Hope will speak March 17 as part of the Lenten series. To learn more about all the speakers in this year's series, see the pull-out insert.

ways for a new life, explains **Regina Walker**, program director.

The **Rev. Art Callaham** addresses how Brigid’s Hope fits in the context of this year’s Lenten series: “The meaning and pervasiveness of **HOPE**, page 6



The Rev. Glenice Robinson-Como imposing ashes on a passerby as part of Ashes to Go.

## What can happen at Ashes to Go

BY THE REV. BECKY ZARTMAN

On a very cold Ash Wednesday in 2013, I was standing at the top of the steps at the Dupont Circle Metro in Washington, D.C. with my rector, the **Rev. Nancy Lee**. With each passing train, waves of commuters would come up the escalators and greet us at the top. Some looked at us and looked away; others stared. Some people took pictures; some stopped to chat.

We had been out there for about a half an hour, busy imposing ashes and talking with passersby **ASHES TO GO**, page 2

## An Ash Wednesday reflection

My friend **Ashley’s** family owns funeral homes, and as a child Ashley and her siblings played hide and seek among tombstones and cremation urns. When



THE VERY REV.  
BARKLEY  
THOMPSON

the day ran long and Ashley got tired, she would crawl into a comfortable, empty coffin to take her nap.

Can you imagine that? Have you ever lain in a coffin? Have you imagined what it would be like for but a moment? How about for eternity?

Indeed you have, if you’ve ever kept vigil at the deathbed of one dear to you, if you’ve ever walked through the cemetery and paused at the crypt, if you’ve ever wandered into a church on Ash Wednesday and had your forehead smudged with ashes.

Often we feel on such occasions the flight response: To get away, to break the surface of that smothering water, to raise our downcast eyes to life and deny the reality of death. Poet **David Whyte** has something to say about this:

*Those who will not slip beneath  
The still surface on the well of grief  
Turning downward through  
its black water  
To the place we cannot breathe,  
Will never know the source  
from which we drink,  
The secret water, cold and clear,  
Nor find in the darkness glimmering  
The small round coins  
Thrown by those who wished  
for something else.*

We can, Whyte says, flee from the reality of our mortality, from our grief at the loss of loved ones and the anticipation that our own lives will end, like those who hurry on after dropping a penny in **REFLECTION**, page 8

## OUR CATHEDRAL FAMILY

### We celebrate with

- new members **Quentin Faulkner, Rhonda Bady-Hill, Maury and Rees Oliver, and Frances “Pepper” Webb**, and returning member **Rainey Knudson**.
- the family of **Ben Powell VII**, born January 1, 2019, to **Winnie and Ben Powell**.
- Erika “Paola” Rodriguez and Luis Arellano, and Jessica Berry and Andrew Dever**, who were married at the Cathedral on January 19, 2019.
- the families of **Lillian Eileen Broderick, Adrian Gregory Lobato, Aaliyah Nerith Lobato, Anthony Isaiah Lobato, Bowen Duncan Rodgers, Mairin Elle Rodgers, Thomas Raymond Switzer, Evelia Elizabeth Autrique, Ellison Frederick Clements, Penelope Mae Clements, Camila Anita DiLauro, Nolan Thomas Evans, Oliver Dylan Evans, Sarah Schmidt Tabolsky, and Carla Liliana Pacheco**, who were baptized at the Cathedral on January 13, 2019.

### We extend heartfelt sympathy to

- the family of **Dorothy Jane Neal**, who passed away January 23, 2019. Dorothy was mother to member **Clyde Neal**.
- the family of **John Crump**. John was the brother of member **Jim Crump**.

### The flowers on the Cathedral Altar

- on Sunday, March 3, are given to the glory of God in loving memory of their mother, **Dorothy Knox Howe Houghton**, their father, **Thomas Woodward Houghton**, their grandmother, **Dorothy Trone Howe Dupree**, and their grandfather, **Knox Briscoe Howe**, by **Rowena Houghton Dasch and Adele Houghton**.
- on Sunday, March 10, are given to the glory of God for their blessings by **Keith Davis and Rick Newlin**.

- on Sunday, March 17, are given to the glory of God in honor of **Gina Greenwood and Jody McIntyre** for their birthdays by **Kristy Greenwood**.

### The flowers in the floor vases

- on Sunday, March 3, are given to the glory of God in loving memory of his parents, **Paul Lester and Dorothy Guthrie Berry Rudisill**, and his sister, **Dorothy Kay Rudisill**, by **Clifford Rudisill**.
- on Sunday, March 10, are given to the glory of God in loving memory of **John Baird** by his family.

### ASHES TO GO, from cover

when a young man walked up to Nancy. The young man said to her very softly, “It’s been a very long time.” She said, “That’s okay.” He replied, “What do I need to do?” Nancy looked in his eyes and said, “Nothing. What is your name?” The young man’s eyes brimmed with tears, Nancy imposed the ashes, he whispered, “Thank you,” and he walked away with tears streaming down his face.

I cannot forget that young man. Or the woman with whom I prayed who had not talked to her son in years. Or the man who confessed his addiction and asked for healing prayers.

Or the construction worker who asked me to pray for his brother, who had just committed suicide. Or the metro bus driver who pulled her bus over (full of people!) and hopped out for a prayer and ashes. Or perhaps most strikingly, the man with a thick eastern European accent who had never heard about Lent or Easter. We told him. We told him the story of Easter.

If you’re wondering why your clergy are taking to the streets this Ash Wednesday, this is why. To meet all of God’s people where they are, as they are, out in the world. We bring a message of grace into the brokenness of

everyday life. We impose ashes on foreheads, smooth or wrinkled, white, brown, or black over the trace of the baptismal chrism. A reminder that even death is no match for God.

Come to church on Ash Wednesday, March 6. If you can’t make a whole service at 7 a.m., 12:05 p.m., 6 p.m., or 7:30 p.m. (the last in Spanish), come to the drop-in service in Golding Chapel between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m., where a priest will be available all day. But if you can, come and see the clergy on the streets of downtown after the noon service. Be reminded that all of this, all of life, belongs to God.



## Mardi Gras extravaganza: It’s pancake supper time

BY KAREN KRAYCIRIK

Our annual tradition of celebrating Shrove Tuesday with much merriment and our secret-recipe pancake pudding will soon be here. You may be more familiar with the name Fat Tuesday or Pancake Day, but Shrove Tuesday is its original name hailing back to the days when the “shriving bell” rang summoning everyone to church to be “shriven” — to confess sins before beginning the serious preparation for Easter. In days of old, observing Lent also meant fasting. Eggs, milk, and rich, buttery dishes were among the foods avoided. Pantries were cleared of these forbidden foods on the day before Lent, and in homage to that tradition we will use these items as ingredients for our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper.

Join the scene of revelry including bead toss, kids’ crafts, and a Zydeco/jazz band on Tuesday, March 5, from 6–8 p.m. in Reynolds Hall. Get in the spirit, wear your favorite Mardi Gras costume, and get your photo taken in the photobooth.

For even more fun, be part of the lively volunteer krewe that is putting on this event by signing up to demonstrate your best decorating, pancake-flipping, or fare-serving abilities.

Let us know you’re coming and/or want to join the volunteer krewe by signing up online on the Cathedral’s website; or visit us in the cloister on Sundays until March 3. Event cost: \$10 adults, \$5 children (12 and under), \$30 family maximum. For more information, contact Karen Kraycirik at 713-590-3338 or kkraycirik@christchurchcathedral.org.

### PANCAKE SUPPER

TUESDAY, MARCH 5,  
AT 6 P.M.



## Give to support Cathedral mission work

BY JEREMY BRADLEY

The Cathedral community has always stepped up when asked to give to various causes. It seems to be a part of our DNA. It’s why the Giving Tree has been so successful in sending young people out into the communities of Houston, Louisiana, Texas, and Costa Rica.

Parishioner donations allow us to keep costs low for missionaries to do the good work we are called to do by Jesus. It provides scholarships for students who can’t afford to go on a life-changing mission. It empowers each of our youth to answer God just as Isaiah responded to the question in Isaiah 6:8, “Whom shall I send, who will go for us?,” the Giving Tree empowers our youth to answer the call with the support of their church community: “send me, I’ll go.”

We believe it’s important for our students to know mission work starts here in **MISSION, page 5**



## Spring Neighborhood Gatherings

There are three more opportunities coming up to meet with Cathedral friends and hear the news of the Cathedral from **Dean Thompson** in several neighborhoods around Houston, and you are invited to come to any or all of these fun events, happening from 6 to 7:30 p.m. For the addresses, please call the church office at 713-222-2593 or email [info@christchurchcathedral.org](mailto:info@christchurchcathedral.org). We look forward to seeing you in the neighborhood this spring.

- Tuesday, March 19: Hosts: **Sarah and Ben Powell V, 77019**
- Tuesday, March 26: Hosts: **Beth Wiedower-Jackson and Adam Jackson, 77018**
- Monday, April 1: Hosts: **Amarilis and the Rev. Simón Bautista Betances, 77096**

## Senior Warden's Vestry Report

January started with many celebrations of its own following our joyous season of Christmas celebrations. At the annual parish meeting, we celebrated **Will Hamilton** for 17 years of outstanding service to Christ Church Cathedral. Will was awarded the Dean’s Cross, and we faced the fact that everyone gets to retire someday, including Will.

At the vestry retreat, we celebrated the incoming vestry members and expressed deep appreciation for the service of departing vestry members **Consuela Bravo, Robin Bullington, and Jim Hudson** and our Senior Warden **Catherine Randall** and Junior Warden **Floyd Robinson**.



SENIOR WARDEN  
FREDRICKA  
BRECHT

What an exceptional year they led in 2018, concluding both a successful Sowing the Seed campaign and growing this year’s Every Member Canvass. We also acknowledged the Buildings and Grounds Committee in its ongoing work to restore our campus, requiring plenty of flexibility from both parishioners and staff. The vestry approved the 2019 budget, and after the business meeting concluded, during a get-to-know-you game, the majority of the vestry was shellacked by the Trivial Pursuit prowess of “Team Brigadoon.”

It was five years ago that the Vision Action Plan “A Future Filled with Hope” was designed to plan for the Cathedral’s future. At the vestry retreat, **Dean Thompson** led a review of our performance delivering on the six initiatives that comprised that plan. Our new Canon for Welcome and Evangelism, the **Rev. Becky Zartman**, described the success of the many creative programs that have been added to reach out into the neighborhoods of downtown. The Outreach initiative to expand The Beacon’s impact also clearly succeeded; we heard from Executive Director **Becky Landes** on the milestones achieved over the five-year expansion of Beacon Law, Brigid’s Hope, and the Ardell Ray Day Center. In addition, COMPASS is merging with The Beacon to be an official part of these service offerings. The **Rev. Glenice Robinson-Como** covered the expansion of the Cathedral’s Pastoral Care programs. I wonder if we all know how many there are now: Cathedral Shepherds, Mourner’s Path, the Amazing Place ministry, and databases to track cases and human resources. Many of us have enjoyed the fruits of the Community Life initiatives that extended our presence into neighborhoods during the week with prayer groups, Bible studies, and fellowship opportunities. In addition, the Latino Ministry Council was formed to support specific programs and to continue to reach the Spanish-speaking neighborhoods. The Worship initiative brought us the new “Well” worship service, a truly unique and comforting experience that we recommend to all. And lastly, **Danielle Fanfair**, the new executive director at The Hines Center, led a lively review of new efforts to draw the broader participation we originally envisioned. There is so much that a church of our size can offer. The focus brought by a Vision Action Plan such as this was needed, and it has taken us to a place of even greater meaning in our community in the midst of the city. Well done!

# IN PICTURES

Below right: Longtime Cathedral Treasurer Will Hamilton was awarded the Dean's Cross at the annual parish meeting.

Below left: Consider bringing a friend to The Well service at 5 p.m. Sundays. It is a peaceful way to begin the week.



Left: The vestry retreated to Camp Allen in February. Read all about it in Fredricka Brecht's senior warden report on p. 3.

Below: The midweek neighborhood youth groups have taken off. Pictured here is the Root Group (for high schoolers).



Below, right: Views of the new vesting area.

## Healing through community, a 20s & 30s perspective

BY ALEX ORMAN

Minister for Young Adults **Jeremy Bradley** has been gathering people from the Cathedral and afar to support one another as we all grow and try to answer what it means to “walk in love as Christ loved us.”

Four years ago, the 20s & 30s group visited a historical cemetery to assist in its upkeep. That outing was my introduction to the Cathedral. Nervous to be around so many new faces, I faked some confidence, shook hands, and engaged in small talk. The outing demonstrated Jeremy's leadership qualities, the openness of the 20s & 30s group, and the acceptance of the Cathedral. Grateful for a community, I've been filling my cup here ever since.

I spent my twenties ignorant of the Episcopal church. During that decade, Christianity represented to me traits with which I didn't want to be associated. The decade also brought a magnitude of trials that would shatter my psyche. My mental health cast a cloud over those dark and stormy years. I remember my only interaction with the Bible was reading the book of Job and being brought to tears at the metaphorical parallels to my own life. The ten years of suffering was brought to a culmination in the fall of 2011. I barely made it through alive. It was then that God began answering my cries of desperation.

A series of events brought the suffering to a standstill and accelerated my life towards love and acceptance. The first of these events was meeting my future wife, **Christy**. The second event was asking for help to leave an unhealthy work environment. The last main event was learning the loudest elements of Christianity are not representative of the whole. At that point, I joined the Episcopal Church.



The annual and much beloved 20s & 30s Retreat is coming up March 29-31.

Looking back, I believe Christy was drawn to my empty but large “cup.” I was thirsty for acceptance, community, love, and understanding. I read once that women are attracted to potential. That must be true because at the time, I had few material accomplishments to showcase. I began to see myself in the way that Christy saw me, and this compassion helped relieve some of the mental strain. Allowed to breathe, I found the passage of time alleviated the rest.

Three years into this healing period of my life, I drove a moving truck from Austin to Houston. The following weekend, I found myself at one of the oldest cemeteries in Houston, and from there, I was in the Cathedral's embrace.

My favorite thing about the 20s & 30s group is the two different desires found among the community: a thirst for something and a desire to give to others. Each of the members has a different ratio of these two parts. When I first joined, I found that I thirsted more than I could give. Through the years I've been given to over and over again by other members of the group and the Cathedral at large. Today, I feel I have much to contribute.

As the Chair of the 20s & 30s Council, I'd like to invite all young adults in their 20s & 30s, from of all walks of life, both those who thirst and those with much to give, to be a part of this community. Those that receive and those that give both grow and benefit from the experience. Join us as we help each other discern what it means to “walk in love as Christ loved us.”

Join the 20s & 30s group in March as they go to a tea tasting and have dinner together in Chinatown on Saturday, March 23, and as they retreat together from March 29-31. Email Jeremy Bradley to learn more ([jbradley@christchurchcathedral.org](mailto:jbradley@christchurchcathedral.org))

### MISSION, from page 3

Our own community of Houston. Our annual Houston mission through the CUSE (Cathedral Urban Service Experience) program is the answer to that work. It's opened to current 5th grade through 12th grade. This is a great opportunity for our youngest friends to get to know the city they live in, build leaders for our older students, grow closer together as a community, and experience God in a new way by serving local non-profits like The Beacon.

Our connection with the Diocese remains strong as we partner with it for Missionpalooza, a diocesan-wide mission focusing on natural disaster relief. This year the focus will be on Hurricane Harvey relief in the Houston area and Brazoria County. We welcome current 6th grade through 12th grade on this mission for construction, healing, and revitalization.

Lastly, our high school students will join adults from the Cathedral and others from St. Thomas Episcopal on a short-term international mission to Limon, Costa Rica. This is our fifth intergenerational mission to Costa Rica. Our companion relationship with this diocese has proven to be beneficial for all. This mission will be to construct a new Diocesan center for the Province of Limon allowing parishes in the area to use that space as well as host other mission groups in the region. We are so excited about these opportunities to serve God and God's people.

Each of these missions is important to our students but also cost money. Unfortunately, not all are able to afford these trips. Donations to The Giving Tree from parishioners of the Cathedral are the main source of funds to send youth on these life-changing trips and other activities throughout the

year. Our goal this year is to raise at least \$20,000. I am hoping you will join me in donating.

We offer several ways for you to donate. We will be in the cloister on Sundays starting March 24 through April 14. You can pick one of the envelopes from our actual Giving Tree and keep a picture from one of our previous trips as a reminder to keep us in prayer throughout the summer. We will accept cash, checks, and credit cards in the cloister. Donations can also be made by visiting the Cathedral website (look under “Registrations”) or you can mail a check to the Cathedral office. Checks should be made payable to Christ Church Cathedral; we ask that you make Giving Tree clear on your check memo line and on the envelope.

I hope you will consider sending one of our students on prayer in both financial support and in prayer. Thank you.



Get to know parents and teachers on Huffington Playground.

## Meet “The Village”

BY WINNIE POWELL

As a parent with three young kids, the trite saying, “it takes a village,” rings true just about every single day, and our Cathedral family is a vital part of our village. The Spring Parent Meet-Up is just one way to foster the formation of that village each year. The event provides an opportunity to take a breather from the typical hustle of a Sunday morning, and enjoy fellowship with other families (and perhaps share a few laughs about the mayhem it took to get to church almost on time).

There are two opportunities to meet parents in Sundays in March at 10 a.m. on the Huffington Playground: March 3 for parents of children 3 years – 1st grade (Cathedral Godly Play Sunday School) and March 24 for parents of children in grades 2–5 (Spring Rotation). Parents, guardians, and children are invited to meet with teachers and members of the Children’s Ministry Council for a light breakfast, fellowship, and fun.

### PARENT MEET UPS

March 3 and March 24

## HOPE, from cover

‘resurrection’ flows through much of Christian theology, ethics, and interpretation. Those overcoming addiction or finding renewed life after incarceration are being given ‘a new lease on life;’ it is more than just a cliché. They are getting a taste of resurrection and serving as symbols within the community of the resurrection promised in the Gospel.”

### The voices of Brigid’s Hope

Several women attending one of the program’s mandatory weekly meetings recently spoke about the guided approach that helps them leave one life for another, better one.

Polled informally and anonymously, the women used descriptions like “another chance,” “a comeback,” and “starting over, lightened.” One cited the Gospel’s story of Lazarus. Another, the casting of her cares on Christ.

J, a newcomer, said she likely would be “living under a bridge if not for the remarkable, miraculous opportunity” to experience relief at a deep, deep physical and mental level, to relax the vigilance that her previous life required. Having obtained her GED, she is determined to gain computer skills that will net a higher paying job.

V, soon to graduate, quoted scripture and calls her success on the path before her “a light for me. Each of us is a light for each other.” She has learned to contain what she called “defects,” such as judgment, grandiosity, and intolerance. The behaviors had affected her ability to have healthy relationships or to trust others — and herself — after living in such doubt.

As a newer member of the group, L has realized the power of “just being able to sit still” and find herself, while using the tools learned in the program. Among them, members listed setting boundaries and goals, willingness to learn about healthy relationships to recognize triggers that might derail them.

In an elegant metaphor, graduating P compared her ongoing transformation to

that of restoring an abandoned garden, one over-run by weeds and choked by thorns. “The thorns represent what I had to share to get over the traumas, to get rid of the shame.” She has gained courage to “get in the garden and dig it up. Sometimes you can see some new growth, see a little bit of hope.”

“It still must be nurtured and pruned,” she adds. And the flowers that blossom? “They turn their faces to the sun.”

P said she has an inner joy now that she can’t explain, though it could come from simply “believing that I am worthy” and being warmed by “the sunlight of the Spirit.”

Her graduation cohort, C, shared how “I have learned to have a relationship with me” and with God as she has sought more independence, courage, trust, and faith.

A 2009 graduate of Brigid’s Hope, Joy has worked with the program for nearly a decade, observing the change in herself and in those who have passed through the experience. Most arrive thinking they are unable to handle life, she said. They leave having become self-sufficient, accountable, resurrected.

V agreed. She too can see the change in others — as well as herself. It’s expressed in the walk, the talk, and the posture, she said.

As a newcomer, B quickly noticed the friendship and support cultivated between the program’s cross-section of women, who represent a range of ages, races, spiritual backgrounds, and life experiences. “I see so many strong women who have had so much to overcome, but still have light in their hearts.”

Having had some health issues to address without the support of family, C said she has particularly appreciated how her mentor has reached out, sometimes unexpectedly, to convey their connection extending beyond the program itself.

### How you can help

Walker said volunteer mentors are an integral component of the program. Once oriented to their role — “a gift of support and friendship” — mentors listen to and encourage their mentee. The year-long commitment requires mentors to have weekly contact and expects their presence at graduation and other milestone celebrations. For mentor or program information, or to give, please contact Regina Walker at [rwalker@beaconhomeless.org](mailto:rwalker@beaconhomeless.org).

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Visit [christchurchcathedral.org](http://christchurchcathedral.org) or call **713-222-2593** to learn more about these and other events at the Cathedral.

● Registration recommended ▲ Registration required ✕ Registration closed ★ Childcare available (3 mo. to 12 yrs.) 🧑👤 Bring a friend!

### MARCH

MARCH 1 FRI

**Bridge Night** 🧑👤  
6:30–9:30 p.m., McGehee Conference Room. Enjoy a few hands of bridge with Cathedral friends. Bring a dish to share.

MARCH 2 SAT

**Touch-a-Truck** 🧑👤  
10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Trinity Episcopal Church. A chance for kids to get close to and touch cool cars, trucks, and motorcycles, in partnership with other Episcopal churches.

MARCH 1–3 FRI–SUN

**Intermediate and Junior High Retreats** ▲ 🧑👤  
Camp Allen. Join other 4th–6th and 6th–8th graders from the Diocese at Camp Allen for a weekend of fun and fellowship. (\$)

MARCH 3 SUN

**Cathedral Godly Play (3 years – 1st grade) Parent Meet-Up** ★  
10 a.m., Huffington Playground. Meet other parents and Sunday School teachers.

**So Then What? The Afterlife**  
10 a.m., Reynolds Hall. Dean Thompson’s final class on conceptions of the afterlife.

**Blessing of the Shawls**  
11 a.m., Cathedral. The shawls made by the Shawl Ministry will be blessed.

MARCH 5 TUE

**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper** ● 🧑👤  
6–8 p.m., Reynolds Hall. Feast and make merry on the night before Lent. Wear your Mardi Gras best and dance to live music.



MARCH 6 WED

**Ash Wednesday**  
Mark the start of Lent with the imposition of ashes at services at 7 a.m., 12:05 p.m., and 6 p.m. in English ★ and at 7:30 p.m. in Spanish. ★

MARCH 6 WED

**Dean’s Book Club** ★  
7 p.m., McGehee Conference Room. A *World Lost*, a novel by Wendell Berry See the Cathedral Bookstore for the edition.

MARCH 9 SAT

**Sacred Spaces Tour with Archaeology Now** ▲ 🧑👤  
2–6 p.m., departing from the Cathedral. The tour focuses on how these sacred spaces provide familiarity and inspiration for a variety of immigrant cultures in our city. (\$)

MARCH 9–11 SAT–MON

**Spring Break Primitive Campout** ▲  
Camp Allen. A spring break opportunity for the whole family, big or small, young or old: all nature lovers are invited to the primitive camping Piney Woods of Camp Allen.

MARCH 10 SUN



**ROBERT C. STUART LENTEN SERIES RESURRECTION** ★  
Sundays in Lent, Reynolds Hall. 10 a.m. class, 6 p.m. dinner, 6:30–8 p.m. conversation. Learn more in the pull-out insert or on our website.

**March 10:**  
Luke Timothy Johnson

**March 17**  
Brigid’s Hope Graduates

**March 24**  
The Rev. Dr. Ben Nelson

**March 31**  
The Rev. Dr. Barbara Rossing

**April 7**  
Miroslav Volf

MARCH 10 SUN

**Lord of the Streets Service Day** ▲  
6:15 a.m., Trinity Episcopal Church. Help cook eggs, meat, and grits during a two-hour breakfast shift.

**Lenten Evensong** 🧑👤 ★  
5 p.m., Cathedral. Featuring the Cathedral Choir.

MARCH 17 SUN

**Sewanee Choir**  
11 a.m., Cathedral. The choir of the University of the South will sing at this service as part of its tour.



MARCH 23 SAT

**Bruce Power Organ Recital**  
3 p.m., Cathedral. The former Cathedral Organist returns for the first time since his retirement in 2013. A reception will follow in Reynolds Hall.

MARCH 23 SAT

**Tea Tasting and Dinner with 20s/30s**  
5 p.m., Ten Yen Tea, 10804 Bellaire Blvd #G. Tasting with dinner to follow in Chinatown. (\$)

MARCH 24 SUN

**Spring Rotation (2nd–5th grade) Parent Meet-Up**  
10 a.m., Huffington Playground. Meet other parents and Sunday School teachers.

**Parents of Fifth Graders Meeting**  
10 a.m., Room 207, Jones Building. Parents and guardians, find out what’s in store for your student when he/she joins Cathedral Youth Group.

MARCH 29–31 FRI–SUN

**20s & 30s Retreat**  
Location to be determined. Learn about what rule of life is and how to create one for yourself at this annual retreat. (\$)

## WEEKLY

SUNDAYS

**Dean’s Hour, Adult, Youth, and Children’s Sunday School Classes** ★  
10–11 a.m., various locations.

**Latino/Hispanic Sunday School**  
1 p.m., Cathedral (grades 1–8)  
2:30 p.m., Treehouse (for grades 9–12)

**Celtic Eucharist, “The Well”** ★ 🧑👤  
5 p.m., Cathedral. Drawing inspiration and music from the Celtic tradition, this service focuses on prayer, silence, meditation, and grace.

### The Vicar’s Road Show:

**Why, That’s Heresy!** ▲  
6:30–8 p.m., meets monthly at a choice of locations. Canon Callahan explores just how easy it can be to say something wrong about God.  
Thu., March 7, at Town & Country  
Tue., March 12, in Tanglewood  
Wed., March 13, in the Heights  
Tue., March 19, in Montrose

MONDAYS

**Centering Prayer** ●  
11:15–11:45 a.m., Hines Center.

**Healing Service**  
12:05 p.m., Golding Chapel.

**Bible “By the Glass”** 🧑👤  
6:30–8 p.m., OKRA, 924 Congress. Fellowship at 6:30 p.m. and Bible study at 7 p.m.

TUESDAYS

**Education for Ministry (EFM)** ▲ ✕  
6:30–9 p.m., Mellinger Room. Comprehensive adult theology program. (\$)

**Seed Group – Central**  
6:30–8 p.m., off campus. Middle school youth group in a parishioner’s home.

**Bible by the Glass North** 🧑👤  
7 p.m., Brixology in the Vintage; 110 Vintage Park. An extension of our popular downtown bible study, hosted in Spring Cypress.

WEDNESDAYS

**Men’s Morning Bible Study**  
7–8 a.m., Jeffers Conference Room.

**Women’s Morning Bible Study**  
9:30–11 a.m., Jeffers Conference Room.

**Bilingual Eucharist**  
6–6:30 p.m., Golding Chapel.

**Cathedral 20s & 30s** ★  
6:30–8 p.m., BYC (Treehouse). Weekly discussion group and social gathering of young adults.

**Root Group – Central**  
6:30 p.m., off campus. High school youth group in a parishioner’s home.

**Buscando la Luz** ▲  
(Second, third, and fourth Wednesdays)  
6:30–8 p.m., Bride’s Room. Spanish-language discussion group.

THURSDAYS

**The Revelation to St. John**  
12 p.m., Mellinger Room. This is a repeat of the Tuesday morning bible study by the same name.



## In the Cloister Gallery: Icons, by the Cathedral artists in Iren Perez’s class

Opening on March 22, with a reception on Thursday, March 28, from 5:30–7:30 p.m. The Cathedral offers iconography workshops twice per year, and they are open to all levels of students.



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## Brigid's Place looks to the future



### Brigid's Place Re-Visioning Charrettes in the McGehee Conference Room

- Saturday, April 6: 10 a.m. to noon
- Sunday, April 7: noon to 2 p.m.
- Sunday April 7: 2:30-4:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 9: 7-9 p.m. – Off-site, location TBD

BY JANET JORDAN

For over 20 years, the women of Brigid's Place have been dedicated to the mission of providing education, dialogue, and celebration to foster women's spiritual and personal transformation.

In furtherance of that mission, they envisioned and embodied a vibrant community of women creating an open place of hope and spirituality, and actively seeking to encourage change, nourish souls, and inspire and empower.

After the 20th anniversary luncheon last year, board members asked themselves how Brigid's Place could continue to help women nurture and grow spiritually for the next two decades and beyond.

Parishioners are invited to any of four re-visioning charrettes in early April to explore these questions and take an active role in helping to shape and re-vision Brigid's Place. The goal is to find ways now for the organization to continue to be that vibrant community so many have found meaningful, nurturing, and empowering. Sign up to attend at [brigidspplace.org](http://brigidspplace.org) for any of the following dates and times in the sidebar. Your input is desired. Thank you.

### REFLECTION, from cover

the well and casting their futile wish.

Or, Whyte's poem reminds us, we can lie a while in the coffin, feeling the contour of its sides and the solidity of its frame. We can dive deep through the black water, to that place where we can scarcely breathe, where we recognize and even embrace the inevitability of death.

On the face of it, that acknowledgement is frightening and final. That's why the coffin strikes us as macabre, or why we swim only in the shallows of our grief. But if we will dive deep enough, David Whyte knows — Holy Scripture knows — we will find not the abyss, but the source of us: the One who gives life and trumps death. The deepest layer of reality is not our own fragile being, or even the abyss, but God.

When we dive that deep, we discover again that neither life nor death depends on us. We are dust. This swirling creation and all that is in it depend only and ultimately upon that Source from which we drink. All that we have and all that we are depend only on God's grace and favor.

The season of Lent presents to us the opportunity to dive deep into our Source, to practice concretely the things that remind us of our contingency, our utter dependence on the Lord of heaven and earth.

Only after we have taken time to swim in that reality can we surface to find our fear and the urge for flight replaced by that distinctively Christian virtue: Hope. We can recognize that when the Source of us underlies all things, nothing is lost. We can affirm that the coffin is not forever, and that from the dust with which we are made God will restore us in due time to glory.