



THE BULLETIN

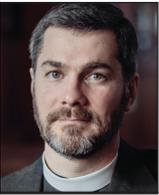
CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL
An Episcopal Community in the Heart of Houston, Texas

JULY 2021
CHRISTCHURCHCATHEDRAL.ORG

AFTER-HOURS EMERGENCY CARE LINE | 713-826-5332

Ordinary time

Each year on the Sunday after Trinity Sunday, I open my vesting closet with a smile and comb through all of my vestments until I reach a small hanger that holds a single and specific stole. The stole



THE VERY REV.
BARKLEY
THOMPSON

is green and embroidered on each end with a Celtic knot. It was a gift from St. John's, Roanoke parishioners Walter and Sara Miller after we'd traveled with a parish group on pilgrimage to Ireland in 2011. It is my favorite stole, due to

the givers, the gift, and the embroidery, which symbolizes — like Jesus' metaphor of the vine in John 15 — our interconnectedness with God and one another. I also like the stole because its annual re-introduction into my worship wardrobe marks the beginning of "ordinary time."

The church year is divided into liturgical seasons, and each season has an important and particular theological and spiritual emphasis. The season of Advent is anticipatory. It readies us for the coming of Christ, both in remembrance of the Nativity and in preparation for Jesus' return at the consummation of all things. The Christmas season is a twelve-day celebration of the Incarnation. The Epiphany season encourages us to walk through the world with eyes open to both the mundane and miraculous presence of God. Lent is the season of penitence, as we vulnerably and honestly examine our lives, expressing contrition for our errors and laboring to repair things we have damaged or neglected. The season of Easter is the fifty-day joyous exaltation of the Resurrection of Jesus, with its ultimate defeat of death and promise of eternal life for us all. The Easter season ends with the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost,

ORDINARY, page 2



From left to right Cathedral seminarians: Maria Bautista, Celeste Gardner, and Jeremy Bradley

Christ Church Cathedral shepherds seminarians

Maria Bautista, a soon to be seminarian at Virginia Theological Seminary and the daughter of Canon Simón Bautista, said that "God doesn't leave you alone" when God has a path for you to follow.

In the case of a number of seminarians with a connection to Christ Church Cathedral, the relationships and mentoring that Cathedral leaders offered served as a springboard for them in their journey of faith.

"Never before in my ministry has the parish I've served raised up three seminarians for concurrent formation," said The Very Rev. Barkley Thompson, Dean of the Cathedral.

"It gives me hope for the future and faith of the Episcopal Church to see such talented and faithful people responding to God's call."

Celeste Gardner, who is preparing to attend Seminary of the Southwest in Austin, said that the Cathedral community has been really supportive of her call to ministry.

With a master's in theological studies from Duke Divinity School, Gardner said she always had an eye on ordination. But those plans were put on hold for a time while the single mother raised her children in North Carolina and married again.

SHEPHERDS, page 6



Jerry's Journey: A story from The Beacon

To listen to the song "Chain Breaker" by Zach Williams, is to hear Jerry's story. It begins with:

*"If you've been walking the same old road
for miles and miles*

*If you've been hearing the same old voice
tell the same old lies*

*If you're trying to fill the same old holes inside
There's a better life
There's a better life"*

A native Houstonian, Jerry dropped out of his high school in the Heights during the 11th grade. The year was

THE BEACON, page 5

OUR CATHEDRAL FAMILY

We celebrate with

☞ New Members: **Russell and Melinda Little** and **Katie Ware**.

Flowers on the Cathedral Altar

☞ on June 6 were given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for **Margot Cater** on her birthday by her family.

☞ on June 13 were given to the glory of God in honor of **John C. Flanagan** for his birthday by **Michael DeVoll** and **Anne Flanagan**.

☞ on June 20 were given to the glory of God in loving memory of **Dr. Jim Cox** by **Michele Ichon** and **Natalie McCaskill**.

☞ on June 20 were also given to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Zinkie** and **Fox Benton**, on their wedding anniversary and in loving memory of **Jody Anderson** by **Jane** and **Bill Curtis**.

☞ on June 27 were given to the glory of God in loving memory of **Winston Pettus Crowder** by his family on his birthday.

☞ on July 4 are given to the glory of God in honor of the 50th wedding anniversary of **Beth** and **John Ludington**.

☞ on July 4 are given to the glory of God in loving memory of **Diane Tobola** by **Erin** and **Toby McMillin**.

☞ on July 11 are given to the glory of God in celebration of the second anniversary of **Sarah** and **Alex Miller** by **Mary** and **Hill Swift**.

☞ on July 11 are given to the glory of God in loving memory of **Rose A. Curtis** by her daughter, **Annie Benson**.

☞ on July 11 are also given to the glory of God in loving memory of **Elizabeth Mercer** by her daughter **Ruth Hawk**.

☞ on July 18 are given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for **BARC** (Bureau of Animal Registration and Care) by **Elsa Anzalone**. BARC is the City of Houston Animal Shelter whose staff and volunteers provide services for homeless and abused animals in our city.

☞ on July 25 are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the life and love of **Jerry Dale McNiece** by his wife **Enid McNiece** on the occasion of their 55th wedding anniversary.

☞ on July 25 are given to the glory of God in loving memory of **Pat Howard** by **Lorrie Block**.

The Flowers in the floor vases

☞ on July 4 are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the presence of Christ Church Cathedral.

☞ On July 11 are given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for Christ Church Cathedral by **Anne** and **Jim Dougherty**.

The flowers on the organ console

☞ on July 11 are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the wedding anniversary of **Zaina** and **Jay Norcross**.



Sing great music with great people

Now that we're allowed to sing again, why not make the most of it? Come sing with the Parish or Cathedral Choir this summer. To find out more call Canon for Music, Robert Simpson at 713-590-3311 or email rsimpson@christchurchcathedral.org.

ORDINARY, from cover

immediately after which we observe Trinity Sunday, the one day of the year in which we wrestle mightily with the doctrine of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

If you read the preceding paragraph with calendar in hand, you recognize that there is a long stretch of days, weeks, and months between Trinity Sunday and the First Sunday of Advent. This season has no name. Commonly, we refer to it as simply the "season after Pentecost." In earlier eras of the church, it was also called "ordinary time."

Ordinary time gained its name because its many weeks are merely marked with ordinal numbers (week 1, week 2, week 3, etc.). But as so often in ecclesiastical life, this season's name took on an additional layer of meaning. With all the other seasons of the church year so pregnant with emphatic purpose, the long season of ordinary time grants us permission to be, well, *ordinary*. It is a blessed coincidence that ordinary time encompasses the summer months. Now, we can exhale, relax a bit, slow down, and simply be. In a sense,

ordinary time is the sabbath time of the church year. It grants us the opportunity to enjoy one another with no motive other than that enjoyment. It allows us to pray to God as primarily a means to *get to know God*, rather than undertaking the more pointed prayer of the other seasons.

It would be a mistake to imagine ordinary time as a time to neglect our spiritual lives. It's certainly not a time to check out of attending church! Rather, ordinary time is the season in which we can tend to these things for their own sake, without the sometimes-heavy weight that the other seasons carry. Ordinary time is a "light" season, we might say. For me, it provides time to focus on the meaning of that Celtic knot embroidered on my green stole: That we are one with Christ and one another, just as Jesus and the Father are one. Such reflection is especially important as we continue to emerge from the pandemic and reestablish our connections with one another. Ordinary time grants me the space to savor that reality and recharge my spiritual batteries. In that way, it is a gift ... and it is anything but ordinary!

The body keeps score

Emerging from the physical isolation of the pandemic, it seems natural to be rejoicing that everything is returning to normal. But as we re-enter the world, it's also important to acknowledge what we have just experienced and recognize that it's still impacting us.



JODY GILLIT
MINISTER FOR
PASTORAL CARE

Since the middle of March, we've lost 10 members at Christ Church Cathedral. Although my role as Minister for Pastoral Care frequently involves dealing with the death of beloved community members, this sudden onslaught of loss was so overwhelming that I was scared to take a phone call or read an email for fear someone else in our family would be dying.

After a visit to one of our parishioners at Houston Hospice, I asked if I could speak with a chaplain there. We talked about all the deaths that had been caused by Covid, but then I pointed out none of the ten I mentioned were caused by the virus. Our conversation moved to the somatic response to the stress of the last year, especially now that we're seeing the light at the end of the tunnel. We wondered if what was happening in some cases was that people had been holding the stress of the past year in their bodies for so long that their bodies couldn't take it any longer. And perhaps once people were vaccinated and things began returning to normal, their bodies' defenses could finally relax, and then the damage that the stress caused surfaced with a vengeance.

Bessel van der Kolk is a trauma specialist and author of *The Body Keeps the Score: Brain, Mind, and Body in the Healing of Trauma*. In it, Dr. van der Kolk discusses the body's response to trauma. In a recent interview he was asked to address the trauma of the pandemic. He said that for those of us with privileged lives, this past year has really been an inconvenience, not trauma. However, for single parents who had to work, front line workers, and others in similar positions, the experience of this past year was actually traumatic. This distinction was helpful for me, but it doesn't negate the stress

THE BODY, page 7



Encuentro Juvenil: Costa Rica y Texas

Last summer, we felt the absence of the connection with our companion Diocese of Costa Rica intensely.

A year later, we are excited to come together for community and fellowship over a weekend through the magic of Zoom.

Join Cathedral youth in partnership with the World Mission Board for Encuentro Juvenil: Costa Rica y Texas (Youth Encounter: Costa Rica & Texas), a weekend gathering beginning at 6 p.m. on Friday, July 9, and ending with Noonday Prayer on Sunday, July 11. The weekend will include prayer, fellowship, music, games, community, and fun! This weekend will encourage youth from both dioceses to create new friendships and nurture old ones.

Friday, July 9: 6–8 p.m.

Saturday, July 10: 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Sunday, July 11: 12–12:30 p.m.

To learn more and register visit the website at www.christchurchcathedral.org/youthcostarica

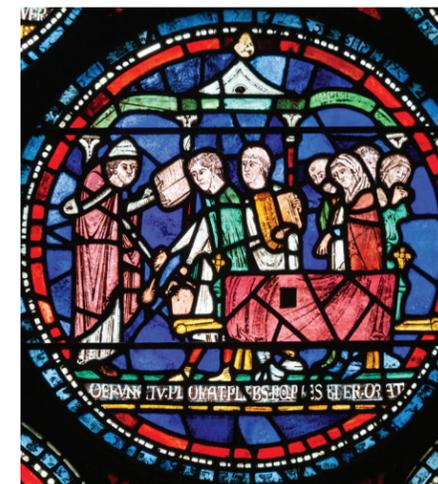


Summer Place, fellowship hour

Sundays, May 30 through August 15, a different council will be hosting Summer Place in Reynolds Hall and the Bishop's Garden from 10–

11 a.m. Come by and see what the councils are up to, visit with your friends, and have a bite to eat. All are welcome!

See the schedule and learn more at www.christchurchcathedral.org/summerplace



Facilitating Firm Foundations

Conversation and listening are the foundation of relationships and authentic Christian community. This hybrid class-small group formation experience will focus on creating and sustaining conversations that matter, with a focus on general listening, caring, small group facilitation, and hospitality skills.

Join Canon Zartman for this interactive and fun training. Sessions will be weekly, online via Zoom, July 1 through August 5. There will be six sessions. Please register to attend. Learn more at: www.christchurchcathedral.org/firmfoundations

Summer Place and more
IN PICTURES

Right: Congratulations to our 2021 Cathedral House Episcopal School graduates. We are so proud of you!



Above: Parishioners Frances and Peter MacGregor enjoy coffee and conversation at Summer Place.
Below: Youth Ministry Council: Yuna O'Brien, Rosemary Johnson, Robert Flores, Alli Elbert, Sam Randall, Christy Ramos, Cat Ramos, Marcia Quintanilla and Bilinda Matusek.



Above: Mission and Ministry Committee, George Hawkins, Frankie Sims, Bilinda Matusek, Maria Hernandez, Laura Galvin, and John Flanagan, Chair.

THE BEACON, from cover

1983, and he left his childhood home, to be swept away by the unforgiving freedoms of the streets and down a rugged path of alcohol and drug addiction.

To feed his habit, Jerry lied, stole, and eventually committed aggravated robbery. After his arrest and conviction, he was sentenced to 27 years in prison. He spent those years at the Mark W. Stiles Unit in Beaumont, Texas.

While in prison, Jerry knew there was a better life for him. He took it upon himself to find every resource available to pull himself out of the depths of loss and despair. He accepted Jesus as his Savior. And, he also started singing.

*"If you've got pain,
He's a pain taker.
If you feel lost,
He's a way maker."*

In August of 2019, Jerry was released from prison and put on parole. In one of their first meetings, his parole officer told him, "You need to go The Beacon and find ways to get help there." Without hesitation, Jerry showed up at 1212 Prairie Street that same month and started connecting to as many services as he could.

Beyond visiting the Day Center for meals and showers, he started engaging in group therapy, singing at Bible study sessions on Fridays, and meeting regularly with his case managers and lawyers to remove the legal barriers preventing him from obtaining his Texas ID. Jerry was determined to be made whole again, and he worked very hard to get there.

*"If you believe it,
If you receive it,
If you can feel it,
Somebody testify."*

The Coronavirus pandemic brought unexpected stress for Jerry in his journey, but he remained connected to The Beacon's services as best as he could, always hopeful that he would find his way through to a new life. He slept outside every night, keeping to himself and staying focused. It was this motivation that landed Jerry a job at Luby's Restaurant where he currently works 40 hours a week.

His dedication to work is just part of his daily purpose. He continues to be well-rounded and resourceful, connecting to people and meetings at The Beacon and beyond who will support his sobriety and goals in life. And, he always keeps his faith in Christ at the center.

*"Oh, if you need freedom or saving,
He's a prison-shaking Savior.
If you've got chains,
He's a chain breaker."*

Listen to "Chain Breaker," and you will hear Jerry's story. To hear and see Jerry sing the full song is a gift. You can experience it by going to: beaconhomeless.org/jerry.

The Beacon is honored to share Jerry's story in the organization's most recent Gratitude Report. To read more about our work, go to beaconhomeless.org/gratitude-report.

A ministry partner of Christ Church Cathedral, The Beacon is a non-profit organization that serves the Houston homeless community through daily services, civil legal aid, counseling and mentoring and access to housing. Our mission is to provide essential and next-step services to restore hope and help end homelessness in Houston.

SHEPHERDS, from cover

After Gardner and her husband moved to Houston and found a home at the Cathedral, her desire to attend seminary and get her Anglican certificate was rekindled.

Gardner names Canon Vicar Kathy Rock Pfister, and former Cathedral Canons Art Callahan and Genevieve Razim as mentors in her discernment process.

"It is a path that I've been on for a long time," Gardner said.

Gardner's involvement in the Cathedral's Adult Formation Council and her leadership in the small learning group "Bible by the Glass" have been integral to her development. And as a homeowners association manager for the past eight years, Gardner says she has refined her engagement and consensus building skills.

Gardner said that she is open to go wherever she is called after ordination but could see herself as the rector of a small rural parish — which would be an interesting change for the Los Angeles native who said that Houston's freeways made her feel at home when she first visited.

Above all, she said it is the liturgy and the ritual aspect of the Episcopal faith that speaks to her.

"Baptism and the Eucharist shape everything," she said. "I like that the congregation has a speaking role in the production. We are not the main character but have a part in the chorus. Using your body and your voice helps you really internalize it."

Jeremy Bradley is entering his third year at Virginia Theological Seminary. The former Minister for Youth and Young Adults at the Cathedral, Bradley said that growing up he gravitated to the Episcopal church on his own.

Bradley attended the nondenominational College of Biblical Studies in Houston because he wanted to learn more of the Bible. A job at Camp Allen ignited his call to youth ministry in the Episcopal Church. But he says he was resistant to the idea of attending seminary.

"For the longest time I pushed against ordination," Bradley laughs. "I don't like it when people tell me what to do."

He named former Cathedral Canon Rev. Glenice Robinson-Como as one of the difference makers in his life.

"She was a weekly caller," Bradley said. "Having that constant pull made a difference."

Serving as a Eucharistic minister and leading the Prayers of the People — and subsequent conversations with Dean Thompson

— was a tipping point in Bradley's decision to attend seminary.

He is now doing his clinical pastoral education, or CPE, in a hospital to develop his skills as a pastoral caregiver.

"These are people who are in cancer treatment or who have perhaps lost a baby," he said. "It requires deep listening. These people are hurting and need to be heard."

Bautista, who will soon join Bradley in Virginia, has long been involved with the Cathedral, both because of her parents' passion and her own.

She said that the call to ordination came to her at a discovery retreat.

"It was so clear in my heart," she said.

However, Bautista had just gotten engaged, and her husband needed to finish school.

She served as a church planter in Galena Park but as she said, God wasn't finished with her. "Sometimes the people's voice is God's voice," Bautista said. Those voices included her mother Amari-

lis, who prayed with her before every discernment meeting, as well as former Cathedral Curate Eileen O'Brien. Irene Hernandez in the Cathedral's Latino children's ministry and Irene's mother, Carmen, who has since passed away were other big influences.

"I think so highly of Irene. She shows Jesus in her words and actions and gives her whole heart to it," Bautista said.

One hurdle that she had to overcome was the belief that a priest had to be a model of perfection. But when she did reveal her intention to her parents, she said they were incredibly supportive and encouraging.

As an ordained member of the clergy, Bautista wants to meet the needs of the people, especially those who are immigrants and those who are marginalized.

Her Dominican Republic heritage and her parents' work has given Bautista a desire to be involved in immigration, border issues, and social justice.

"Ministry in those areas is tied to what church should be," she said.

Those seminarians who come from other dioceses and have been assigned to the Cathedral for their field placement site also say that the Cathedral has been an integral part of their journey.

Beth Anne Nelson, who just finished at



Beth Anne Nelson, left, just completed seminary and finished her internship at the Cathedral and Katy Campbell, right, is set to begin her internship.

Seminary of the Southwest, recently completed an internship at the Cathedral and was ordained there in June. She previously served as the Director of Youth Ministry at The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd in Kingwood.

Nelson said she had really hoped for a strong female role model and instead got two — her direct supervisor Canon Vicar Kathy Pfister and Canon Becky Zartman.

"I got to see two different sides of female leadership," she said.

From Dean Thompson, Nelson said she discovered a great deal about organization and how to stay calm under pressure and build consensus.

"I learned more about the liturgy and what priests do in a parish," Nelson said. "I really felt my seminary placement here was the greatest gift."

Katy Campbell, in her 'midler' year at Seminary of the Southwest, is beginning her internship at the Cathedral. A former teacher of Christian education who started a mission community on the campus of University of Louisiana at Lafayette, Campbell's move to the seminary is her second act. Her husband is the rector of St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Bellville, TX.

Like Nelson, Campbell had a difficult time imagining being a clergy spouse, mother, and priest but seeing the female clergy at the Cathedral has been affirming.

"Everyone has been really welcoming," Campbell said. "I am excited to join them this fall."

Dean Thompson just finished a nine-year term on the board of trustees for the Seminary of the Southwest, which he said has given him a bird's-eye view of the women and men who are being formed for priestly ministry.

"It is gratifying to see the commitment of seminarians today," he noted, adding: "It gives me joy that Christ Church can both send our own forth to seminary, and serve as a crucible to train seminarians."

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 🧑🏻 Bring a friend!

JULY

JULY 2

FRI

Cathedral 20s & 30s Summer Hangout



7:30 p.m. on Zoom.
www.christchurchcathedral.org/summerhangout/

JULY 8

THU

Alzheimer & Dementia Support Group

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Zoom, second Thursday of the month.



JULY 9-11

FRI

Encuentro Juvenil: Costa Rica y Texas

Join Cathedral youth in partnership with the World Mission Board for Encuentro Juvenil: Costa Rica y Texas (Youth Encounter: Costa Rica & Texas). The weekend will include prayer, fellowship, music, games, community, and fun! Schedule:

- Friday, July 9, 6-8 p.m.
- Saturday, July 10, 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Sunday, July 11, 12-12:30 p.m.



JULY 10

SAT

Threads of Comfort and Joy

10-11 a.m., In-person, Mellenger. A gathering for those who love to knit and crochet. On-going, second Saturday of the month.

JULY 16

FRI

Cathedral Reads — Cathedral Youth

6 p.m., Treehouse. Cathedral Youth Discuss Cornelia Funke's *Inkheart*.

JULY 23

FRI

Cathedral 20s & 30s Summer Hangout



In-person, location TBA. Fourth Friday in-person meet-up.

JULY 29

THU

Cathedral Reads — Cathedral Kids

6:30-8 p.m. Bishop's Courtyard & Latham. 2nd grade-5th grade fall 2021 are invited to read along with our summer 2021 pick — Kate DiCamillo's book, *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane*.

WEEKLY



SUNDAYS

Donuts and Devos

10 a.m. (meets July 11, 18, 25). In place of Vacation Bible School.

SUNDAYS

The Cathedral Bookstore

Open from 8:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

SUMMER PLACE



SUNDAYS

Summer Place

10 a.m. Reynolds Hall and the Bishop's Courtyard, hosted by a different ministry each week.

- July 11, Latino Ministry Council
- July 18, Pastoral Care Council
- July 25, Stewardship Council

WEDNESDAYS

Buscando La Luz

7 p.m., Zoom. Buscando la Luz/Seeking the Light is a program offered by the Latino Ministry of the Cathedral to our Spanish speaking congregation (will not meet July 28).

THURSDAYS

Summer Shade

6 p.m.

- July 1, Game Night via Zoom
- July 8, Activity: Service Day @ The Beacon (7 a.m. to 12 p.m.)
- July 15, Movie Night — "Cruella" @ The Treehouse
- July 22, Game Night: Harry Potter Trivia Night via Zoom
- July 29, Activity Night: Cookie Night via Zoom

Facilitating Firm Foundations

6:30-8 p.m.

SATURDAY

Donuts and Devos

10 a.m. (will not meet July 10, 31).

Through August: COMFORT CALLS from the Vestry

A Vestry representative will call you to ask how we're doing and to hear your hopes and concerns

THE BODY, from page 3

of the past year. He suggested these activities which work well with trauma victims and are also helpful to discharge stress:

- Move or Sing: create joy within the body
- Yoga/Body Work
- Theater work
- Create a safe place, an "island of safety in a chaotic world"

Regarding seated or still mindfulness practices such as meditation, Dr. van der Kolk says it can be difficult for some people dealing with

trauma or stress to sit still. With yoga or movement, the person can remain present to what is happening without becoming overwhelmed.

The interview concluded with tips to help set some boundaries to reduce the stress that we allow into our minds and bodies. He said that as Americans we have an addiction to bad news and that we need to put ourselves on a diet from the negative news cycle. Rather than obsessing about the news, we could go for a walk instead. He suggested that we should also spend less time worrying about what is wrong and more time wondering "What is right with you? What have you overcome? What have you learned?"

As we transition back to the "new normal," please remember that it is not just joyful — it's also "normal" to be feeling stress. If you are feeling sad or tense or overwhelmed, it's important to reach out to a supportive person who can listen and be present to you. At the Cathedral, we have lay chaplains who would be glad to be that listening presence for you. No one should walk alone. Whatever your experience of the pandemic was, you can share with them what you have overcome, or what you have learned this past year. And connecting with them might make things seem a little more normal.



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

ESTABLISHED MARCH 16, 1839

1117 Texas Avenue
Houston, Texas 77002-3183

Non-Profit Organization

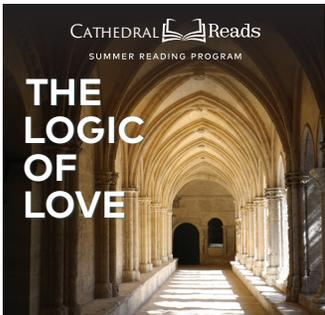
U.S. POSTAGE PAID

Houston, Texas

PERMIT No. 6404



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.

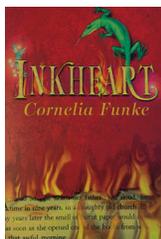


Cathedral Reads: Summer Events

There are many options to connect with other parishioners this Summer for everyone and all ages.

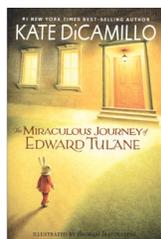
Learn more about our selection of books and events and how to sign up to attend at: www.christchurchcathedral.org/cathedralreads.

You can purchase your copy of these titles at *The Cathedral Bookstore*.



July 16, 6–8 p.m., The Treehouse Cathedral Youth Discuss *Inkheart*

This summer for Cathedral Reads the youth are invited to read Cornelia Funke's *Inkheart* (the first book in the Inkworld trilogy). Join us for a journey that follows Mo and Meggie beyond the pages of the book, where stories come to life. Through this journey, Meggie learns to harness the love and magic of reading. Her adventure reminds us that the love of stories can change our lives forever. Join us at the Treehouse for an in-person discussion, which includes a movie screening of "Inkheart." Register in advance to attend.



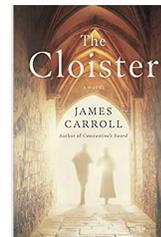
July 29, 6:30–8 p.m., Bishop's Courtyard and Latham Cathedral Kids: *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane*

As a part of our Cathedral Reads program, our Cathedral Kids (2nd grade–5th grade) are invited to read Kate DiCamillo's, *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane*. Bring your picnic dinner for one of our two evening events and let's read together this epic tale of how a heart of the most breakable kind can learn to love, to lose, and to love again.



August 3, 7–8 p.m., Zoom Separating Fact from Fiction and the Theology of Knowledge

WAIT. Did that really just happen? That can't be true, can it? Join Canon Zartman for a high-energy discussion of what is fact and what is fiction (especially when it comes to Abelard and Heloise!) in *The Cloister*. We'll also dip our toes into 900-year-old hot topics in the fields of epistemology and theology! We'll meet on Zoom August 3rd, 7–8 p.m. Register in advance



August 15, 10–11 a.m., Reynolds Hall Summer Place and All-Cathedral Book Discussion

The Cloister is sure to provoke some very interesting conversation. Come see what your fellow Cathedral parishioners thought about it! Can you believe that happened? What does it mean? What can we learn? And, most importantly: What did Dean Thompson think? Dean Thompson leads this discussion of James Carroll's *The Cloister*. Hosted by the Adult Formation and the Religion and the Arts Councils.