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Gather round for May Fete

For over one hundred and twenty years, the children of our parish have helped us mark the beginning of Spring by proudly dancing around the maypole as we crown members of the 5th Grade Sunday School as May Fete royalty. Since at least 1899, May Fete has been an important part of Spring at Christ Church. On Sunday, May 5, the Community Life Council is proud to present the 2024 edition of this unique celebration.

May Fete festivities begin with a combined, bi-lingual worship service at 10 a.m. (note, this service takes the place of our 9 a.m., 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. services). This Holy Eucharist will feature music representative of both our Latino and Anglo congregations. It will be a great joy to worship alongside one another, with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

After worship, the celebration of May Fete officially begins! We'll gather in the Bishop's Courtyard to see the traditional Sunday School parade, greet the Royal Court of 5th graders, crown our newest May Fete royalty, and enjoy the annual maypole dance. Reynolds Hall and Huffington Playground will host a variety of food options, fun games to play, along with music and entertainment.

All activities are free of charge and are provided primarily through generous donations. It takes a village to pull off such a

robust celebration, so in addition to being a financial sponsor, there are various opportunities to volunteer and contribute to our fête festivities.

Though May Fete exists to honor our 5th graders, on May 5 we will celebrate all members of our community. Whether you're 5, 55, or 105, there will be something to enjoy!

To donate or sign-up to volunteer, visit the Cathedral website at www.christchurchcathedral.org/mayfete. You can also visit the May Fete table throughout April on Sundays in the Cloister; learn more from members about the history of this event at Christ Church and how to get involved.



The Gifts of Affiliated Clergy

The Cathedral has benefited greatly over many years from the contributions of retired clergy who have made this their spiritual home. This has been



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especially true during this most recent season of transition. I place a high value on our retired clergy and the gifts they bring to our community.

To reflect the esteem with which we hold them, I am creating a title of Affiliated Clergy. That status will be conferred on retired or bi-vocational clergy who wish to serve the Cathedral on a volunteer basis in a way that is mutually nourishing to that clergyperson and to our community. Affiliated Clergy will have a regular presence in the worship life of the Cathedral and will contribute to our wider mission and ministry.

I am pleased to announce that the Revs. Ed Stein, John Pitts, Ray Wilson, and Liz Parker will all continue to serve the Cathedral as Affiliated Clergy.

For now, this designation reflects the existing ministry of these cherished clergy members in our midst. My hope is that it will create opportunities for others to join us in our mission to care for one another as God's Beloved, to grow in our capacity to serve as disciples of Christ and carry the truth of our identity as God's Beloved into the wider world.

I hope that you will join me in thanking and celebrating our Affiliated Clergy for their valuable ministry to our Cathedral family.

OUR CATHEDRAL FAMILY

We celebrate with

☞ new members **Ballard, Raine, James, and Pierce Johnson.**

We extend heartfelt sympathy

☞ to the family of **Claudia Elizabeth Fritze** who passed away on February 17, 2024. Claudia is mother to member **Mary Swift.**

The flowers on the Cathedral Altar

☞ on April 7 are given to the glory of God in loving memory of **James Leonard Dougherty, Jewel Kendall and William Brooke Hamilton, Henry Kendall Hamilton, Newton Gilbert Dougherty and Maribel Kendall Daffan** by **Anne and Jim Dougherty Jr.**

☞ on April 14 are given to the glory of God in loving memory of **Cindi Blakely** by her family.

☞ on April 21 are given to the glory of God in loving memory of **Quentin Faulkner** by his family.

☞ on April 28 are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of our nephew, **Tyler Bludau**, by **Shirley Bludau and Mike Grimes.**



Pastoral Care Ministries

The Cathedral's Pastoral Care Ministries offer a wealth of resources to our church community and beyond. There are times when we find ourselves in need of pastoral care resources, and knowing what is available can be a huge benefit either for our own needs or the needs of those we love. Here are a few of the upcoming events. If you'd like to know more about Pastoral Care ministry and its offerings, visit our website: www.christchurchcathedral.org/care

Dying in Christ: End of Life in the Anglican Tradition

Wednesdays, April 10 – 24, 12:30 – 1:30 p.m., Mellinger Room

We are Resurrection people, yet talking about death can be hard. You are invited to this 3-week series exploring the theology and liturgy that surrounds death and burial in the Episcopal Church, as well as practical information on planning for a funeral. Come for noon day worship and then join us in the Mellinger room for a light lunch and rich conversation. Please register by April 8th via email at csoard@christchurchcathedral.org

Caregivers Gathering

Thursday, April 18, 12:30 – 1:30 p.m., Jeffers Conference Room;
third Thursday of the month through May.

Today many people find themselves taking on caregiving duties for family members. This loving care can be done joyfully, but can also require a lot of energy, decision making, and comes with a variety of challenges. Being in community can be an important support for Caregivers. Every family's caregiving looks different, but all of us benefit from being seen and understood. Join us for a time of connection, mutual support, and resource sharing. Come in person or by Zoom!

Brain Health Matters: Navigating your Aging Roadmap

Thursday, April 18, 2 – 3 p.m., McGehee Conference Room

Together with Amazing Place, let us help you plan your aging journey. We'll provide the tools, resources, and next-step advice needed to help you plan for an independent, meaningful life as you age. This one-day offering will be led by Mehrnaz S. Gill, Faith Care Connection and Clinical Training Manager at Amazing Place.

Pastoral Care Lunch & Care

Sunday, April 28, 12:30 – 2 p.m., McGehee Conference Room

Caring for our neighbors is a call for every Jesus-follower. Pastoral Care Volunteers will gather for a light lunch and card-writing with prayer for those members who need to hear we remember and love them! No previous experience needed! For food purposes, please let us know you're coming by emailing Claire Soard.

For more details and to register for these events, contact Minister for Pastoral Care, Claire Soard at csoard@christchurchcathedral.org



Needlepoint Dedication

This Gilding Chapel chair cushion completes the needlepoint set meticulously designed by Antha Holland. When the second prie-dieu was installed in 2020, Linnet Deily, Roni McMurtrey, Frances Kittrell, Flo Ray and Julie Thurmond stitched the cushion for it. They realized the priest's chair still needed a needlepoint cushion. Following themes of Holland's original work, they used vines, grapes and pomegranates surrounding the shield with a white chrysanthemum to complete the cushion.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Visit christchurchcathedral.org/events 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!

APRIL

APRIL 1 MON

Easter Monday
Cathedral offices closed.

APRIL 3 WED

Cathedral Book Club
6:30–8 p.m., McGehee Conf. Room. Book club will discuss: *Hissing Cousins: The Lifelong Rivalry of Eleanor Roosevelt and Alice Roosevelt Longworth* by Marc Peyser.



APRIL 4 THU
Spring Neighborhood Gathering ▲
6-7:30 p.m. Various locations. RSVP to Lisa Cantu for address at lcantu@christchurchcathedral.org

APRIL 5 FRI

Bridge/Rummikub Game Night
6:30–9:30 p.m. McGehee Conf. Room. Join the group for a game or a hand and bring a dish to share.

APRIL 6 SAT

Mornings at the Museum ✕
11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., Museum of Fine Arts, Houston. Explore faith through the artist's eyes with guided tours of different exhibitions. \$10/person.

UH Moores School Chamber Music Concert 🧑
7:30–9:30 p.m., Sanders Hall. Fourth concert of partnered series between University of Houston and the Cathedral.

APRIL 7 SUN

Dean's Hour: Secondhand Religion
10–11 a.m., Reynolds Hall. Canon Liz Kronenberg reflects on those in her life who shaped her faith journey.

APRIL 10 WED

Spring Newcomer Party ▲
6–8 p.m., The Norcross Family home. An evening of fellowship for those who are new to the Cathedral, or who may feel new. RSVP to Elizabeth Cuevas at ecuevas@christchurchcathedral.org

APRIL 12 FRI

Spring Neighborhood Gathering ▲
6-7:30 p.m. Various locations. RSVP to Lisa Cantu for address at lcantu@christchurchcathedral.org



APRIL 14 SUN
Dean's Hour: Dean's Reflection
10–11 a.m., Reynolds Hall. Dean Katz reflects on ministry at CCC in the midst of his "first rodeo" as Dean.

APRIL 17 WED

Somehow: Thoughts on Love by Anne Lamott ▲
7 p.m., Cathedral. Brazos Bookstore hosts author Anne Lamott in conversation with Chris Cander. Tickets at: www.brazosbookstore.com

APRIL 18 THU

Caregivers Gathering
12:30–1:30 p.m., Jeffers Conference Room and Zoom. Offering community and fellowship for those in any caregiving role.

Navigating Your Aging Roadmap
2–3 p.m., McGehee Conference Room. Work with Amazing Place to help plan your aging journey.

APRIL 21 SUN

Dean's Hour: Nature as God's Gift: Bridging the Gap for All
10–11 a.m., Reynolds Hall. Ed Pettitt, of the Bullard Center for Environmental and Climate Justice, addresses environmental injustices and racial disparities in access to nature in the U.S.

APRIL 25 THU

ANZAC Day Service
6 a.m., Cathedral. Annual observance to honor all Australians and New Zealanders who have served and perished in war or peacekeeping.

APRIL 28 SUN

The Climb
9 a.m.–2 p.m., The Treehouse. Rising 5th graders and their families are introduced to The Treehouse, for their first week of Youth Sunday School. Special prayers and gifts will be presented to 5th graders at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. worship.

Dean's Hour: Secondhand Religion
10–11 a.m., Reynolds Hall. Canon Luz Montes reflects on those in her life who shaped her faith journey.

Pastoral Care Lunch & Care
12:30–2 p.m., McGehee Conference Room. Gather for a light lunch and card-writing project.

WEEKLY

SUNDAYS

Children's Sunday School
10-11 a.m., Jones 201-208. (3 years–5th grade)

Youth Sunday School
10-11 a.m., The Treehouse. (6th–12th grade).

Latino Youth Sunday School
1-2:30 p.m. The Treehouse.

Latino Ministry Children's Sunday School
1-2:30 p.m., Jones 201-208.

Cathedral Tours
Tours are held every Sunday following the 11 a.m. service. They will also be held the third Sunday of each month following services at 9 a.m. and The Well.

How to Bible ▲
6–7:15 p.m. A four-week class that studies the Church's theology about the Bible. Runs through April 28.

MONDAYS

Centering Prayer
11:15 a.m., Mellinger Room.

TUESDAYS

Tuesday Morning Bible Study
7–8 a.m., Zoom.

20s & 30s Bible Study
7–8 p.m., Jeffers Conference Room. Runs thru May 14. Explore themes, stories, and books of Scripture with other young adults.

WEDNESDAYS

Men's Morning Bible Study
7–8 a.m. Zoom.

WEDNESDAYS CONT.

Women's Morning Bible Study
9:30–11 a.m., Jeffers Conference Room.

Cathedral Tours
Tour guides are available to welcome you at the bell tower from 10:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m. You may spend your time alone or the guide will share the Cathedral's rich history.

Dying in Christ ▲
12:15–1:30 p.m., Mellinger Room. Starts April 10. Three-week series exploring theology, liturgy, and logistics of death and burial.

THURSDAYS

Thursday Noon Bible Study
12–1 p.m. Zoom. For information about these Bible Studies and for information on how to participate visit: www.christchurchcathedral.org/biblestudies

UPCOMING



MAY 5 SUN
May Fete Sunday
10 a.m. Cathedral. Bilingual Eucharist to celebrate one of the oldest and most beloved Cathedral traditions. Gather for a Sunday filled with worship, food, fun games, and festivities.

MAY 7 TUE

Spring Neighborhood Gathering ▲
6-7:30 p.m. Various locations. RSVP to Lisa Cantu for address at lcantu@christchurchcathedral.org

MAY 9 THU

Spring Neighborhood Gathering ▲
6-7:30 p.m. Various locations. RSVP to Lisa Cantu for address at lcantu@christchurchcathedral.org

MAY 12 SUN

Bishop's Visit
9 a.m. and 1 p.m. services, Bishop Monterroso will confirm, as well as join us for the Dean's Hour.



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Spring Neighborhood Gatherings

This spring there are four opportunities between April and May to visit with friends, hear about what's coming up at the Cathedral, and connect with clergy, staff and lay leaders. These evening gatherings are a great way to meet your Cathedral family in a more relaxed setting. Take a look at the Spring Gathering dates, mark them on your calendar, and don't forget to RSVP as space is limited! We can't wait to see you there!

Locations are throughout Houston at parishioner homes; and all events are from 6-7:30 p.m. RSVP to Lisa Cantu at (713) 222-2593 or via email at lcantu@christchurchcathedral.org



- **Thursday, April 4: River Oaks**
- **Friday, April 12: Greater Eastwood**
- **Tuesday, May 7: Southampton/Broadacres**
- **Thursday, May 9: Washington Ave/Memorial Park**



ANZAC service honors WWI dead

With the Cathedral's historic role one of supporting civic life, church leaders say it will be an honor and a privilege to host an ANZAC Day observance April 25 on behalf of the Australian Consulate General-Houston. ANZAC Day marks the anniversary of the first military action by the newly formed Australian and New Zealand Army Corps — or ANZAC — in World War I's 1915 Battle of Gallipoli in Turkey. National observances have expanded to honor all Australians who have served and perished in war or peacekeeping. The solemn occasion is about sacrifice, however, not Gallipoli or Australian nationhood.

ANZAC DAY

6 a.m., April 25

In Australia, ANZAC Day services held at dawn convey the message "Lest We Forget." In the U.S., traditional services of remembrance occur at the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C., and in several large cities with Australian Consulate General locations. This year, the ANZAC Day observance will be a special service at dawn on April 25 in the sanctuary at 6 a.m. ANZAC Day at Christ Church Cathedral will be a holy occasion. All are welcome to attend this service.