

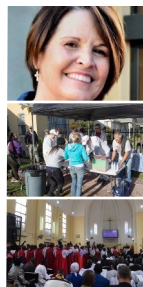
MAY 2018



St. Cross  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

# Crossroads

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## Come Holy Spirit!

REV. ROBIN

This month we conclude our seven-week joyful season of Easter, with the excitement of the feast of the Holy Spirit, called Pentecost!

During the seven weeks of Easter, in church, we hear the gospel accounts of the resurrection appearances of Jesus to his disciples, and we read from the book of the Acts of the Apostles, about the amazing work of the first Christians.

On Pentecost we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit upon Jesus' followers, which empowered them not only to preach the Gospel in a way that everyone could understand, but it gave them courage

and strength to go out into the world and live their faith.

This experience of the coming of the Holy Spirit is something that is not confined to the pages of scripture. Jesus has sent the Holy Spirit to each of us as well. The Spirit of God dwells in our hearts, gives us courage when we need it, strength when we need it, patience, hope, love, faith. All these things are available to us if we but ask. The answer is already present there, in our hearts, the presence of the Holy Spirit.



Sometimes we feel the Holy Spirit come powerfully. On April 29, Bishop Taylor will come and receive and confirm adults from our parish who want to become members of the Episcopal Church. The whole congregation will pray together with the bishop, and we will receive with joy the coming of the Holy Spirit in a special way.

On Pentecost, May 20, we will have baptisms, and will experience that sacred mystery of the sacrament that Jesus himself experienced. The priest will say "you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in baptism, and marked as Christ's own forever." These special feasts and important moments in the lives of our fellow Christians, remind us of our own relationship

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## WORSHIP SERVICES

### SUNDAY

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist  
10:00 AM Choral Eucharist

### WEDNESDAY

8:30 AM Centering Prayer  
7:00 PM Holy Eucharist

## CLERGY

### RECTOR

The Rev. Dr. Rachel A. Nyback

### ASSOCIATES

The Rev. William Stanley  
Pastoral Care

The Rev. Robin Denney  
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### PRIEST IN RESIDENCE

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### DEACON

The Rev. Patti Angelo

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The Rev. Cn. Dr. Paul D. Lawson

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## WEEKLY EVENTS

### MONDAY

10 AM: Listening Hearts  
1 PM: Staff Meeting  
1 PM: History Committee \*  
4 PM: Temple Shalom  
7 PM: Tai Chi  
7 PM: EfM

### TUESDAY

9:53 AM: Sewing Group

### WEDNESDAY

8:30 AM: Centering Prayer  
9 AM: Women's Bible Study  
5:45 PM: Men's Bible Study  
7 PM: Holy Eucharist

### THURSDAY

6:15 PM: Bell Choir Rehearsal  
7:30 PM: Choir Rehearsal

### FRIDAY - Office Closed

11 AM: Sociable Seniors \*\*

\* 2nd and 4th Monday

\*\* 2nd and 4th Friday

### WEEKLY 12-STEP MEETINGS

Sun: AA 7 PM

Mon: Al-Anon 7 AM  
CODA 7:30 PM

Tue: Serenity 7 PM

Wed: Al-Anon 7 AM  
CEA 7:30 PM

Thu: Al-Anon 12 Noon

Fri: AA 8 PM

Sat: Al-Anon 10 AM

More info: (310) 376-8989 or  
info@stcross.org

# May 2018 Calendar

5/03: Neighbor to Neighbor, 4 PM  
5/06: Under the Gun event—See Page 6  
5/06: The Upper Room Outing, 4 PM—See Page 5  
5/11: Sociable Seniors, 11 AM  
5/15: Addressing Gun Violence Event, 7 PM  
5/18: St. Cross Karaoke Night  
5/19: Baptism Class, 9 AM  
5/20: Ireland Pilgrimage Meeting, 11:30 AM  
5/22: Vestry Meeting, 7 PM  
5/23: Prayer Shawl Guild, 6 PM  
5/25: Sociable Seniors, 9 AM—See Box This Page  
5/25: St. Cross Book Club, 6 PM, Parker Hall  
5/26-28: Fiesta Hermosa  
5/28: Memorial Day, Office Closed  
5/29: Folding of *Crossroads*  
5/29: St. Monica's Line Dancing, 6 PM—See P. 4  
5/30: Laundry Love, 7 PM, Clean Scene Laundry

## Sociable Seniors Bus Trip to Nixon Library on May 25

We're having a big outing on May 25 to the Nixon Library! Seats are limited, so you will need to sign up with Rev. Will. Email him at [wstanley@stcross.org](mailto:wstanley@stcross.org) or sign up on Sundays. Meet at 9 AM at the church, \$15 for tickets and lunch.

## Karaoke Night May 18!

Warm up your voice! Join the St. Cross Chancel Choir for our Karaoke Fundraiser! Tickets \$25, details at [stcross.org/karaoke](http://stcross.org/karaoke)



Pentecost Sunday—May 20

## ST. CROSS History

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What is That All About?

Prior to the start of the Eucharistic Prayer the acolyte pours water over the hands of the celebrating priest into a small bowl.

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# COME HOLY SPIRIT

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with God. They remind us that we experience God in a special way when we are together in worship. We also experience God in our own hearts, whenever we have need of God, whenever we are up against something that seems insurmountable. God is there with us through it all, no matter what, giving us the strength and hope we need. Come Holy Spirit, and be our guide! **Robin+**

## Fiesta Hermosa Parking Lot Fundraiser!

Fiesta Hermosa is always a fabulous time in Hermosa Beach — plus, it's a great opportunity for a fundraiser for our J2A (Journey to Adulthood) youth!

When Memorial Day Weekend rolls around, direct to St. Cross anyone you know who will be coming out for the festivities, and let them know we have a perfect location for parking. As the date approaches, we will remind you via our weekly email that this is coming up, and we will announce the pricing as well. Note that we DO accept credit cards for parking!



## Ministry Notes

**Blood Drive Coming 6/3: Sign up today!** If you last donated blood before April 8th you are eligible for our drive. Visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and type in StCrossHermosa in the search field. You can also contact Kathy Gonzalez at (310) 937-9842 or [kbgonzalez@aol.com](mailto:kbgonzalez@aol.com) for assistance.

**Senior Sermons and Graduation Sunday 6/10 -** On June 10 at both church services, we will celebrate those who are graduating this year and pray for them. This is also the date for senior sermons, so seniors in high school, please contact Rev. Robin if you are interested.

[rdenney@stcross.org](mailto:rdenney@stcross.org)

*From Habitat for Humanity, April 21*





# Endings & Beginnings



Wow! It's hard for me to believe that in just a few short weeks, I will complete my seminary studies and graduate on May 22, 2018 with my Master of Divinity from Claremont School of Theology! This journey that be-

gan five years ago with lay discernment, and which has included theological coursework, practicum in field education & chaplaincy training, and ordination exams, is now nearing its end. With each ending comes a new beginning... and you're invited!

**On June 2, 2018**, God-willing and the people consenting, **I will be ordained to the Transitional Diaconate** at St. John's Pro-Cathedral in Los Angeles at 10:00 a.m. A more formal announcement will be forthcoming – we just wanted to make sure you heard the news, and that you put it on your calendar should you wish to attend!

We will keep everyone posted as we know more about where I will serve, and I ask your prayers during this continued time of discernment.

My heart overflows with gratitude for St. Cross; a beautiful, faithful community who has been a gift to me in more ways than I can say. Thank you.

**Lauree Coote**

## St. Monica's Line-Dancing Bash 5/29

**Saturday, May 29 at 6 PM: Save the Date!** Dust off your cowboy boots and hat—it's our St. Monica's annual line dancing bash! We will begin the evening with tasty picnic dishes to share—please bring a main dish or dessert. Then, we'll "clear the decks", and have a fun evening line dancing with our favorite "caller" Paul Lipinski.

St Monica's is always open to all women of the parish and we guests are more than welcome!!!

# St. Cross Softball 2018

**Spring Training Practices are Saturday, May 12, May 19 and May 26 from 5 to 6:30 PM.**

Calling All Softball Players! Ladies and gentlemen, we want YOU to come join the St. Cross softball squad. The Spring Training practices will take place at the above dates and times at Hermosa Valley School on Valley Drive in Hermosa Beach. The games start June 2, so we'll take this time to whip ourselves into midseason form! If you have questions, call Mike Welch at (310) 944-8089.

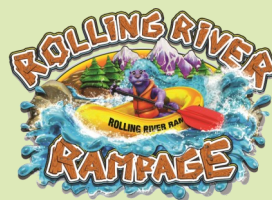


## VBS—Sign Up Now!

**July 16-20, 9 AM—Noon**

**More Details Online at [stcross.org/VBS](http://stcross.org/VBS)**

Registration is now open! Participants "rafters," and youth volunteers "guides," should be registered at [www.stcross.org/VBS](http://www.stcross.org/VBS).



## Camp Stevens

The Episcopal Summer Camp at Camp Stevens in the San Diego Mountains is now registering campers at [campstevens.org](http://campstevens.org). They have wonderful programs for children 8 years-old and up. Many of our St. Cross kids have participated and gone on to become counselors. For more info, check with clergy or Alison Wilcox at (310) 379-0294.

# Habitat Q&A with Dan Wilson

The Habitat Build Day on April 21 was a great success! We asked Dan Wilson about the event and what was accomplished.



**Crossroads:** How many people from St. Cross came out?

**Dan Wilson:** We had a total of 19 folks there, 18 were workers and one of them was our meals coordinator (it's St Cross and the spread was fabulous). We were in South Central LA. Arrived around 8 a.m. and left about 2:30 p.m.

**Crossroads:** Tell us about the home you worked on, and did you get to meet the homeowner?

**Dan:** This was not a new-build for Habitat. This was a renovation on an existing home. Habitat for Humanity has a program where they renovate older homes, going into neighborhoods that could use a little sprucing up. Our job that day was painting the outside of the house.

The homeowner was an elderly retired woman living there on her own. We were able to meet her that afternoon. She came out and was thrilled with the way it all looked!

**Crossroads:** What's next for St. Cross Habitat?

**Dan:** This was the first of two builds for St Cross this year (we try to do two per year). Our next one will be coming up in the fall, probably in October. No date has been set as yet. We rarely know this far out where we it will be, but after talking with our contact at H4H that day, we will probably be at a new-build site which is breaking ground in Culver City sometime this summer.

**Get involved & learn more about St. Cross Habitat for Humanity! Email Dan at [habitat@stcross.org](mailto:habitat@stcross.org).**

## Senior to Senior

The Senior high youth will be putting on a dinner for all seniors of the Parish . There has been a **date change**. It will be on June 3, from 4pm to 6pm. The youth have decided on the theme "Western BBQ" It will be a great time of fellowship and intergenerational connections. Youth should arrive by 2pm to set up.

## Youth Beach Party

The end of the year Upper Room youth beach party will take place on June 10 (originally scheduled for June 3, but moved for senior to senior dinner). Meet at the church at 4pm, with beach gear, and we will walk down to the beach together. If you come late, we will be set up around 22nd street with an E-Z up shade awning.



## The Upper Room May 6

### Bowling—5/6 at 4 PM

The upper room will be going Bowling on May 6! Meet at the church at 4pm. Grades 6th to 12th are welcome. Chaperones and carpool drivers are needed.

Contact Rev. Robin to sign up!



# South Sudan Solar!

*The photo to the right shows solar-paneled gifts Rev. Robin delivered from St. Cross!*

Thank you all so much for your overwhelming support of my request for funds for the church in South Sudan. As I write this I am preparing to get on the plane, with two suitcases full of solar powered lanterns and laptop charging devices, as well as a donation to support the life-saving and peacebuilding work of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan. Most especially, I know what will mean the most to people who I will greet on your behalf, is the love, care, and prayers that these gifts represent. Please continue to keep the people of South Sudan and especially the new Archbishop, Justin Badi, in your prayers. I will give you a full report when I return on April 29.

## Robin+

*Editor's note:* Rev. Robin has been able to send in a couple of updates since she arrived in Juba! Visit our website or our Facebook page to get updates as soon as we receive them. The website is [stcross.org](http://stcross.org) and the Facebook page is [facebook.com/stcrosshermosa](https://facebook.com/stcrosshermosa).



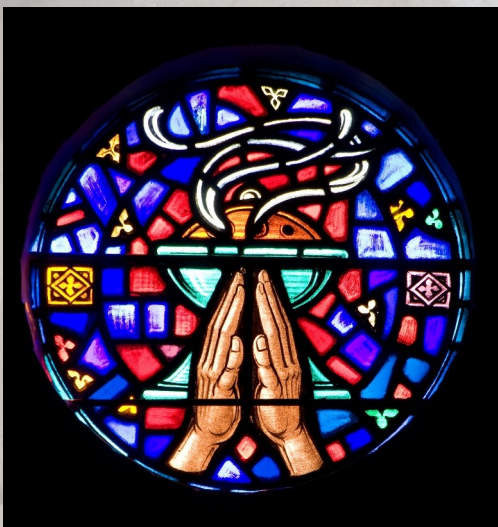
## Addressing Gun Violence: May 6 Event

St. Cross will host a discussion of how to approach the issue of gun violence on Sunday, May 6. We will screen "Under the Gun" that day at 1:30 PM, and starting at 3:30 we will sit in small groups at tables where all will be encouraged to discuss their thoughts, reactions, ideas, etc. with others in the community. Light refreshments will be served starting at 4:15.

Please come and bring your friends! We will be advertising in the community, and everyone is welcome.

This movie is available on Amazon Prime, so if you can't make the 1:30 showing you may wish to watch the film ahead of time and join in the discussion starting at 3:30.

We have a follow-up event scheduled for the 15th. Details to follow via the weekly email.



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Before the priest stands at the altar to celebrate, the acolyte performs a ceremonial washing of the priest's hands. The bowl and towel are called the lavabo – which is Latin for "I will wash."



# Easter Celebrations—Thank You!

Thank you to all the participants and organizers of the Easter Egg Hunt, which was run by our parents group, St. Clare's. We had an amazing turnout, and everyone had fun, including the Easter Bunny!

Thank you to the Altar Guild for all their work decorating the church and preparing for the liturgies of Holy Week and Easter. Many hours of work were done, and the result was stunning!

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Easter Bruch, what a joyful and festive occasion it was, with delicious food and great fellowship!

Thank you to the Choir for their extra work during Easter, and the incredible Alleluia Chorus flash mob during the Easter Brunch!



## Parish Life

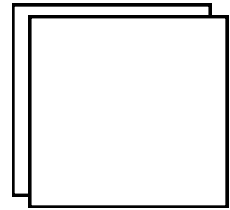
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## Events in May

Addressing Gun Violence: May 6 and May 15

Karaoke Night: May 18

Pentecost and Baptisms: May 20

Sociable Seniors to Nixon Library: May 25

Book Club: May 25

Fiesta Hermosa: Memorial Day Weekend

St. Monica's Line Dancing: May 29

*See page 2 for more in our calendar!*

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