

New Year's blessing

The eighth day of Christmas,
the eighth day of Creation,
the Next New Day,
New Year's Day.

May every day be a new year's day for you:
a chance to forgive and be forgiven,
to start again.

May you take courage to begin anew. ...

As you let go of the year past,
may you ... in your free fall find yourself held
by an eternal love that has come ages to be with you,
and will carry you all the way to the end. ...

Every day may you trust your belovedness,
your freedom from having to prove yourself,
and receive the grace that is given to you.

May this year be a year of grace and hope.

—Steve Garnaas-Holmes, unfoldinglight.net

For God so Loved

One of the hallmarks of John's short sermons is that they almost always contain the plan of salvation in a single verse. Here it is verse 16: "This is how God showed his love to the world. He gave his one and only son, that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have life eternal." In perhaps the most beautiful words ever written, this verse presents the why as well as the how of God's redeeming love. Later, in his letters, John will betray a preoccupation with the question "What is the meaning of love?" Here he gives himself and all of the answer.

— Michael Card in The Parable of Joy

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Our Mission

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

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!

See us at:

www.facebook.com/trinitymcla

trinitymorgancity.org

Trinity's ECW enjoyed lunch together on December 12 at Morgan's Restaurant. The ladies all gave gift cards which were presented to the Council on Aging. Cathy Broussard, a former member of the board, presents the gift cards to Beverly Domengeaux, director of Council on Aging, and Geraldine Anderson, assistant administrator/ bookkeeper.



At 3:00 pm on December 14, Trinity parishioners and friends were treated to a concert performed by the Overture String Quartet from Nicholls State University. A reception was held in the Parish Hall after the concert.

A big thank you to the congregation for all the plates of cookies given to our First Responders on Christmas Eve. The table in the Parish Hall was covered with plates of delicious cookies. Peggy and Paul Coats delivered cookies to MC Police Department, 911 office, Acadian Ambulance, MC Fire Department and Ochsner Hospital. For the first time Acadian medics were at the station and they were so happy and grateful for the cookies—and both medics had huge smiles. At Ochsner we had plenty of cookies to go to the floors as well as the ER. We also gave a plate of cookies to the receptionists in the ER and to the security guards. The huge smiles and 'thank you so much' we received from all the First Responders left us with happy hearts.

In an emergency for a priest, please call Mother Holly Burris,
rector of St. John's at 601 600-6774.



03 Lee LeBlanc
 09 Sloan McCloskey
 29 Amalia Rogers
 30 David Webster

19 Elizabeth and Chris Landry



Please Pray For: Ellen, Nancy, Mike, Dean and Ed, Amalia, Stephen, Gerald, Gary, Ashley, Cathy, Sharon, Diane, Lee, Elizabeth, for all Christians who are persecuted around the world, 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.

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Jan 04 Judy Weber
 Jan 11 Mary Hughes
 Jan 18 Elizabeth Blatt
 Jan 25 Charles Parsiola
 Feb. 01 Joan McCloskey

USHERS

Jan 04 Jennie Rogers & Peggy Coats
 Jan 11 Jennie Rogers & Peggy Coats
 Jan 18 Jennie Rogers & Peggy Coats
 Jan 25 Jennie Rogers & Peggy Coats
 Feb 01 Jennie Rogers & Peggy Coats

ALTAR DUTY

Jan 04 Mary Hughes
 Jan 11 Cathy Broussard
 Jan 18 Judy Weber
 Jan 25 Lisa Parsiola
 Feb 01 Mary Hughes

VESTRY ON DUTY

Jan 04 Sam Jones
 Jan 11 Judy Weber
 Jan 18 Robbie Wiggins
 Jan 25 Ann Myers
 Feb 01 Sam Jones

FLOWER CHART FUND

Jan 04 Angel Arvello
 Jan 11
 Jan 18 Cathy Broussard
 Jan 25 Mary and Bob Hughes
 Feb 01 Peggy and Paul Coats

COFFEE HOSTESS

Jan 04 Pot Luck Luncheon
 Jan 11 Elizabeth Blatt
 Jan 18 Cathy Broussard
 Jan 25 Pot Luck Luncheon
 Feb 01



Pot Luck is January 4 following the Eucharist.

Vestry Meeting is January 11 following the Eucharist.

Heifer Sunday is January 11. All loose offering that Sunday will go to the Heifer Fund.

January Pot Luck Luncheons are January 4 and January 25. There is no Pot Luck Luncheon in February.

Our Annual meeting will be January 25 following the Eucharist.

Collect for search for new rector

Almighty God, whose Son is the light of the world, we thank you for the many blessings bestowed on our church through the years. Grant that we, illumined by your word and Sacraments, may find a priest who will help us be a reflection of Christ's love for others. We look to thee, O God our Father, in Jesus our Savior, and ask for the gift of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

A Compline Prayer

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. Amen.

For Peace Among the Nations

Almighty God our heavenly Father, guide the nations of the world into the way of justice and truth, and establish among them that peace which is the fruit of righteousness, that they may become the kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Foundation of Our Faith



Jesus' resurrection is the very foundation of Christianity. If Christ had never been raised from the dead, we'd have no Christian faith.

God's power was at work in Christ's death and resurrection. "It was on the resurrection fact that the church was built," said New Testament scholar James Stewart.

Paul understood that the resurrection was the bedrock of our faith: "And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain" (1 Corinthians 15:14, ESV). He continued, "And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins" (1 Corinthians 15:17, ESV).

The resurrection proves that Jesus is Lord and Savior. Its authenticity means that by faith in Christ, we are reconciled with God.

Billy Graham said the risen Christ is the bridge between us and God: "One of Christ's hands holds the hand of God; his other hand holds ours."

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

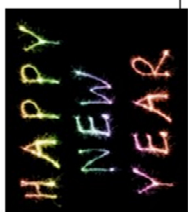

Thomas Dorsey, a jazz musician from Atlanta, made a bold decision in 1926 to leave behind secular music and devote his talent to writing songs for the Lord. But following that call wasn't easy. During the Great Depression, many church leaders criticized his soulful gospel style, calling it "the devil's music." Dorsey later joked, "I got kicked out of some of the best churches in the land."

Then, in 1932, tragedy struck. While in St. Louis for a revival, he received a telegram that his wife had died suddenly during childbirth. His faith was shaken to the core, and grief nearly silenced him. Yet in his deepest sorrow, Dorsey turned back to what he knew best — music. Out of that heartbreak came one of the most beloved hymns of all time:

*"Precious Lord, take my hand,
Lead me on, let me stand.
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn..."*

Dorsey's song reminds us that even in our valleys, God is near — guiding us, strengthening us, and using our pain to comfort others who walk the same road.

January 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 Fr. Travers Holy Eucharist 9:30 Pot Luck Luncheon	5 AA's 6 pm closed	6 	7	8 Choir Practice 3 pm	9 AA's 6 pm closed	10
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18 Holy Eucharist 9:30 Fr. Travers	19 AA's 6 pm closed	20	21	22 Choir Practice 3 pm	23 AA's 6 pm closed	24
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