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The Truman Show: For real?

Do you remember the 1998 movie “The Truman Show”? In it, Truman, played by **Jim Carrey**, blithely lives his life in a picturesque village unaware



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that his every move is videotaped for a reality show on which he is the star performer. Everyone around him — his parents, friends, co-workers — are actors. Even the town itself is a movie set. Though he does not

know it, Truman is constantly the center of attention.

A few years ago, psychologists dubbed the “Truman syndrome,” a delusion in which actual people believe themselves to be at the center of a reality television show. The afflicted person believes secret T.V. cameras are around every corner, that the people he meets on the street stand idly until he passes by, that the decisions of those around him are determined only by how they play into the script of his life.

Researchers believe Truman syndrome is a new form of narcissism fueled by our fame-addicted culture. Now, instead of merely thinking the world revolves around him, the Truman syndrome narcissist believes that *everyone is watching the world revolve around him!*

The **Rt. Rev. Larry Maze**, the retired Bishop of Arkansas, once said “Being famous was once the result of doing something remarkable. Now it’s the result of merely being well known.” Consider our celebrities and our hit television shows. Where we once had **Thomas Edison**, we now have **Simon Cowell**. Where we once had **Eleanor Roosevelt**, we now have **Kim Kardashian**. Our airwaves are inundated
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Christ Church Cathedral will have a dedication to the restoration of the campus on Sunday, May 19, at 10 a.m.

A blessing of blessings

Completion of the Cathedral’s restoration project will be marked by a program that highlights and blesses all that has transpired to connect the Cathedral’s present day to its past as well as preserve it for the future.

In the style of a garden party, a commemorative event will be held on Sunday, May 19, during the ten o’clock hour in the Bishop’s Courtyard (weather permitting), which has been refreshed and returned to its Victorian-era appearance as part of the campus-wide project.

The celebratory program includes music, light refreshments, a tour of restoration areas, and a slide show of the transformation, the latter available in Reynolds Hall for those with

mobility or crowd concerns.

For parishioners who’d like a tour of church areas affected but not normally accessible, volunteers and members of the building committee will be situated around campus to share about the restoration and how the preservation-minded scope addressed particular challenges. Project results are both subtle and substantial.

“We want our parishioners to experience what their generosity through the Sowing the Seed capital campaign has enabled, for now

COMMEMORATION

Sunday, May 19, 10 a.m.

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Rally against hunger this Rally Day

BY THE REV. GLENICE ROBINSON-COMO

If you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. — Isaiah 58:10

At our annual Rally Day celebration on August 25, we will gather together for fellowship, worship, and this year, one more component: the blessing of service.

RALLY DAY SERVICE PROJECT

August 25

This year, through an exciting and innovative partnership with The Outreach Program and Bayou City Blessings in a Backpack, we will unite to support children and families by packing meals at an all-Cathedral, intergenerational event.

The nationally renowned nonprofit The Outreach Program has helped communities, churches, and other organizations to

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OUR CATHEDRAL FAMILY

We celebrate with

- ☞ new members **Chris, Debbie, Sophia, and Katie DeMeo.**
- ☞ the family of **William Henry Geise**, who was born on March 15, 2019, to parents **William and Amy Geise.**
- ☞ **Zoe Thompson and Marion (Mack) McDaniel III**, who were married on March 2, 2019, in Christ Church Cathedral.

We extend heartfelt sympathy to

- ☞ the family of **Lillian Patricia Grimes**, who passed away March 1, 2019. Patricia was mother to member **Mike Grimes** and mother-in-law to member **Shirley Bludau.**
- ☞ the family of **Sylvia Ann Doyle**, who passed away March 19, 2019. Sylvia was mother to the **Rt. Rev. C. Andrew Doyle**, mother-in-law to **JoAnne Doyle**, and grandmother to **Caisa and Zoë.**
- ☞ the family of Cathedral member **Robert (Bob) Mann**, who died Sunday, March 24, 2019, in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Bob was the husband of member **Lena Mann.**
- ☞ the family of **Jody Robinson**, who passed away on April 10, 2019. She was mother to Cathedral organist **Daryl Robinson.**

The flowers on the Cathedral Altar

- ☞ on Sunday, March 31, were given to the glory of God in honor of the Altar Guild by **Vicki Cawley**, director of the Altar Guild.
- ☞ on Sunday, May 5, are given to the glory of God in loving memory of their nephew, **Tyler Bludau**, by **Shirley Bludau and Mike Grimes.**
- ☞ on Sunday, May 19, are given to the glory of God in loving memory of **Priscilla Rodman Wandel and John Philip Wandel** by their family.

The flowers in the floor vases

- ☞ on Sunday, May 5, are given to the glory of God in loving memory of **Helen Fisher** by **Phil and Tish Drilling, Katie, and Jackie.**
- ☞ on Sunday, May 19, are given to the glory of God in loving memory of **Priscilla Rodman Wandel and John Philip Wandel** by their family.

The flowers on the World War I Memorial

- ☞ on Sunday, May 19, are given to the glory of God in loving memory of **Bob Mann** by **Amy and Dieter Ufer and Sue and Hart Green.**



A Day at May Fete

BY SCOTTIE MCCORD

Every spring since at least 1899, Christ Church Cathedral has celebrated May Fete. On this day, every council and ministry group, every age group and generation, gather to worship together and play together. Please mark your calendar for Sunday, May 5, and make plans to take part.

The day begins with a Mariachi trio in the Bishop's Courtyard and morning pastries at the Sunrise Shop bake sale from 9–10 a.m.

There will be dual worship services at 10 o'clock (one in English in the Cathedral and one in Spanish in Sanders Hall), which will take the place of the usual morning services. The English service will follow the 1892 Book of Common Prayer.

Following the Eucharists, we will gather to watch the procession of the Sunday School classes, the crowning of the May King and May Queen, and the maypole dance. From there, we will feast at the May Fete luncheon, indulge in desserts at the Sweet Spot bake sale, enjoy games and crafts, and sway to the music of the Lonestar Bluegrass Band.

Through May Fete, we celebrate our past as we embrace our future, with our parish children at the heart of the festivities. There are ample opportunities to contribute your time, talents, and treasures to the day. Visit the "Registrations and Downloads" page on the Cathedral website for more information.

MAY FETE

Sunday, May 5

Clean out your closets to support the 2019 Yard Sale

BY SONIA VELAZQUEZ

It's time again for the annual Yard Sale, where the Latin/Hispanic Ministry Council and the Mission Outreach Council work together to carry out a yard sale to help low income students graduating from high school in May 2019 with the expenses of attending college in the fall.

For those of you that will be spring cleaning or just making room in your closets and garages, this is the perfect opportunity to donate to the Yard Sale. Your donations make up the items in the sale, and every year, we are so grateful for the generosity of our members.

Bring donations on Sundays from May 12 to June 2 from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. to the Yard Sale table in the Cloister at the Cathedral. The Yard Sale will accept items

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Save the date for Pride

BY CARLOTTA RAMIREZ

Houston's annual Pride Celebration is a one-day festival and parade in downtown Houston to celebrate lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people and their allies.

PRIDE PARADE

Saturday, June 22

This year, Pride Houston commemorates the 50th anniversary of the 1969 police raid of the Stonewall Inn on Christopher Street in New York City's Greenwich Village neighborhood, which is generally considered to be the beginning of the modern gay rights movement. This event promises to honor that occasion and to celebrate equality and love.

The day of festivities kicks off with the Pride Festival at Hermann Square in front of City Hall. The parade follows at 8:30 p.m. along a route through the western edge of downtown. More information will be coming soon on how to march with Christ Church Cathedral and other Episcopalian groups.



Cathedral Reads: Take an all-Cathedral summer trip

BY LUCY CHAMBERS

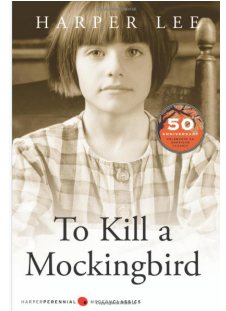
Our lives are fragmented. We all watch different TV shows, and discussing **Johnny Carson** or Saturday Night Live around the water cooler or the church coffee table are no longer widely-shared experiences. Some of us play bridge together, or attend regular bible study with a group, but others are bowling alone. But this summer, whether we venture to distant

lands, enjoy a relaxing stay-cation, or just continue our routine with the AC cranked down, we have the opportunity to take a journey together.

Join the entire Cathedral community on a trip back in time to the Deep South of the 1930s. We'll experience a world much different than our modern, urban home, but in many ways the same — roiled by racial

tension, peppered with a few good people trying to make a difference, and inhabited by kids watching and trying to make sense of the grownups' words and actions.

We'll get there by reading **Harper Lee's** Pulitzer Prize-winning novel, *To Kill a Mockingbird*. Many of you have read it, of course, but like the gospel, a good story can be revisited many times and never fail to provide new insights. Read it for the first time and discover why the name Atticus Finch became synonymous with morality and reason, re-read it to discover aspects of Boo Radley's heart you never considered. Take it further and research **Truman Capote's** relationship to the novel or the legal history of the South. We'll all read it, but how deep you go with it is up to you. There will not be a quiz.



Rather, we'll have a celebration of story. As summer winds down, we'll gather to talk about what we discovered in this classic novel. Kids and grownups will have the opportunity to share their insights and learn more. Then, in one of the rare cases where the movie is as good as the book, we'll enjoy the 1962 Oscar-winning **Gregory Peck** film together with a little Popcorn Theology. Readers who want to go further will delve into the story with Dean Thompson in book club.

If you can't make one of the events, don't

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Batter up on July 19!

BY KAREN KRAYCIRIK

Save the date for another fun evening at Episcopal Night at the Astros and join us Friday, July 19, as the Houston Astros take on the rival Texas Rangers. Join your Cathedral friends, as well as several other parishes in the diocese, as we cheer on our home town team.

Prior to the game, from 5 to 6:30 p.m., we'll host a free pre-game cookout with hot dogs, popcorn, raffles for Astros gear, and more in Nancy's Garden.

EPISCOPAL NIGHT AT THE ASTROS

Friday, July 19

Help show our Cathedral hospitality by signing up to volunteer for a shift behind the grill, scooping popcorn, or distributing refreshing beverages. Free parking will be available in the Cathedral's garage on a first come, first serve basis.

This year, a portion of every ticket sold will go to benefit The Beacon. To purchase tickets in the Cathedral's block of seats, or to "pitch in" and volunteer, head on over to the Cathedral's website and click the links on the Registrations/Downloads page. Adult ticket prices are \$50/seat, and children's tickets (12 & under) are \$40/seat. Please feel free to contact **Karen Kraycirik**, Minister for Community Life and Stewardship, with additional questions.



Register your youth for summer missions and fun

Cathedral youth have a plethora of opportunities for mission work, fellowship, and fun this summer. Register your youth, grades 5–12, on our website (under "Registrations") for any of the following activities in May, June, or July:

DESTINATION UNKNOWN, May 10–11: An overnight of adventure and fun, where the schedule is amazing and utterly a surprise. The cost is \$50. Register by Thursday, May 9.

HOUSTON MISSION TRIP, June 9–12: A mission trip that serves Houston, organized by CUSE. Students sleep overnight at the Cathedral and spend the final day at Schlitterbahn. The cost is \$275. Register by Friday, May 31.

MISSIONPALOOZA, July 14–19: The diocesan youth mission trip, this year in Houston, to help those in need for hurricane recovery. The cost is \$450. Register by Wednesday, May 1.

SUMMERSHADE, Thursdays from June 6 to August 8: There's something fun planned every week, just for youth. See our website to find out what movies, service projects, outings, and other fun have been planned. All youth are invited to attend.



At the 2018 Houston Mission, youth clean up the remains of a burnt house.

Palm Sunday, Peeps Diorama Contest, and more

IN PICTURES

Below: Clergy smiling in anticipation of Palm Sunday services.



Above: The Cathedral and Parish Choirs hosted a baby shower for Kat Whitney, Aaron Kaplan, John Proffitt; STANDING: Ray Pledger, Fredy Rowland, Zoe Doyle, Hannah Roberts, Bethany Podgorny, Penny Morr Rhoades, Frankie Espinoza, Jake Kincaide, Madeleine Hussey, Sarah



Above: Loads of books were donated at the Kid's Hope Book Drive.



Right: Susan Hoffius among parishioners in the Palm Sunday processional.



Above: For a service project, Cathedral Youth built two benches and worked in the gardens of the Baker Ripley Harbach Community Center.

Left: The Peeps Diorama Contest First Prize Winner, depicting the Last Supper, was artfully made by the Women's Wednesday Morning Bible Study.



Katie Loff and Rachel Pittman, both staff singers and both due with girls in May. (left to right): SEATED: Joy Stapp, Ann Sale, Flo Ray, Marion Krause, Ann Miller, Cam Wright, Catherine Bonilla, Laura Lisk, Joel Goodloe, Eric Strom, Lindsey Overstreet, Martha Williams, Tom Marvil, Michael DeVoll, Jane Campbell, Joe Heusi, Dean Dalton, Barbara Hamilton, Wickie, Mike McKann, Bill McKenzie, Katie Loff, Richard Buffett, Rachel Pittman, Peter Tran, Sean Stultz, Ashly Evans, Charlotte Jones, Justin Shen, Dana Whitney, Jesse Berney, Howard Lynn, Jim Murdaugh, Frank Hood, Nancy Ellis, Clifford Rudisill, Frances Kittrell, John Catalani, David Miller, Christopher Lo, Anne Flanagan, Bob Simpson, and Katrina Chan.

Try Rummikub at Bridge Night

BY ANNE EISNER

I knew there was a Bridge Night every month, and a lot of nice people got together, but I never had any luck playing that game. Recently the game of Rummikub had been added to the mix. Asked by my neighbor, **Mary Ann Cobb** to come and play Rummikub, I decided it would be an opportunity to get to know more people at the Cathedral. Having played a few times with friends I thought I would give it a try. The first, second, and maybe even the third month I lost all the games played, but finally I won two in a row! Although it is not really about winning or losing, it is about meeting new people, forging friendships, and enjoying the pot luck dinner. The group consists of old and young, couples, and singles, so all are welcome. Whether you play Bridge or Rummikub, you should consider checking out the monthly game night. You can find us the first Friday of the month in the McGehee Conference Room starting at 6:30 p.m. I hope you will join us!

RALLY, from cover

package more than 354 million meals sent across the country and worldwide since its inception in 2004. The Outreach Program will set up its fun, engaging, and worthy meal-packaging event in Reynolds Hall, and everyone, no matter age, size, or mobility, will have an opportunity to participate.

The meals the Cathedral will package will go in part to Bayou City Blessings in a Backpack, a local nonprofit organization that provides food for the weekend to children in the greater Houston area who are at risk of going hungry.

This type of redeeming, serving work is not new to the Cathedral family. It is the very DNA of our church to address hunger in the parched places of our city. For over 100 years Christ Church Cathedral has remained a beacon of light for economic justice in the city of Houston.

In 1839, Christ Church addressed the needs of those who suffered by establishing agencies

such as Sheltering Arms, and in more recent years through the work of The Beacon.

The Cathedral's rich heritage of addressing social justice will continue at this year's Rally Day as we work together to tear down the pain and stigma of hunger in Houston. God calls us to create something new again as we continue to offer acts of kindness, compassion and care to those in need.

Keep reading *The Bulletin* this summer as more details will be released about this year's exciting Rally Day as well as how you can register to participate.

As we respond to the words from Isaiah, may our collective light continue to pierce through darkness.

In the Cloister Gallery

Paintings by Janice McCubbin

On view May 7 to June 7, in this exhibit the artist tries to capture the fleeting moment of feelings in an elusive and thought-provoking way.

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worry: just relax knowing you'll be able to walk up to anyone, grownup or kid, at the Cathedral this summer and say, "How's that summer reading?" or "What do you think about Scout?" "Do you think Harper Lee wanted to release the earlier version, *Go Set a Watchman*, or was she pressured into it?" There is much for us to consider in both versions of this story.

Sharing our experiences will be better than retelling Johnny's jokes or reenacting Roseanne Roseanna-danna, and it will leave us with deeper perspective and a little more enlightenment. For Cathedral members still in school, it's a good opportunity to get some actual summer reading done with lots of support.

Whatever your motivation, join the Cathedral community this summer on a journey into a southern literary classic that has as much to offer us today as it did when it hit the scene in 1933. Harper Lee's messages, now more than ever, are important for us to consider as a group. In *To Kill a Mockingbird*, Atticus says, "You never really understand a person until you consider things from his point of view... Until you climb inside of his skin and walk around in it." While that depth of empathy is not physically possible, exploring an important novel and a writer's evolving perspective on the world together is a good way to start understanding each other and our own world a little better.

And it's the perfect icebreaker for all the new friends you'll meet at Summerplace.

To Kill a Mockingbird, \$8.99, is available in the Cathedral Bookstore

Sunday, August 4, 10 a.m., Intergenerational small group book discussions of the novel *To Kill a Mockingbird* in Reynolds Hall

Friday, August 9, 6:30 p.m., Popcorn Theology (dinner, movie, discussion) of the film "To Kill a Mockingbird."

Wednesday, Sept. 4, 6:30 p.m., Dean's Book Club deeper dive into the novel *To Kill a Mockingbird*.

BLESSINGS, from cover

and future generations,” says **Karen Kraycirik**, Minister for Community Life and Stewardship. “Without their commitment, we could not have accomplished the restoration project, nor done so at the speed at which it has occurred,” she said. “We are grateful, and we are blessed that the Cathedral community loves this special place.”

Reflecting upon the project’s importance on many levels, the **Very Rev. Barkley Thompson** said, “Our Sowing the Seed building projects connect us to the Communion of Saints at

Christ Church Cathedral, those generations who have, for 180 years, ensured that the Cathedral stands at Texas and Fannin as the sacramental icon of God in the midst of the city.”

The Dean is “exceedingly proud of the Building Committee and all our parishioners who have supported these projects for wearing the mantle in our own generation to preserve this sacred space.

“Some churches choose to replace their old buildings with new ones. Other churches keep but resent their old buildings as albatrosses that drain funds and impede ministry. By contrast, the Cathedral has always recognized that our historic campus is our most effective tool for ministry,” he said.

“People want to exhale and encounter God in the beauty of the Cathedral, the cloister, and the Bishop’s Courtyard. Preserving these spaces is itself Gospel work.”



The new vesting area upstairs.

Preservation and Perseverance

David Simpson, the Cathedral’s Chief Operating Officer, said the project’s many elements, identified by an intensive, year-long capital depreciation study, had to be done and be done with a minimal effect on the church’s religious life. Which is how things played out, he said.

The project restored much of the Cathedral’s built environment to its 1893 origins or 1939 post-fire appearance, while accommodating modern infrastructure and current functions. It’s more efficient space rather than added space, he said.

Some of the affected areas had not been updated since the rebuild 80 years ago, he noted. Others had been “improved” with ‘60s-era choices, now removed.

Many of the project’s results are readily visible. The paint color choices and wood tones, for example, better complement the stained glass windows.

The repointing of the exterior’s deteriorating brick, mortar and masonry was a critical component of the project, since the walls are of solid brick, not brick façade.

Behind the scenes, meanwhile, worship support spaces (such as the sacristy) have been reworked and in some cases repurposed to better accommodate clergy vesting, altar guild, acolyte, and lay minister functions.

The project’s impact is also expressed in quiet efficiency. The HVAC (heating, ventilation, and air conditioning) system, for example,

better regulates positive pressure on the bricks and maintains optimal humidity, he explained. In part, that means “the choir can be comfortable without people in the front rows becoming human popsicles,” Kraycirik observed.

Guy Hagstette, chairman of the Building Committee formed to oversee the project, said that while the project was perhaps more disruptive than anticipated, “Overall, we came out pretty well.” With the project winding down, “we are going to accomplish what we set out to do and, in addition, we have a new HVAC system.”

The bulk of the work was completed by Palm Sunday, with a few incidental tasks remaining.

To serve on the building committee was a remarkable experience, Hagstette said. Each member’s unique expertise contributed to the project’s success. Working together toward that goal was “another testament to what a supportive community we have at the Cathedral.”

The project thoughtfully restored the beautiful architecture on campus, he said, but the broader intent was to provide an environment that supports the church and its mission going forward.

Sowing the Seed, a once-in-a-generation capital campaign, has received five-year pledges and contributions in excess of \$13 million, well above the initial goal of \$10 million, Kraycirik said. The campaign supports three initiatives, with designations of \$8 million for the campus restoration; \$2.5 million for the Mary and Walter Taylor Outreach Fund; and \$2.5 million for the Tom Barrow and Stuart Hellmann Legacy Fund for Cathedral Preservation, which covers future capital maintenance expenses rather than through the operating budget.

A Tea Party with Mom

BY ZAINA VAN LOAN

Spring is in the air, and that means Mother’s Day is nearing, too. All mothers, mother figures, and women of the church are being celebrated.

On Sunday, May 12, in lieu of Sunday school, there will be a fun event taking place alongside Huffington playground to thank and rejoice with the women in our lives. From 10–11 a.m., there will be craft activities for the children as well as refreshments.

The theme this year is “Tea Party with Mom,” so there will be tea for all plus some snacks that every tea party would have. Also, children will have an opportunity to take a picture with their mothers to include in a craft as a small gift for their mothers.

Come join the Mother’s Day family fun and meet others from the church over a cup of tea.



TEA PARTY WITH MOM

May 12, Huffington Playground, 10 a.m.

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such as clothing, kitchen appliances, shoes, lawn and garden items, lamps, kitchenware, bedding/sheets, decorative items, art, and other gently used home goods.

For those wishing to donate items larger than they can carry, please contact the **Rev. Greg Seme** (713-220-9762) or **Sonia Velazquez** (832-528-0819) to make arrangements.

In addition to donations, the Yard Sale is looking for volunteers. To sign up, go to the Cloister Table or contact **Gary Krause** (garykrause@gmail.com) or **Sonia Velazquez** (832-528-0819).

The Yard Sale will be on Saturday, June 8, from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., at 8226 Jennings St, 77017.

No donation is too small! Thank you for supporting this Yard Sale, which supports such a worthy cause.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Visit 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!

MAY

MAY 2 THU

Cloister Gallery Reception

5:30–7:30 p.m., Reynolds Hall. Join artist Janice McCubbin for a reception for her exhibition in the Cloister Gallery.



MAY 3 FRI
Bridge and Rummikub Night 🧑🏠

6:30–9:30 p.m., McGehee Conference Room. Enjoy a few hands of bridge or rounds of Rummikub with Cathedral friends. Bring a dish to share.

MAY 4 SAT

May Fete Work Day ★

Noon to 5 p.m., Cathedral campus. Help prepare for this annual celebration.



MAY 5 SUN
May Fete 🧑🏠 ★

10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Cathedral campus. Take part in the Cathedral's beloved springtime tradition, rain or shine. The English 10 a.m. service will follow the 1892 Book of Common Prayer; the Spanish 10 a.m. service will be in Sanders Hall. Festivities, food, fun, and games to follow.



MAY 10–11 FRI–SAT
Destination Unknown

5 p.m. to 10:30 a.m., Treehouse. This whirlwind overnight for fifth graders is full of surprises. (\$)

MAY 12 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.



MAY 12 SUN
Bishop's Visit to Confirm

Bishop Monterroso will confirm at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m., and be with us throughout the day.



MAY 12 SUN
Mother's Day Craft-Tea ★

10 a.m., Huffington Playground. Intergenerational crafting & iced tea event with Mom.

MAY 15 WED

Dean's Book Club

6:30–8 p.m., McGehee Conference Room. *Hold Autumn in Your Hand*, a novel by George Sessions Perry.

MAY 19 SUN

Cathedral Campus Dedication ★

10 a.m., Bishop's Courtyard. Come together with the parish to bless and celebrate the restoration of the campus.

MAY 26 SUN

Summer Place Begins ★

10 a.m., Latham Building. Gather with friends for coffee, tea, and snacks provided by Cathedral Councils.

This is My Story, This is My Song

10 a.m., Bookstore. Story and song time for children, which runs all summer.

MAY 27 MON

Memorial Day Holiday

Cathedral offices are closed.



MAY 30 THU
Ascension Day

12:05 p.m., Golding Chapel. Holy Eucharist marking the final appearance of the Risen Lord to the apostles. The service will feature the newly restored organ in the chapel.

MAY 31 FRI

Last day to register for CUSE Houston Mission Trip

11:59 p.m. Register your youth for this Houston-based mission trip on our website. The trip is June 9–12.

WEEKLY



SUNDAYS
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.

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. (\$)

TUESDAYS

Seed Group — Central

6:30–8 p.m., off campus. Middle school youth group in a parishioner's home. (Ends May 7)

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.

Root Group — Central

6:30 p.m., off campus. High school youth group in a parishioner's home. (Ends May 8)

Buscando la Luz ▲

(Second, third, and fourth Wednesdays) 6:30–8 p.m., Bride's Room. Spanish-language discussion group.

UPCOMING

THURSDAYS STARTING JUNE 6

Youth Summer Shade 🧑🏠

Fun activities for youth every Thursday, all summer long.



JUNE 9 SUN

Pentecost Evensong and Organ Recital

5 p.m., Cathedral. The Cathedral Choir will sing for Pentecost, with an organ recital to precede at 4:15 p.m. and a reception to follow.

JUNE 9–12 SUN–WED

Houston Mission Trip

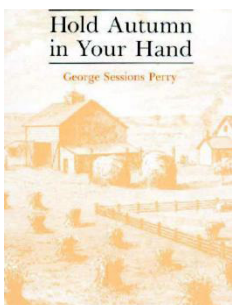
Youth work with the CUSE program for a short week of mission work, concluding with a trip to Schlitterbahn.



Did you know you can read **The Bulletin** on our website? If you'd like to go "online-only," contact Ramona Sikes at rsikes@christchurchcathedral.org or call her at 713-217-1347.

Dean's Book Club selections

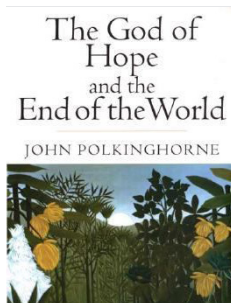
The Dean's Book Club meets on a Wednesday each month (often the first Wednesday, but there are a few exceptions upcoming) at 6:30 p.m. in the McGehee Conference Room. All titles will be available from the Cathedral Bookstore.



Wednesday, May 15

Hold Autumn in Your Hand, a novel by George Sessions Perry

This story is built around Sam Tucker's determination to use his knowledge of the San Pedro bottomland soil and hard work to provide food for his family as well as hope for the future.



Wednesday, June 5

The God of Hope and the End of the World by John Polkinghorne

English theoretical physicist, theologian, and Anglican priest Polkinghorne is a master writer on the connection between science and religion. This book addresses hope and the end of the world.

TRUMAN, from cover

with "American Idol," "Survivor," and "The Bachelorette."

Truman Syndrome reveals the extreme extent of the desire to be well-known in our culture. Where fame is lacking, the mind fabricates it. While most of us blessedly don't fall prey to this delusion, to a lesser degree many of us yearn to be important, famous, well-known.

In contrast, **Stacy Sells**, an acquaintance of mine in Arkansas, once said in my presence, "It isn't important to be important; it's important to be *significant*." There's a world of difference between significance and fame. Stacy knows. At age twenty-five, her husband was killed by a drunk driver. Stacy battled debilitating depression for a year before seeking help and eventually founding the organization "Highway Heroes" to combat drunk driving. Decades later Stacy was diagnosed with a rare form of breast cancer. Again without seeking the limelight for herself, Stacy created a daily blog which has given

hope and comfort to others in their own battle with the disease.

The distinction is crucial for Christians. To Christ, whether or not we are famous or important by worldly standards is of no consequence. However, whether or not we play a committed role in Christ's project of reconciliation in the world — whether we are *significant* — is vital. This is the distinction the disciples James and John learn in the Gospels. The fame they initially seek in their desire to sit at Jesus' right and left hand is replaced by a commitment to significance for the Gospel.

As we continue through this Easter season perhaps we can each cancel the Truman Show in our lives, giving up the need to be in the center, the need to be important and known. Instead, we can labor to be significant: combating the things that tear down in God's world, giving hope and support to those in need, loving and praising the One who is truly at the center of all things.