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Christmas and New Year

When you receive and read this column, the revelry of New Year's Eve will still be ringing in our ears. Lingering images of **Ryan Seacrest** counting down the crystal ball from Times Square will be mirrored in our eyes. And already, as we brew that vital cup of morning coffee, we'll wonder why the anticipation and promise of New Year's Eve seems stale and weary on New Year's Day.



THE VERY REV.
BARKLEY
THOMPSON

A German pastor and theologian pondered this very question over two hundred years ago. In 1806, **Friedrich Schleiermacher** penned a lovely dialogue that depicts a group of friends enjoying one another's company in the parlor of a home on Christmas Eve. In their conversation, the friends look ahead to the New Year's celebration that will occur in a week's time, and they consider what makes New Year's different from Christmas.

Admittedly, New Year's is a celebration of renewal (think of the cartoons that show the ancient Old Year passing the garland to a cherubic Baby New Year), but Ernst (a character in the dialogue) observes, "New Year's is devoted to the renewal of what is only transitory." It quickly loses its luster — usually by mid-morning on New Year's Day — because of the realization that the New Year's resolutions we make are grounded only in our worldly enthusiasm. Such enthusiasm has no staying power, and we soon find it exhausted. The promise of New Year's gives way to inertia, and our short-lived joy becomes depression.

Is there a solution? Ernst believes so. "Some of us do not desire to have our life in what is only transitory," he says. "For us the birth of the Redeemer is the uniquely

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Alzheimer's Support Group has formed for caregivers

In response to more families at the Cathedral being affected by their loved one's Alzheimer's and dementia, the Pastoral Care Council has launched an Alzheimer's Support Group.

The monthly meeting is intended to be a resource and a safe environment for those facing the challenges of caring for someone with the disease or in cognitive decline, says **Jodi Gillit**, the Cathedral's minister for pastoral care.

Caregivers need a safe environment in

which to share their experiences and to feel supported so they realize they are not alone, Gillit says. For many who are providing care, the front-line role can be isolating — just when they most need to draw strength.

In offering the free meeting at the Cathedral at mid-day, the idea is to bring support to those who work downtown, whether or not they are members of the Cathedral, she says. The new

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Houston Civil Rights Tour

BY CHLOE VALE

Have you ever wondered about how the civil rights struggle evolved in our own city? Join the Justice and Peace Council on Saturday, February 22, 2020, to find out more about this inspiring chapter in Houston's history.

The Justice and Peace Council sponsored a successful pilgrimage to the Civil Rights Museum at The Lorraine Hotel in Memphis, Tennessee, in 2018 to commemorate the 50th year anniversary of the assassination of **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.**

This year, the Justice and Peace Council is organizing an afternoon bus tour of historic sites around Houston that tell the story of the people and the events that shaped the evolution of civil rights

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TOUR SPEAKER
ANGELA HOLDER
PROFESSOR OF HISTORY

We celebrate with

- ✞ new members **Jonathan Casiano** and **Matthew, Susanne, Zoe** and **Alice Wright**, and returning members **Glen Turner** and **Joan Eidman**.
- ✞ the newly confirmed **Christian Abels, Sofia DeMeo, Jody Gillit, Emily Hugh, Kevin Kinney,** and **Pedro Pinto**, the newly received **Raymond Burek, Nancy Christian, Chris DeMeo, Debby DeMeo,** and **Robert Halcomb**, and the reaffirmed **Stephen Heady** and **Erin Moore**.
- ✞ the families of **Bo Bagheri, Lucas Barba, Bryce Fiorini, Emma Freiburger, Luella Hamlin, Ruth Saour,** and **Miggy Wong**, who were recently baptized.

We extend heartfelt sympathy to

- ✞ the family of **Stephen William Robertson**, who passed away October 29, 2019. **Stephen** is brother to member **Catherine Walther** and brother-in-law to **Ben Walther**.
- ✞ the family of member **Kay White**, who passed away November 18, 2019. **Kay** is mother to member **Cynthia Brannon**, mother-in-law to **Jim Brannon**, and grandmother to **Sara Brannon** and **Charlotte Brannon**.
- ✞ the family of **Molly Hubbard**, who passed away on November 19, 2019. **Molly** is wife to member **Ford Hubbard**.
- ✞ the family of **Betty Ann Brown Davis**, who passed away November 19, 2019. **Betty Ann** is sister to member **Cletus Brown III**, mother-in-law to **Ann Brown**, and daughter to **Mrs. Cletus Brown Jr.**
- ✞ the family of member **Gene Manly**, who passed away November 24, 2019. **Gene** is husband to member **Barbara Manly**.

The flowers on the Cathedral Altar

- ✞ On Sunday, December 1, were given to the glory of God in loving memory of **Margaret** and **Jim Elkins Jr.** by their family.
- ✞ On Sunday, December 1, were given to the glory of God in loving memory of **Glen** and **Virginia Stapp** on the occasion of what would have been their 75th wedding anniversary.
- ✞ On Sunday, January 5, are given to the glory of God in loving memory of **Scott Cawley** by his family.
- ✞ on Sunday, January 19, are given to the glory of God in honor of **Gil, Margaret,** and **Elise Greenwood** for their birthdays by **Kristy Greenwood**.
- ✞ on Sunday, January 26, are given to the glory of God in loving memory of her parents, **Mary John** and **Ralph Spence**, by **Judy Tate**.

The flowers on the Rood Screen

- ✞ On November 1, All Saints Day, were also given to the glory of God in loving memory of **Paul Bayless Harrison**.

Meet our 2020 vestry nominees

To be voted on at the Annual Parish Meeting on January 26

Nominated for three-year terms



LAURA GALVIN was born and raised in Sugar Land, Texas, where she still lives today. Her family began attending Christ Church when she was 11, where served as an acolyte, was confirmed, married, and raised her son, **Fisher**. Laura attended a mission trip with the Cathedral to Costa Rica, and a pilgrimage to Germany. She currently serves on the Community Life Council. She loves the vast opportunities offered at the Cathedral, as well as the diversity of its members. Since 1996, Laura has worked professionally with people with intellectual developmental disabilities. She received her MSW from UH and her bachelor's degree from the University of Texas at Austin.



GUY HAGSTETTE, since 1996, has been a member of Christ Church Cathedral with his partner, **Doug Lawing**. Guy grew up in Houston and attended Holy Spirit and Memorial High School. Guy holds a Master of Architecture in Urban Design from Harvard University and a Bachelor of Architecture from the University of Texas at Austin where he also was a conference champion on the UT swimming team. Guy served on the board of The Beacon and chaired the building committee for the Sowing the Seed Campaign. Guy is vice president of parks and civic projects for the Kinder Foundation, a Houston-based philanthropy that has provided catalyst funding for parks and greenspace projects in Houston such as Discovery Green, Buffalo Bayou Park, and Memorial Park. Guy is fascinated by Houston's history.



GEORGE HAWKINS was born and raised in Houston, as were his wife and his three grown children. His professional life has been spent largely in education, teaching British and American literature, and composition, and in fundraising, having been director of planned and major gifts at Texas Children's Hospital, and director of development at Houston Arboretum and Nature Center. He became involved with Christ Church Cathedral 40 years ago when he and **Hester** were married there. He has deepened his attachment in the last two decades by attending men's discussion groups, sitting at the feet of scholars there in study, helping to create the Bishop Richardson Society, and trying to fill the prodigious shoes of **Dieter Ufer** by making modest repairs in and around the Cathedral when called upon to do so.



BILINDA MATUSEK is a cradle Episcopalian and has been an active member of every diocese she has lived in. Bilinda works for Klein ISD. She and her husband, **Brian**, transferred to Christ Church Cathedral in 2013. Their son, **Matt**, is also a member of the Cathedral. At the Cathedral, Bilinda has been involved in Women's Bible Study, Foyers, Curacy Committee, Discernment Committee, mission trips, has served on The Beacon's board of directors, and teaches high school Sunday School.



FLO RAY has been an enthusiastic member of the Cathedral since she and her family joined in the mid-1970s. Over the years, she has served on several councils and has taught Sunday School at every level. Currently she serves on the Altar Guild and as a Lay Liturgical Minister and is very grateful to be part of the Parish Choir. Flo has served three terms on the vestry: with Deans **Pittman McGehee, Walter Taylor,** and **Joe Reynolds**. She was junior warden in 1994 and senior warden during Dean Reynolds' tenure. In 2014, Flo retired from Episcopal High School after 21 years as a religion instructor and chair of the Religion department. In retirement, she enjoys volunteering at The Beacon and Kids Hope. She is delighted to be invited to serve once more on the vestry of the Cathedral.

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universal festival of joy, precisely because we believe there is no other principle of joy than redemption.”

In other words, New Year's is not the festival in which we should place our hope for renewal, but rather Christmas. Another character seizes on Ernst's idea: "Thus it is that the Christmas festival breaks forth like a heavenly light out of darkness. Thus it is that a pulse of joy spreads out over the whole reborn world!"

And yet a third character adds, "[At Christmas] the long, deep,

irrepressible pain in my life is soothed as never before. I feel at home, as if born anew into the better world, in which pain and grieving have no meaning and no room anymore.”

Lest we forget, Christmas is a festival lasting twelve days. On New Year's Day, we still have four days of Christmas to go! Sip that cup of coffee, forget the Times Square crystal ball, and rejoice in the eternal renewal that comes from the birth of Christ into the world, healing our brokenness and reconciling us to God.

May the light of Christmas illumine you through 2020!

Signs of Life: Why Church Matters

Over the past eighteen months, I've been working with the monastic brothers of the Society of Saint John the Evangelist and Lifelong Learning at Virginia Theological Seminary to create Signs of Life: Why Church Matters. In July of 2018, we gathered at the monastery in Cambridge, MA, and started to imagine what specific gift the monks could give to the wider church. Together, we landed on the gift of liturgy. Brothers at

SSJE pray together six times a day, six days a week, and understand how everyday things like light, water, food, shelter, and community shape and inform the liturgy, and are to us signs of life, God's good will to us.



THE REV. BECKY ZARTMAN

This summer, I returned to SSJE, preached for the brothers, and hosted a series of five one-hour conversations on the Signs of Life. Together with one-on-one interviews and footage from their year together, we explore the deeper meanings of these everyday signs of God's love for us through a series of five beautiful videos. There will be an accompanying podcast, daily meditations, and a Lenten practices calendar. The sermons from this summer have been gathered into a reader and published, each with questions for meditation and a response from a brother.

Starting January 19, I'll be preaching the Sign of Life sermons at The Well at 5 p.m. on Sundays and debuting the videos and curriculum. The videos will be released to the rest of the church during Lent 2020; the Cathedral will be the first community outside of SSJE to see the material. To view the reader and sign up for the accompanying Signs of Life material when it arrives in Lent 2020, visit signsoflife.org.



Learn about this year's Costa Rica Mission Trip

BY MINISTER FOR YOUTH MARCIA QUINTANILLA

We are thrilled to begin discussing our plans for our Costa Rica Mission Trip in the summer of 2020. Our partnership throughout the years has been of great blessing to our community and a benefit to the lives of our Cathedral youth.

Last summer, we took on **Bishop Orlando's** dream to create a Diocesan space in Limón similar to the existing one in San Jose, to draw missionaries towards Limón to help strengthen the churches on the Caribbean coast.

This summer, our Costa Rica Mission Trip will be from June 7-14, missioning in the city of Siquirres. There, we will begin a project to create a farm that would produce seasonal produce for both Hogar Escuela programs that are fully supported by the Diocese of Costa Rica.

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Get social with the 20s & 30s group

BY PAUL BOSTON

Come join the 20s & 30s group for fellowship and fun at our First Fridays and Second Sundays social events. Just as they sound, they happen on the first Friday of the month and the second Sunday of the month. You can meet like-minded and supportive new people as we break bread and socialize. This is a fun group of dynamic young adults from diverse backgrounds. We look forward to meeting and growing with you.

First Friday events will be held at family-friendly (and fun!) locations around Houston. They are from 6:30-8 p.m.; check the young adult spring calendar or the Cathedral website for each month's destination.



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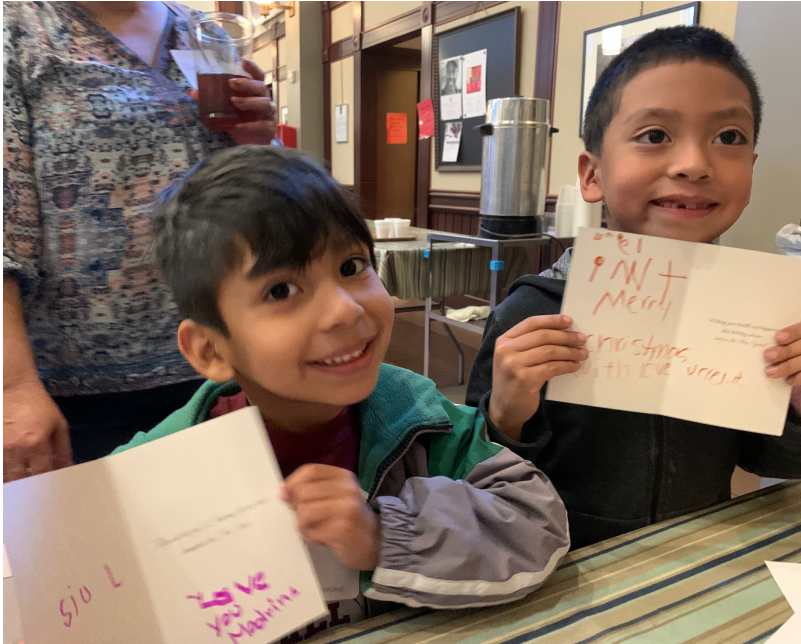
20s & 30s tea tasting

Christmas at the Cathedral, Confirmation, Thanksgiving Eve en Espanol, and more

IN PICTURES

Right: We confirmed, received, or reaffirmed this lovely group on December 8, pictured here with Bishop Kai Ryan.

Below: One of the tables at David Simpson's staff lunch for his retirement.



Above: Sweet cards and big smiles to share from Christmas at the Cathedral.



Above: Advent Wreath Making is an annual fun family event.

Right: Giving thanks at Thanksgiving Eve service in the neighborhood.





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Join us on Sunday, January 26, from 12:15–1 p.m. in the Treehouse (located on the third floor of the McGehee building), for an information session for all interested in going on the mission. This mission is for high schoolers and adults. We will discuss the work we will be doing while on the trip, requirements, application process, and cost. If you have any questions before then, contact **Marcia Quintanilla**, minister for youth: mquintanilla@christchurchcathedral.org

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closer to home. The tour will focus on African American civil rights to mark the month of February as Black History Month. It will visit sites that you may have driven past many times, but perhaps never been aware of the events that took place there decades ago. The speaker, **Angela Holder**, Professor of History at Houston Community College, will bring to life the events that took place, their historical context, and the personal stories of key individuals.

The tour will take place on Saturday, February 22, from 1–4:30 p.m. It will depart from the Cathedral and stop at numerous sites around the city, ranging from Emancipation Park, Texas Southern University and other key sites in Third Ward, to the site of

Camp Logan in Memorial Park, where a mutiny of African American soldiers took place in 1917, which culminated in the “Houston Riot.” Our tour will finish back at the Cathedral with refreshments and a group discussion, facilitated by **Dean Barkley Thompson**, to close.

There will be around 40 places on the tour, and the cost to attend the tour and discussion will be \$15. Please purchase your ticket online on our website (look under “Registrations and Downloads”), at the link in the weekly enews, or on the website calendar (under February 22). Alternatively, you can call **Louise Langford** in the Cathedral office on 713-590-3305 during business hours to reserve a place and pay by check, or look out for one of the tour’s cloister tables in January.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP, from cover program is an alternative to those offered by other organizations around town that typically meet in the suburbs or during business hours.

The Cathedral's co-ed support group is open to all ages. It meets the second Thursday of the month from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

in the Jeffers conference room of the Latham building.

Its format is a conversation, not a formal program, Gillit says.

Launched just before Thanksgiving, the program has earned positive feedback from its inaugural participants, including this comment,

shared with permission: "I was nervous about coming but am glad I did, and I'll be back."

Sharing and Caring

Each of the new group's facilitators has been trained by the Alzheimer's Association. And each has personal experience with being a caregiver.

Phillippa Gard is one of the group's trained facilitators. A board member of Amazing Place, an organization serving those with cognitive decline and their families, Gard says having attended support groups for caregivers helped "in my personal journey of living with an Alzheimer patient."

Meeting with others who are learning to live with a partner, family member, or friend with dementia can be very helpful, she says. In her case, for example, she learned how to develop strategies to deal with day-to-day issues.

Gard says she volunteered to be a support group facilitator at the Cathedral, "as I know how important these meetings are as we learn and listen together and don't feel so alone."

"I've walked the walk. If there's anything I can do to help someone else going through this, I will," she says. "This is my personal mission."

Gillit also advocates the strength in sharing. The Pastoral Care Council is "an extension of family," she explains. "We tend to not only physical needs but to emotional ones as we share the compassion of Christ...Providing this support is one more way to bring church to those who need it — and not just on Sundays."

Meanwhile, the holidays can be a time of cognitive acuity awareness, she adds. "Visits with distant family or spending more concentrated time together can make families more aware that some form of dementia might be present or that it is progressed to a point that they are needing support."

The group's next meeting is Thursday, Jan. 9, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Jeffers conference room of the Latham building.

For information, please contact Jody Gillit, minister for pastoral care: jgillit@christchurchcathedral.org.

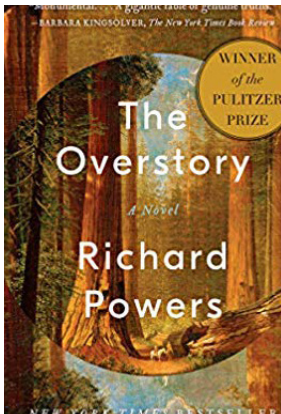
Dean's Book Club selections

The Dean's Book Club discusses a different book at each meeting, including novels, nonfiction, and books on spirituality and faith. Books are selected by the group and are available for purchase from the Cathedral Bookstore. All are welcome. After a break in January, the club will resume in February for the spring. The club meets in the McGehee Conference Room from 6:30–8 p.m. on the following dates:

Wednesday, February 5

The Overstory, a novel by Richard Powers

"*The Overstory*, winner of the 2019 Pulitzer Prize in Fiction, is a sweeping, impassioned work of activism and resistance that is also a stunning evocation of — and paean to — the natural world. From the roots to the crown and back to the seeds, **Richard Powers's** twelfth novel unfolds in concentric rings of interlocking fables that range from antebellum New York to the late twentieth-century Timber Wars of the Pacific Northwest and beyond. There is a world alongside ours — vast, slow, interconnected, resourceful, magnificently inventive, and almost invisible to us. This is the story of a handful of people who learn how to see that world and who are drawn up into its unfolding catastrophe." (from the publisher)



Wednesday, March 4

Talking to Strangers: What We Should Know About the People We Don't Know, by Malcolm Gladwell

How did **Fidel Castro** fool the CIA for a generation? Why did **Neville Chamberlain** think he could trust **Adolf Hitler**? Why are campus sexual assaults on the rise? Do television sitcoms teach us something about the way we relate to each other that isn't true? *Talking to Strangers* is a classically Gladwellian intellectual adventure, a challenging and controversial excursion through history, psychology, and scandals taken straight from the news. Something is very wrong, **Gladwell** argues, with the tools and strategies we use to make sense of people we don't know. And because we don't know how to talk to strangers, we are inviting conflict and misunderstanding in ways that have a profound effect on our lives and our world. (from the publisher)

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Strangers



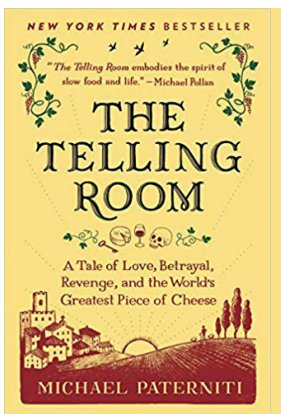
Malcolm
Gladwell

#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF *OUTLIERS*
and host of the podcast *REVISIONIST HISTORY*
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Wednesday, April 1

The Telling Room: A Tale of Love, Betrayal, Revenge, and the World's Greatest Piece of Cheese, by Michael Paterniti

Equal parts mystery and memoir, travelogue and history, *The Telling Room* is an astonishing work of literary nonfiction by one of our most accomplished storytellers. A moving exploration of happiness, friendship, and betrayal, *The Telling Room* introduces us to **Ambrosio Molinos de las Heras**, an unforgettable real-life literary hero, while also holding a mirror up to the world, fully alive to the power of stories that define and sustain us. (from the publisher)



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Second Sunday events will be a coffee break within walking distance of the Cathedral between the 9 and 11 a.m. services as well as before the 5 p.m. Well service. Once a month, we will gather at the fountain in the courtyard at 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. and walk together to a café for a quick 45-minute break. We can't wait to learn more about you. Families are always welcome. See you then.

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!

JANUARY

JANUARY 3

FRI

Bridge/Rummikub Night 🧑

6:30–9:30 p.m., McGehee Conference Room. Join the group for a hand or a game, and bring a dish to share. This group meets monthly on the first Friday.

20s & 30s First Friday Fellowship 🧑

6:30–9:30 p.m., McGehee Conference Room. This group meets monthly for a fellowship outing together. This time, they meet for bridge, rummikub, or your favorite game (please bring!).

JANUARY 5

SUN

Bad Gift Bingo 🧑 ★

10 a.m., Reynolds Hall. Treats and Bingo. Bring a wrapped white elephant gift.



JANUARY 5

SUN

Epiphany Organ Recital & Evensong 🧑 ★

4:15 and 5 p.m., Cathedral. Featuring the Cathedral Choir, with a reception to follow.

JANUARY 9

THU

Alzheimer's Support Group

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Jeffers Conference Room. This support groups meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month. Contact Minister for Pastoral Care Jody Gillit to learn more.

Cloister Gallery Opening 🧑

5:30–7:30 p.m., Reynolds Hall. Opening for the work of Mary Lee Gray.

JANUARY 12

SUN

Sunday School Starts ★

School for children, youth, and adults begins today.

Treble Choir sings

11 a.m., Cathedral. The Cathedral's girls' choir will participate in the service.

20s & 30s Second Sunday Socials 🧑

10–11 a.m. and 4–4:45 p.m., off campus. Meet young adults monthly at the Bishop's Fountain at either 10 a.m. or 4 p.m. for a quick coffee and fellowship off campus between services.

JANUARY 12

SUN

Theology Round Table

6:15 p.m., Mellinger Room. The penultimate meeting of this monthly class has its readings available in the Cathedral Bookstore.



JANUARY 17–19

FRI–SUN

Parish Retreat ▲

Camp Allen. A weekend of fun with the parish in the piney woods. Registration closes Jan. 9.

JANUARY 19

SUN

Marathon Sunday

Plan your route to church.

Kids Hope Community Brunch

10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Mellinger Room. Stop by for a cup of coffee and breakfast bite, and have a chat with current and former mentors.

JANUARY 20

MON

Martin Luther King Day Holiday

Cathedral offices are closed.

JANUARY 24

FRI

Noche Familiar 🧑

6–9 p.m., Reynolds Hall. A family gathering with the Latino/Hispanic congregation.

JANUARY 24–26

FRI–SUN

Y.E.S. and Happening Retreats

Camp Allen. These youth retreats bring together middle schoolers and high schoolers from across the diocese. (\$)

JANUARY 26

SUN

Annual Parish Meeting

10 a.m., Reynolds Hall. Meeting to discuss the business of the Cathedral and to elect new members of the vestry.

Costa Rica Mission Trip Info Session ★

12:15 p.m., Treehouse. Learn more about our Costa Rica mission trip and receive an application.

WEEKLY

SUNDAYS

Dean's Hour, Adult, Youth, and Children's Sunday School Classes ★

10–11 a.m., various locations. (Starts Jan. 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.

Tea and Toast ★

5:45 p.m., Latham Hall. Refreshments and fellowship for worshippers after The Well.

Signs of Life ★

6:15 p.m., Mellinger Room. A course on five sacred signs drawn from scripture, the Christian tradition, and worship (starts Jan. 19).

MONDAYS

Healing Service

12:05 p.m., Golding Chapel.

Bible "By the Glass" 🧑

6:30–8 p.m., Azuma Downtown, 909 Texas Avenue. Fellowship and Bible study.

TUESDAYS

Seed Group – Central and West 🧑

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

WEDNESDAYS

Men's Morning Bible Study

7–8 a.m., Jeffers Conference Room.

Women's Morning Bible Study

9:30–11 a.m., Mellinger 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.

Buscando la Luz ▲

6:30–8 p.m., Mellinger Room. Spanish-language discussion group.

Women's Evening Bible Study ★ 🧑

6:30 p.m., McGehee Conference Room. This new group will study wilderness this spring.

The Corinthians

A weekly, co-ed Bible study on St. Paul's letters to the Corinthians.

Tue., 7–8 a.m., Mellinger Room

Thu., noon to 1 p.m., Mellinger Room

WEDNESDAYS CONT.

Root Group – Central 🧑

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

THURSDAYS

Branch Out

11 a.m. to 2 p.m., various locations. Minister for Youth Marcia Quintanilla visits youth in their schools.

FEBRUARY

FEBRUARY 1

SAT

20s & 30s Service Day 🧑

1–3 p.m., Holy Spirit Episcopal Church. Make Valentines to give to children who participate in Bayou City Blessings in a Backpack.

FEBRUARY 2

SUN

Theophanies 🧑 ★

10–11 a.m., Reynolds Hall. The Dean's Hour focuses for several sessions on the times God has made a personal appearance on Earth.

FEBRUARY 5

WED

Dean's Book Club 🧑 ★

6:30–8 p.m., McGehee Conference Room. This month, the group discusses *The Overstory*, a novel by Richard Powers.

FEBRUARY 6

THU

Amazing Women of Faith 🧑 ★

6:30–8 p.m., Pearl Restaurant and Bar, 1117 Prairie St. Cathedral women meet on the first Thursday of the month to examine the life of amazing women of faith, ancient or modern, soft-spoken or firebrand.

FEBRUARY 25

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.



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The dulcet Treble Choir

The Cathedral's resident children's choir, the Treble Choir of Houston, has set off on another amazing year of music, learning, and fellowship. The choir is composed of young women from throughout the Houston area that are enrolled in grades 6 through 12. The choir is lovingly led by its founder, **Marianna Parnas-Simpson**.

In October, with the Astros in the World Series, the Cathedral choir was challenged by the National Cathedral in Washington D.C. Our ladies sang "Deep in the Heart of Texas" and rooted on the home team to (almost) victory!

In 2020, the Treble Choir has several performances coming up in the Houston community.

The February 22 and 23 concerts with the Houston Chamber Choir promise to be extra special. Together they will be performing "Circlesong" with renowned British composer Bob Chilcott. These performances will be the world premiere of this newly revised piece. After the shows, a CD recording will be made of this lovely composition.

On Saturday, May 16, the choir will have a Spring Concert at Westmoreland Chapel of South Main Baptist Church.

And in June, the Treble Choir will be



TREBLE CHOIR SINGS

Sunday, January 12, 11 a.m.

performing in historic and beautiful New Orleans at the 21st annual Crescent City Choral Festival. The girls will spend three days in the city, perform at St. Louis Cathedral in Jackson Square, enjoy a dinner cruise on the Mississippi, and take part in many other memorable

activities. Laissez les bon temps rouler!

The Treble Choir will also sing several Sundays this spring as part of worship music at the Cathedral. Be sure to mark your calendars for January 12 at the 11 a.m. service, March 29 at the 9 a.m. service, April 26 at the 11 a.m. service, and May 17 at the 9 a.m. service.