



## Our Mission

*In and through Christ, to  
restore people to unity  
with God and each other  
(2 Cor. 5:14-21)*

## Lent the Louisiana Way

In the world beyond coastal Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama, the arrival of Ash Wednesday and Lent must come as a complete surprise, for the rhythm of life includes Christmas and perhaps the celebration of the Wise Men on Epiphany. Period. Nothing more until Ash Wednesday, or perhaps a pancake supper on the eve before.

But not in our world. Mardi Gras starts slowly, and in the days between Epiphany and Ash Wednesday builds up to a frenzy.

Whew! By the time Ash Wednesday arrives, we are often glad to get on our knees in fervent prayer, confessing our sin, and to be reminded of our humanity with a smudge of ashes on our foreheads.

We are in the midst of the mortification of the flesh and doing good works in preparation for Holy Week and Lent.

I'm reminded of the admonition of Father John Andrew, late Rector of St Thomas Church on 5th Avenue in New York who always greeted people during, my this season with, "I hope that you are having a hard Lent."

There is something else, generally unsaid, that Lent does for us in Louisiana: It reminds us that we are not just members of St John's or of Trinity, but also of the Church-at-large.

Annually, Bishop Morris Thompson selects a Lenten book for us to all read together, not just in your parish, but in the whole diocese.

Weekly, the Bishop sends reflections for all of us to consider. This year, his selection is an important little book with the grim title of Autopsy of a Deceased Church. It's the subtitle which gives hope: 12 Ways to Keep Yours Alive.

If you are not reading this yet, it's readily available. Get it. Join in with other members of the Diocese. Think about Bishop Thompson's reflections, and discuss how to keep your parish alive.

I hope that you are having a hard Lent,

Travers+



01 Avery Broussard  
03 Carley Webster  
05 Tammy Cheramie  
06 Lauren Sanders  
10 Peggy Coats  
13 Ed White  
15 Ben Mauro  
18 Gordon Jones  
19 Charlotte Bell Sutton  
23 Joshua Jones  
24 Elizabeth Hughes Landry  
24 Rebecca Kinchen  
25 Mary Bell Salmon  
29 Audrey Lodrigue



09--Sarah and Brady Broussard  
13—David and Jane Webster  
19—Debi and Roger Busbice  
28—Jason and Elizabeth Webster

No Pot Luck on April 7th.  
It will be Palm Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>.  
Bishop Thompson will be here to  
confirm and receive people into our  
congregation.



# April 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Choir Practice 5	3 Fr. Shortess 9-3:30 6 pm HE & Soup Supper 8 pm AA	4 Fr. Shortess 9-3:30	5 6 pm Alcoholics Anonymous	6
7 Fr. Stephen Holy Eucharist 9:30	8 Fr. Shortess 9-3:30	9 Fr. Shortess 9-3:30 Choir Practice 5	10 6 pm E.P. & Soup Supper 8 pm Alcoholics Anonymous	11	12 6 pm Alcoholics Anonymous	13
14 Palm Sunday Bishop Thompson Holy Eucharist Confirmation, Reception 9:30	15	16 Choir Practice 5	17 Fr. Shortess 9-3:30 8 pm Alcoholics Anonymous	18 Fr. Shortess 9-3:30 HE, Stripping of Altar, 6 pm, Fr. Travers	19 Good Friday Fish Fry 6 pm Alcoholics Anonymous	20
21 Easter Fr. Stephen Holy Eucharist 9:30	22	23 Choir Practice 5	24 8 pm Alcoholics Anonymous  Fr. Stephen on vacation from April 23 thru April 30	25	26 6 pm Alcoholics Anonymous	27
28 Fr. Travers Holy Eucharist 9:30	29	30 Choir Practice 5	1	2		

**Please Pray For:** Ellen, Nancy, Cathy and Barry, Kay and Mike, Roy, Norma, Elizabeth and Irving, Lonnie, Trinity, Joe, Debi and Roger, Mary and Bob, our partner in ministry: St. John's, for all Christians who are persecuted around the world, for all First Responders in our area, those serving in the Armed Forces of the United States of America, our partners in mission at the Deaneries of Copan and Maya in Honduras and our sister parish Cristo Salvador; and our prayer partners in the Anglican Diocese of Tohoku, Japan; and the Anglican Diocese of Lango, Uganda

Ministry Schedule April 2019					
	April 7	April 14	April 21	April 28	May 5
CELEBRANT/ Officiant	Fr. Stephen	Bishop Thompson	Fr. Stephen	Fr. Travers	Fr. Travers
PREACHER	"	"	"	"	"
SERVER(S)	Joshua J	Tim C	Sean D	Austin B	Joshua J
CHALICE	Judy W	Deacon Obier	Lisa P	Mary H	Tammy C
LECTOR	Elizabeth B	Mary H	Charles P	Jane W	Elizabeth B
INTERCESSOR	Dez K	Mary H	Lisa P	Jane W	Elizabeth B
GREETERS	Ben M Drew M	Peggy C	Drew M Ben M	Peggy C	Ben M Drew M
ALTAR GUILD	Mary H	Cathy B. .	Judy W. Jennie R	Jane W.	Mary H
VOD	David W	Mary H	Peggy C	Sam J	Ed W



## The Final Word

When wildfires ravaged Paradise, California, in 2018, dozens were killed and thousands lost homes, irreplaceable mementos and personal connections. School, work and church routines were upended.

If life has both “cross-like times” and “resurrection-like times,” as a pastor once said, this certainly was a cross-like time. But God never lets death, sorrow or suffering have the final say. To bring light to dark times, God works through countless good-hearted helpers.

One was 90-year-old Bob Wilson, a Los Angeles man who quickly decided to give people he’d never met “something ... [to] lift their spirits.” That “something” was a \$1,000 handwritten check for each of the 1,085 students and staff members at Paradise High School. The checks, which came with no restrictions, were presented at a gathering that felt healing to many.

Cross and resurrection times are interwoven in this life, but the cross doesn’t win. One day, God promises, resurrection will have the final word.

## What Easter Does

Jesus' resurrection from the dead is life-changing and life-giving for his followers. But, as Henry Knox Sherrill notes, Easter's "joyful news ... does not change the contemporary world." On earth, we still must deal with sin, pain, death and brokenness. And "still before us lie work, discipline, sacrifice," Sherrill adds. What Easter does, though, is provide Christians with "the spiritual power to do the work, accept the discipline and make the sacrifice."

By defeating the grave, Jesus empowers us to bear our worldly troubles with joy, peace and hope. His resurrection assures us that trials, tears and suffering are only temporary, while eternal victory and life with Jesus are permanent.

## Meanings in the Meal

Jesus instituted Communion while celebrating the Jewish Passover with his disciples. The meal's ritual foods hold meaning for Christians, too, because our faith story is interwoven with that of Judaism.

**Matzoh:** This unraised bread recalls the Israelites' hasty departure from oppression in Egypt. Jesus used the Passover bread to symbolize his body, which delivers us from bondage to sin and death.

**Salt water:** It symbolizes the tears of the Hebrews and of all who suffer in any time and place. Christians believe that in Jesus, God embraced human suffering so we need never face it alone.

**Parsley:** Dipped in the salt water, this green, leafy vegetable represents the Hebrews' rebirth out of sorrow into the joy of freedom. Easter's celebration of resurrection proclaims a coming day when God "will wipe every tear from [our] eyes [and] there will be no more death" (Revelation 21:4, NIV).

**Shankbone:** A lamb slaughtered for each Hebrew household meant life for those within. The meat strengthened them for the escape journey, and the blood, swabbed on their doorframe, signaled for Death to "pass over." Jesus used wine at the Passover meal to symbolize his blood — of the Lamb of God — which he would shed for our salvation.

**Egg:** For Jews celebrating Passover, an egg symbolizes memory of the Exodus and renewal of faith. For Christians at Easter, eggs — especially open, empty ones — call to mind Jesus' empty tomb, renewal and abundant life.



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9:30 AM

Rev. Stephen Shortess

### Our Vision

*Recognizing that we are all one in Christ, Trinity Episcopal Church is an embracing family, growing spiritually, and joyfully serving the community; a home that comforts the spirit; a place where people's gifts for ministry are identified, nourished, and shared; and place of learning where disciples are formed.*

We're on the Web!

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*“Why do you seek the*  
**Living** *among the*  
**DEAD?**  
*He is not here, but has risen.”*

LUKE 24:5-6, ESV