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Restoration project begins



Facilities administrator Frank Guevara boxing hymnals and Books of Common Prayer in preparation.

Long-needed repairs and restoration of Christ Church Cathedral's historic structures and grounds commenced after Pentecost Sunday.

"We are able to move forward with these necessary and urgent building projects through the incredible generosity of the Cathedral community and the dollars pledged to the Sowing the Seed capital campaign," says **Karen Kraycirik**, minister for community life and stewardship.

The restoration team includes Stern and Bucek, Architects; W.S. Bellows Construction, general contractor; **Bob Brooks**, project manager and owner's representative; **Johnny Steele**, landscape designer; and two committees from the Cathedral: the Building Committee, comprised of **Guy Hagstette**, Chair, **Bill Curtis**, vice chair, and members **Roy Nolen**, **Ellen Harrison**, **Beth Wiedower Jackson**, **Caltea Sandeen**, **Andre Jackson**, and **Charles**

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This is my story, this is my song

BY KARIANN LESSNER

When I think about my favorite stories and songs from my growing-up years, I remember *The Little Engine that Could* and **John Denver's** "Sunshine on my Shoulders." I now have a whole new set of favorites from when my girls were little, like *Knuffle Bunny* and **Mandisa's** "Good Morning."

These lessons, whether through story or music, formed both my children and me in some powerful ways. I still chant in my head, "I think I can, I think I can," when faced with a tough challenge. If I want to change the mood in our car on the drive in to school,

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Our canon and God's canon

How do we come to know someone? On the surface, it's a simple, maybe even simplistic, question, but is that really so? We can know facts — name, rank, and serial number, so to speak — census data that lets us know a lot about a person, but is *knowing about* the same as *knowing*?

A much better way to know someone — to learn her commitments, passions, way of seeing and being in the world — is to know her canon.

A canon is a set of writings held sacred. We each, individually, have a canon. And if you really want to know someone, pay attention to her canon.

For instance, in my case, if you want to know me you would need to read the nineteenth century theologian **Friedrich Schleiermacher**, the early twentieth century philosopher **Josiah Royce**, *The Earthsea Trilogy* by **Ursula Le Guin**, all the fiction of **Wendell Berry**, and a primer on Celtic spirituality. Even if you'd never met me in person, if you read and studied these texts, you'd know me well. You'd know my theological worldview, my loves, my passions, my apprehensions, and my fears. These texts and thinkers are, for me, sacred. They inform my life such that I can't really imagine who I would be without them. They are my canon.

The canons of public figures allow us to know them, too, even from a distance. For instance, if it is revealed that a political candidate's favorite book is **Ayn Rand's** *Atlas Shrugged*, this allows us to know that candidate perhaps better than a dozen interviews would do.

Have you ever thought about your canon? Have you considered the works



THE VERY REV.
BARKLEY
THOMPSON

CANON, page 8

We celebrate with

- ✞ new members **Mr. Winston Crowder**, **Ms. Patti Grinage**, **Ms. Lauren Lombardo**, **Ms. Corbet “Cory” McKay-Darby**, **Harry and Karen Pinson**, and **Ms. Emily Winifred Shepherd**.
- ✞ the families of **Jason Clay Dugat** (parents **Will and Susan Dugat**), **Beckett Dunlap** (parents **Travis and Tiffany Dunlap**), **Emma Gallevo** (parents **Mike and Doreen Gallevo**), **Beatrice Caroline Matthews “Bea”** (parents **Chris and Stephanie Matthews**), **Henry Simmons** (parents **Jeff and Olivia Simmons**), **Sarah Schmidt Tabolsky** (parents **Marc Tabolsky and Sally Anne Schmidt**), who received a newborn into their lives.
- ✞ the newly baptized: **William Mengwasser** (May 12, 2018), **Javier Castelvi**, **Ania Barrientos**, and **Argentino Frometa** (May 13, 2018).
- ✞ the newly confirmed: **Joey Albright**, **Mac Bechtol**, **Madison Schexnayder (Brungardt)**, **Pete Curtis**, **Emmet Hagen**, **Hallie Jeffers**, **Joel Johnson**, **Rosemary Johnson**, **Clark Stockton Lord Jr.**, **William Mengwasser**, **Emeline Moss**, **Joseph Nielsen**, **Sam Randall**, **Eliza Thompson**, **Nick Vorholt**, **Matt Vorholt**, and **Maria Del Pilar Aguinaga**.
- ✞ the newly received: **Apolinar Hernandez**, **Alma Alamos**, and **Maria M. Hernandez**.

Dean Thompson to go on sabbatical

BY CATHERINE RANDALL

The Diocese of Texas grants periodic sabbatical to clergy for study, rejuvenation, and refreshment. This summer, **Dean Thompson** is eligible for sabbatical and will be away from June 1 until August 1. The Quinn Foundation of the Diocese covers sabbatical expenses, relieving parishes of that expense.



Malta, where the Dean will serve as vicar of Holy Trinity, Sliema.

Dean Thompson gave up an earned sabbatical in the Diocese of Southwestern Virginia five-and-a-half years ago when he accepted the call to Christ Church Cathedral. So, in a sense, this sabbatical is several years overdue.

During June, Dean Thompson will serve as the vicar of Holy Trinity in Sliema, Malta, a Church of England parish. While on Malta, he will also study the religious history of the island. During July, Dean Thompson will put the finishing touches on his new book, which will be released in August or September, as well as research and write an article on his family’s Texas history. In addition, he will spend the month preparing his fall Dean’s Hour course. Dean Thompson will also travel to Austin to attend a portion of General Convention.

Please know that while he is away, Dean Thompson will not be available by phone or email. During his absence, Canon Vicar **Art Callaham** and I as senior warden will keep the Cathedral running smoothly.

We wish Dean Thompson well during this time of rest, study, and preparation, and no doubt the Cathedral will benefit from his time on sabbatical.



Volunteer at Lord of the Streets

Lord of the Streets (LOTS) service days are our opportunity to cook and serve breakfast for approximately 250+ people who attend Lord of the Streets Episcopal Church. Our next service date is Sunday, June 24, 2018. Meet at 6:15 a.m. at Trinity Episcopal Church at 1015 Holman Street. Please park in the HCC lot on Fannin, catty-corner from the church, with an entrance on Fannin. Dress is very casual: long pants, socks, closed-toe and closed-heel shoes, and a cap/hat to restrain hair. Feel free to encourage family/friends who are interested in helping to sign up. As we are working in a kitchen, volunteers must be 16 years or older. We usually finish around 8:45–9:00 a.m., and then eat breakfast together. If you would like to join us, please sign up via our Signup Genius page: <http://tinyurl.com/SignUpLOTSCCC>. If you have any questions, please send an email to the Mission Outreach Council email inbox (missionoutreachcouncilCCC@gmail.com) or call Cad Willeford at 713-818-5785.

Learn to play bridge

Long-time parishioner and avid bridge player **Rick Newlin** is once again putting all his cards on the table and showing everyone a few tricks. If you’re interested in learning how to play contract bridge (a card game played in pairs) or you’re curious to learn something new, join us for the third season of bridge lessons happening at Christ Church Cathedral.

Bridge lessons will consist of three classes and are offered free of charge; the dates of the classes are Wednesdays in late summer: July 25, August 1, and August 8. If you are new to bridge, attendance at all three lessons is strongly encouraged to fully comprehend the scope of the game.

The lessons will be hosted in the McGehee Conference room from 6:30–8:30 p.m., snacks and beverages will be provided. Free parking will be available in the Cathedral’s garage. Please register in advance for the class; you can do so via the Cathedral’s website or by contacting **Karen Kraycirik**, minister for community life, at 713-590-3338 or kkraycirik@christchurchcathedral.org.

Summertime Documentary Nights at the Cathedral

BY ANDY THOMAS

This year, the Justice and Peace Council has worked hard to organize three movies to show during summer evenings at the Cathedral in Reynolds Hall. Each evening will start at 6 p.m. with a free dinner; the free movie will start at 6:30 p.m., and each showing will be followed by a discussion panel. Bring yourselves and your friends!

Wed., June 20: "No Kidding! Me 2!!" This film is the documentary debut of actor **Joe Pantoliano**. Pantoliano, who suffers from depression and bipolar disorder, made this documentary to illuminate and try to eliminate the stigma of mental illness. He presents vignettes of several people, from teenagers to adults in their mid-fifties, who tell the story of their struggles with mental illness. These people suffer from depression, bipolar disease, alcoholism, drug addiction, ADHD, and PTSD. One of the most interesting things the film documents is that within the medical community, there is tremendous bias against mentally ill persons. This film may move the needle on illuminating the challenges of mental illness, and that is a tall order.

Wed., July 11: "Cries from Syria." This well-documented historical account of Syria takes the viewer from 1972 through 2016. It explains the start of the civil war, the origin of the Free Army, the involvement of ISIS, the white helmets, and the later involvement of Russia and the ultimate Syrian refugee crisis. Filmed through the lens of modern civilian iPhones, it is a raw and shockingly accurate view of the real Syria. Please note, in its attempt to be close to the ground, there is some violence.

Wed., August 15: "13th." This Hollywood favorite traces the repression of black people in the U.S. from the time of Reconstruction and the 13th amendment. The film illustrates new systems of control such as arresting black men for vagrancy and loitering, then leasing them to plantation owners as convicts. The film traces Jim Crow, lynching, the KKK, and the present War on Drugs, which seems disproportionately aimed at black people.



Episcopal Night at the Astros

During the summer months, there isn't much that's better on a warm evening than a baseball game and a fresh grilled hot dog. One could only top that by going to see the World Series Champion Houston Astros with Cathedral friends! Join us on Friday, July 13, for the official Episcopal Night at the Astros event, and see your hometown team face off against the Detroit Tigers.

EPISCOPAL NIGHT AT THE ASTROS

Friday, July 13

We'll start at 5 p.m. with a free pregame cookout in Nancy's Garden, featuring hot dogs, popcorn, and cool beverages. At 6:30 p.m., we will walk the five blocks to Minute Maid Park in time to see the first pitch; game begins at 7:10 p.m.

The Cathedral group will sit together just behind the third base foul pole, so don't forget to wear your blue Cathedral t-shirt! Tickets to the game are \$35 for adults and \$20 for children (12 and under). Tickets may be purchased now through the Cathedral website or in person on Sundays in the cloister beginning June 10. Ticket availability in the CCC section is limited, so make sure to register early.

Advance payment is required to secure tickets in the Cathedral's group section. Parking is free in the Cathedral garage on a first come, first served basis.

Through this event, our parish gets a rare opportunity to welcome Episcopalians from all over the Diocese of Texas to our Cathedral. Each year we open our garage for parking and our church grounds for food and fellowship. To join our volunteer team, please contact **Karen Kraycirik** at 713-590-3338.

MY STORY, from cover

all I have to do is roll down the windows and press play on "Good Morning" and suddenly we are dancing and singing our hearts out.

All of that made me wonder what the favorite stories and songs were of my Cathedral family and friends. So, I invited a few of them to come to the Cathedral Bookstore during the 10 o'clock hour to share their favorite story or song, all summer long. Every Sunday through August 19, children and adults alike are invited to listen to the favorite stories and songs of our Cathedral parishioners and staff.

Readers and singers include **Elizabeth**

Cuevas, Cheryl Lassiter, Lisa Viktorin, Simón Bautista, Glenice Como, Catherine Randall, Lucy Chambers, Carey Vorholt, Karen Kraycirik, Courtney Forshey, Art Callaham, Evelyn Nolen, Alicia Stephens, Nancy Zey, Tracey Cabral, Sarah Davies, Genevieve Razim, Shannon Lacy, Christy Orman, Torie Ludwin, David Simpson, Jeremy Bradley, Dave Wallace, Barkley Thompson, Winnie Powell, and others.

If you would like to share a story or song, email me at kalesner@christchurchcathedral.org. We'd love to add you to one of the Sundays.

May Fete, Confirmation, Pentecost, Baptisms, Destination Unknown, and more

IN PICTURES

Near right: At the Epic youth p

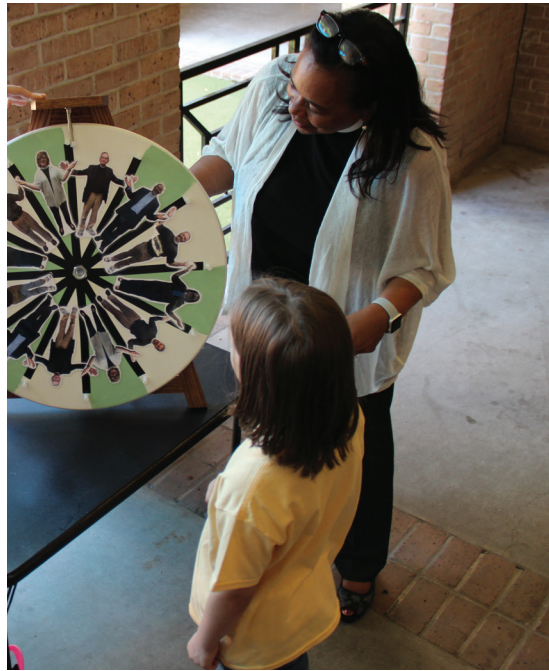
Below: This year's King and Queen of May Fete



Above left: 1930 May Fete Queen Nancy Staub Wareing and her son, Matt Wareing, at this year's May Fete.

Above right: Canon Como at the Wheel of Clergy, a popular game at May Fete.

Below: Canon Vicar Callaham and the Very Rev. Barkley Thompson baptizing an infant as one of Christ's own.



End to EYC (Episcopal Youth Community) played Bubble Soccer in Nancy's Garden. The cutting the ribbon to begin the games.



Above: Destination Unknown, the youth lock-in, was a blast.

Left: The Cathedral House Episcopal School held graduation for its kindergartners.

Below: Congratulations to this year's confirmation class, pictured here with Bishop Dena Harrison and Dean Barkley Thompson.



Sanders; and the Buildings and Grounds Committee, chaired by the junior warden, **Floyd Robinson**. The Cathedral's Chief Operating Officer **David Simpson** is the cathedral staff point person for the work.

The Cathedral interior will be completed by Rally Day, Aug. 26. The remainder of the work will be finished in the fall. The dean and vestry are resolute about the project's schedule.

During the restoration, Sunday worship services are being held in the sacred space designed for use in Reynolds Hall; weekday services remain in Golding Chapel.

The restoration addresses a plethora of projects that were determined by an intensive, year-long capital depreciation study.

In all, the restoration project has an estimated \$7.95 million budget — an increase over the original \$6 million. As is often the case in restoration, additional needed repairs were uncovered during the planning and design effort.

Key components

On the east side of the church and in the organ chamber, tie rods will be installed to shore up the all-brick walls. If necessary, affected plaster will also be repaired.

After 30 years of use, the Cathedral HVAC system will be replaced. A more efficient system will not only help control detrimental humidity, but also keep things cooler and be less noisy, Simpson notes. The vestry decided to do this now while the church is closed, he says, rather than later.

With all the church pews and kneelers removed and stored, floors in the nave and chancel will be refinished. Additionally, the plaster walls will be repainted.

In the sacristy and acolyte and server rooms, restorations will make the spaces more effective for those who use them. The Altar Guild's space, for example, has not been updated since 1939, after the notorious fire of 1938 that destroyed the chancel and sacristy.



Significant changes are underway in the sacristy. The dean's and canons' sacristies will be moved from downstairs into an updated space over Golding Chapel, where previously acolytes and lay ministers vested. The Altar Guild will take over the entirety of the downstairs sacristy area, which will be newly remade for the guild. Acolytes and lay ministers will receive a new vesting area in the connection hall between Reynolds and Latham buildings as part of the restoration.

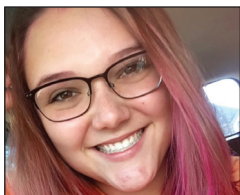
Meet the CUSE interns

Each summer, the Cathedral Urban Service Experience (CUSE) hires three interns to take groups of people around the city to volunteer at different service sites and serve as tour guides to Houston. They also go on Missionpalooza, the diocesan middle school mission trip, with **Jeremy Bradley**.

In between shepherding hundreds of people through Houston this summer to more than a dozen different service sites to complete over several thousand hours of volunteering, you just might see them in the pews on Sunday. We encourage you to say hello and ask them about their experiences with CUSE.



TORI MCCLURE graduated in May 2018 from Texas A&M University Corpus Christi with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and a minor in Sociology. She is a singer/songwriter, an optimist, and her favorite queso is found at Alamo Drafthouse. She loves Jesus, people, and every dog she meets. She can't wait to spend her time with CUSE this summer!



NETTIE BRYANT is a sophomore at Lamar University in Beaumont, Texas. She is majoring in American Sign Language with a focus on teaching. She grew up in Baytown, but considers herself a Houstonian at heart. In her free time, she loves going to deaf events, listening to music, talking to animals like they can understand her, hanging out with her friends, and painting.



FISHER GALVIN is from Sugar Land, Texas, and a member of Christ Church Cathedral. He is currently a freshman at Trinity University in San Antonio, focusing on political science and environmental policy. His interests include playing sports, discussing politics, and spending time with family and friends. He is excited to work as a CUSE intern this summer, meet new people, and encounter different experiences.

During the restoration, however, these areas will not be available for use; the clergy will vest in their offices, and lay ministers and acolytes will vest in Sanders Hall. The Altar Guild will be operating out of the Chapel of the Christ Child sacristy.

Meanwhile, the church exterior will be cleaned and, importantly, its bricks repointed where necessary.

In both the Bishop's Courtyard and Logan's Garden, new drainage systems and landscaping will be put in place, and brick pavers will be repaired.

Stern and Bucek informed the Building Committee that the magnolia tree in the Bishop's Courtyard will need to be removed, as the tree is detrimental to the church and would not survive while surrounded by the necessary scaffolding. However, an arborist has taken clippings from the magnolia tree and is in the process of rooting them in the hopes of having small trees available in the future for parishioners. The azaleas in Logan's Garden will also be rooted in a similar manner; some may also be transplanted to Camp Allen.



The need for some additional repairs became more pronounced during the planning phase, Simpson notes. The "San Jacinto Crack," also known as the 4-ft. fissure that opened up left of the entrance to the cloister, "just needs to be done." The structural steel under the brick, which rusted and caused the fissure, will be cleaned, treated, and coated as part of the repair.

Less noticeable to parishioners, but very much in need of attention, is the underground space beneath the sidewalk on Fannin and Prairie, an area dubbed "the vault." Owned by the Cathedral, the space requires restoration to ensure structural soundness.

While sidewalks and street parking may be in flux during the summer at the Cathedral, the services, community, and fellowship will continue apace. Summer Place will move to the downstairs of Latham Hall, and the Cathedral Bookstore will host stories and song during the 10 o'clock hour for children and their families. Summer programming, such as the Justice and Peace Documentary Night, Compline, and Bridge Lessons, will continue.

Parishioners will be able to follow the progress of the restoration on the Cathedral website (look for the "Restoration Updates" button on the home page) as well as via the weekly enews.

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!

JUNE



JUNE 1 FRI

Cathedral Game Night 🧑

6:30–9:30 p.m., McGehee Conference Room. Board games, puzzles, card games, all are welcome to gather in fellowship and friendly competition for a night of casual fun. Bring a dish to share with the group.

JUNE 2 SAT

Vacation Bible School in the Park

9 a.m. to noon, Playground Without Limits, 1475 West Gray. Look for the red balloons to find Cathedral friends for a morning of connection and fun.



JUNE 3 SUN

Margaret Wallace Rotan

9:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Cathedral Bookstore. Ms. Rotan will join us with her book, *The Imperfect Sand Dollar*, about how faith, hope, and love remain after trauma.

JUNE 7 THU

First Youth Summershade 🧑 ●

6–9 p.m., Battlefield Houston Lasertag, 11755 W. Little York Rd. #202, 77041. Fellowship, fun, and lasertag. Drop off your student at 6 p.m. at the lasertag field, or drop off/pick up your student at CCC at 5:15 p.m./9:45 p.m. if you prefer. (\$)

JUNE 9 SAT

Cathedral Yard Sale

7 a.m. to 3 p.m., 8226 Jennings St. Yard Sale sponsored by the Mission Outreach Council and the Latino/Hispanic Congregation to raise money for graduating seniors on their way to college.

JUNE 10–13 SUN–WED

Youth Houston Mission Trip ▲ 🧑

Treehouse and Houston. Register on our website to be part of this CUSE-based Houston Mission trip, open to youth currently in grades 5–11. Financial assistance available. (\$)

JUNE 17 SUN

The Rev. Mary Green on icons

9:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Bookstore. She will share icon cards and prints from her book *Eyes to See, The Redemptive Purpose of Icons*.

JUNE 19 TUE

Bullet Journaling 🧑

6:30–8 p.m., Hines Center. In partnership with Brazos Bookstore, the Hines Center bring this unique method of personal organization downtown. (\$)



JUNE 20 WED

Justice & Peace Documentary Night ★

6–9 p.m., Reynolds Hall. Free dinner, screening, and discussion of "No Kidding! Me 2!!" a documentary presenting vignettes of several people living with mental illness.

JUNE 24 SUN

Well ★ + Potluck + Compline

5–7 p.m., Cathedral. After the 5 p.m. Well service, join us in Huffington Courtyard at 6 p.m. for a potluck dinner and short Compline service. Surnames A–K please bring a salad or veggie, L–Z please bring dessert.

JUNE 24–JULY 1 SUN–SUN

Costa Rica Mission Trip ▲ ✕

Costa Rica. Fifteen youth will join 12 adults to aid our companion diocese. (\$)

JUNE 29 FRI

Spirituality of Wine 🧑 ●

6–8:30 p.m., Hines Center. Join Rev. E.M. Johnson, Associate Pastor of Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church as he takes us through a journey of the spirituality of wine. Wine flights will be served throughout the evening by Terlato Wines. (\$)

JUNE 30 SAT

Quiet Day of Prayer with Kathleen Church

9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Mellinger Room. Join Brigid's Place for a day of prayer, reflection, letting go, and entering into the quiet of our own hearts where the source of all life and love awaits us. (\$)



JUNE 30 SAT

Vacation Bible School in the Park

9 a.m. to noon, Hermann Park, 6001 Fannin St., near the METRO stop. Look for the red balloons to find Cathedral friends for a morning of connection and fun. Park at the Cathedral and ride the METRO Rail.

WEEKLY

SUNDAYS

Summer Place ★

10–11 a.m., Downstairs in Latham Hall. Snacks, drinks, and fellowship sponsored by a difference ministry each week: Pastoral Care (6/3), Justice and Peace (6/10), Youth (6/17), Community Life (6/24).

This is My Story, This is My Song

10–11 a.m., Cathedral Bookstore. Hear Cathedral staff and friends read their favorite stories and sing their favorite songs.

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 and Bible study.

TUESDAYS

Education for Ministry (EFM) ▲ ✕

6:30–9 p.m., Mellinger Room. Comprehensive adult theology program. (\$)

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

Women's Morning Bible Study

9:30–11 a.m., Jeffers Conference Room

Bilingual Eucharist

6–6:30 p.m., Golding Chapel.

THURSDAYS

Youth Summershade 🧑 ●

Every Thursday this summer, Cathedral youth venture out for movies, outings, and service projects: Lasertag (6/7), "The Incredibles 2" (6/14), Houston Food Bank (6/21), "Jurassic World" (6/28). More on the youth section of the website (Under "Learn").

UPCOMING

JULY 4 WED

Cathedral offices closed

For the Independence Day holiday.

JULY 11 WED

Justice & Peace Documentary Night ★

6–9 p.m., Reynolds Hall. Free dinner, screening, and discussion of "Cries from Syria," a well-documented historic account of Syria from 1972–2016. Please note, there is some violence.



JULY 13 FRI

Episcopal Night at the Astros Pre-Game Cookout and Game

5 p.m. Nancy's Garden (next to the parking garage and the diocesan offices). We'll start with a free pre-game cookout featuring hot dogs, popcorn, and cool beverages. At 6:30 p.m., we will walk the five blocks to Minute Maid Park in time to see the first pitch. (\$)



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CANON, from cover

that have formed you, that either influence or reflect the way you walk through the world? What would they be? What is your canon?

If we can best come to know another person by studying her canon, then how might we come to know God? Surely, knowing about God is not enough. We want more than God's census data, so to speak. We want to know God, to understand God's character, to grasp God's passions and commitments and way of relating to the world. How can we best know God? By studying God's canon.

For Christians, that canon is, of course, the Bible. And as June begins and we develop our summer reading lists, I encourage you to consider knowing God more deeply by reading God's canon. Start with Genesis in the Old Testament and discover God's covenant to bless the earth. Or, begin with the Gospel of Luke in the New Testament and learn how God brings that covenant to fulfillment in the Incarnation. When you are finished, you'll know a lot about God, but more importantly you'll know God, and that relationship is priceless.

June events at the Cathedral Bookstore

Summer is upon us, and the Cathedral buzzes with progress. Amidst the exciting renovations, the bookstore remains a cool and quiet place where you can find that novel to escape with on your vacation or get a jump on reading for fall classes.

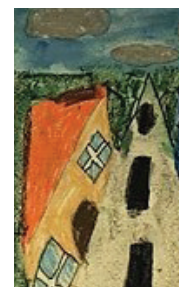
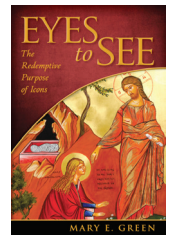
Join us on Sundays, and we'll keep you supplied with good reads, great gifts for Fathers' Day, hostess presents, cookies, and conversation. Additionally, the bookstore will host the Children's Ministry program This Is My Story, This Is My Song, when vestry, clergy and staff will share their favorite stories and songs with Cathedral kids and visitors.

In June, we also welcome two authors. June 3, Houston photographer **Margaret Wallace Rotan** joins us with her book, *The Imperfect Sand Dollar*. This charming little volume retells the legend of the sand dollar with Margaret's images and the scripture that sustained her when her home was destroyed by Harvey. Margaret gives us a simple, timeless way to envision how, even after traumatic events, faith, hope, and love do remain.

Then, on June 17, the **Rev. Mary Green** will be with us, sharing her beautiful icon cards and prints and her book, *Eyes to See*,

The Redemptive Purpose of Icons. Formerly a priest in our diocese, she joins us from Whidbey Island in the Pacific Northwest, where she writes icons and teaches about their use as tools for meditation and spiritual formation.

From June 24 until Rally Day, we look forward to seeing you on Sundays, and we will be closed weekdays. Should you need anything during the week or have special orders, please email us at bookstore@christchurchcathedral.org. We are grateful for your support this past year and hope summer brings you plenty of time to relax, read, and spend time with family and friends.



In the Cloister Gallery: City ArtWorks

On view June 15 to July 20: City ArtWorks, now in its 35th year, provides art classes to more than 2,000 children in schools, hospitals, community centers, and fairs throughout Harris County. The artists' reception is Thursday, June 21, from 5-7 p.m.