

November 22, 2022



A Thanksgiving Story

I have a friend, my bestest friend (yes, bestest) for over 40 years. We have been through good times and bad, adventures and misadventures, joys and sorrows. Hopefully you are blessed with one such friend.

Her husband is a non-believer. A good man but, for whatever reason, doesn't believe in God or an afterlife. We discussed this a long time ago and just agreed to respect each other's views.

He had a severe knee infection a few years ago that almost cost him his life or his leg. His body rejected the metal used in his knee replacement. He spent 3 months in Methodist Hospital in Houston under the care of an infectious disease specialist. He is still with us and still has his leg, walking with a cane. In August, he began losing his eyesight. After visiting with his doctor here 3 weeks ago, they decided to take him off his antibiotic (a bold move but willing to try anything since eyesight was rapidly deteriorating). He had to depend on others to drive him everywhere – not what us independent types like to do. Last week at the eye doctor, his vision was almost back to normal! (Miracle 1!)

This summer one of our parishioners had knee surgery during which she had a stroke. That resulted in vision impairment – muscles around eye weakened. Also, she experienced a similar situation with her knee and legs. I put her in touch with my friends, same ones as above, who put her in touch with their doctor in Houston. The doctor saw her within the week. Bottom line, she had eye surgery last month and is seeing very well! She had leg surgery last week and can now use her legs! (Miracle 2!)

These same friends have a grandson who has been needing a kidney transplant for several years (he is now 42). The doctor stated that he is at the point that dialysis is needed. He was scheduled to have port implanted next Friday, December 2. Yes, you read that right – “was scheduled.” Yesterday at 3:00 a.m., he received word that a kidney match came through. Surgery for the transplant successfully occurred in the afternoon! As of today he is doing well!(Miracle 3!)

All of these people have been on our prayer list! Yes, prayer works! May not be in the time frame that we wish, but it is always in God's time! Thank you all for the prayers you offer on behalf of those in need! Please never stop.

~ Rita Klock

**THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
WEDNESDAY, 23rd - FRIDAY, 25th**



November 27, 2022

The first season of the church year, beginning with the fourth Sunday before Christmas and continuing through the day before Christmas. The name is derived from a Latin word for "coming." The season is a time of preparation and expectation for the coming celebration of our Lord's nativity, and for the final coming of Christ "in power and glory."

Sunday Adult Christian Formation



Join us Sunday at 9:15 a.m. in the Parlor as we continue our study of the Gospel of Matthew, using a video that is the word-for-word Gospel, but with actors bringing the action to life. There is discussion of what we see and hear each week. No preparation needed.

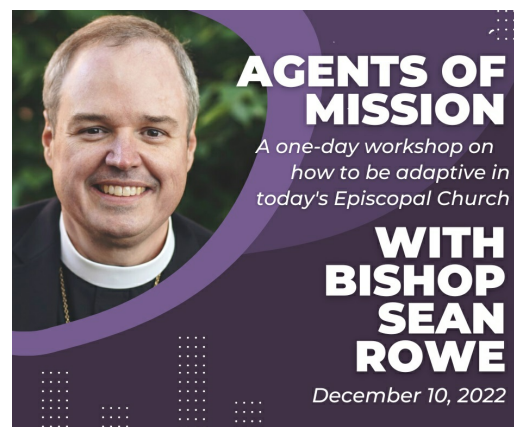


CHRISTMAS IN CENLA
Friday, December 16, 2022
7:00pm

Texas' newest instrumental ensemble, New Texas Sinfonia, makes its Louisiana debut performing a varied concert of music for the holiday season. Featuring harp and strings, the concert will include selections from Tchaikovsky's *Nutcracker*, "Winter" from Vivaldi's *Four Seasons*, Corelli's "Christmas Concerto" and Marcel Grandjany's beautiful "Aria in Classic Style" for harp and string orchestra.

Admission is always free and there will be a festive reception in the Parish Hall. Bring a friend and enjoy some Christmas music and some Christmas cheer.

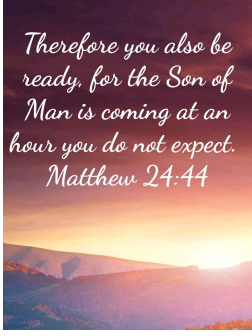
On December 10, Bishop Sean Rowe of the **Episcopal Partnership** (dioceses of Northwestern Pennsylvania and Western New York) will lead us in exploring strategies for leading our congregations through these uncertain times. In the last generation, the Episcopal Church's landscape has shifted dramatically. As we wrestle with how to respond, it is all too easy to believe that the church's institutional structures are harming, not helping, our efforts to focus on the mission and ministry to which God calls us.



But when we learn to think institutionally and lead adaptively, we can chart a different course. Together, we can create strong, adaptive congregations that are agents of mission, able to use resources in innovative ways and create space to discern where God might be leading our communities.

This one-day gathering will take place at The Wesley Center in Woodworth, LA. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this exciting event with a team of folks from your congregation. [Registration](#) is open until December 1.

Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.
Matthew 24:44



November 27th

First Sunday of Advent

In-person Worship at 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM
Childcare is available for the 10:30 AM service.

[Click on this link to join the 10:30 AM service.](#)

[Click here for the service bulletin.](#)

November 27th
Evening Prayer
Online @ 5:00 PM

[Click on this link to join Evening Prayer.](#)

Meeting ID: 863 4898 4077
Passcode: 1620

[Click here for the order of service & readings.](#)



Prayer

Parish Prayer List

Please keep these members of our community in your prayers:

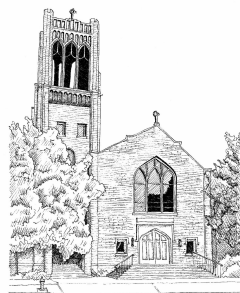
Bill Owens, Mother Meredith Ward, Betty Gaiennie, Jack Dewitt, Sr., Beth Hebert, Rita & Bill Clancey, Jimmy Hurt, Carol Rowe, Barbara Baldwin, Louise Carter, Donnie Hayes, John Brewer, Fred Alexius, Paula Lieberman, Bill and Beverly Jarvis, Ralph Gill, Robbie G., Jonathan Rhea, Peggy Humbles, Laura Murchison, Darriel & Charles, Minnie Mikell, Massi Jordan, Richard Norem, Pepe Rizzo, Bonnie McLellan, Michael Sterne, Jim Leggett, Cackie, Bernard Parker, Rachel and Ben, Kristie Fresh, Andrea, Janet & Carl Ahrens, Jeff and Anne, Lillian DeVille, Shannon Norman, Bill Jarvis, Wilma Filipi, Stephen, Natosha and Family, Fran Barbato, Kevin Delaney, Gail, Charlotte Sterling, Matthew Fontanille, Andrew, Shirley Christian, Susan Webster, Stacy and Richard, Chase Barnfield, Taylor Thompson, Johnnie Hart, Jane Y. Harris, Kip Hogue, Kyle, James Jay Watts, Beth Virden, Glenn Guillory, Elda Schoolcraft, Mesta Bain, Dean M. Tyree, Jackie Jeanne, Dietrich DeBoer, Beverly Butler, Murel Trimble, Emily Warren, Bill Leibke, Wayne Moorehead, Pat Carter, Kevin Hooter, Jane Tyson, Gerard, and Mehre Hajighassem.

For those in the military:

Josh Duff, Samuel Hayes, Franklin Watson, Kyle Jordan, Gill Tatman-Tyree, Donal McCarthy, Michael Geiger, Erskine Cook, Jr., Patrick Downs, and Chris Babcock.

For those celebrating birthdays in December (day):

Sue Ellen Jackson (1), Graham Matthews (1), Elizabeth Deshotel (5), Holly Dixon (7), James White (7), T. W. Thompson (8), Lindsey Lemoine (9), Ava Walker (9), Morgan Dixon (17), Carl Carstens (20), Will Hester (20), George Matthews (20), Sylvia Middleton (21), Jim Hair (22), Tonya Shepherd (22), Thomas Denley (26), Thomas Downs (26), Bertie Smith (26), Georgina Adams (27), Carla Beth Carlisle (27), John Bufkin (28), Marie Durham (28), Luke McLemore (28), Fred Adams (29).



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