

# The CATHEDRAL TIMES

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## PROGRESS, NOT PERFECTION

by Dan Murphy, Director of Communications

My wife and I painted our house this weekend. Well, we started painting our house. Well, really we started a while ago. Let me explain.

Early last fall, we decided the house needed to get spruced up. It's a 1950s ranch, nothing overly complex or that would take too many ladders. We bought our supplies and started on the soffit, waiting for another time to finish the bulk of the job.

And wait, we did.

We waited for the weather to get cooler, and then we waited for the weather to get warmer. We waited for our schedules to clear for a few days. But mostly, we waited until we thought we could get it perfect. We didn't want to give it just half our effort, or get halfway around the back and decide to stop. We wanted to make sure it turned out just right, and we weren't going to budge until one night last week she said:

"Let's just start. We can't let perfection get in the way of progress."

And so, on Sunday we set about painting. We scrubbed and trimmed, edged and rolled, giving the walls a beautiful white coat that really pops. We painted until the heat became unbearable, and we had to clean our brushes. Sure, there's more to do, but we got out there and did the work we could.

It's not uncommon for me to avoid something because I don't think I can do it perfectly. For years my woodworking equipment has done little more than collect dust, lest I try to make a frame and the joints not line up. Worried that my next idea might be rejected by the group, I keep it to myself. Or afraid that I might say the wrong thing to a hurting friend, I won't say anything at all. The expectation of perfection is pervasive, in me and in many of us.

Our Cathedral staff book group is reading Pádraig Ó Tuama's book *In the Shelter* this summer. Ó Tuama—the Cathedral's spirituality conference speaker this fall—writes about showing up for one another, among much else in this beautiful little book. But I especially love the way Krista Tippett, in the book's foreword, describes how Ó Tuama navigates the world: "It may be more important to get the right people into the room ... than to get the right words into the room."

But what if we're afraid to cross the threshold into that room?

My family traveled last summer to a beautiful natural spring at the top of a mountain with steep cliffs. The pools overlooked a lush green valley, with views for miles. At the edge, though, there was no fence. All that kept visitors from careening over the cliff was a wooden sign with a simple warning: "Do not approach the abyss."

A stout enough warning, no doubt, but it got me thinking about that curious phrase: approaching the abyss. Stepping into the unknown, being bold with faith. Concerning myself more with progress than with perfection. How would that look in my relationship with God? With my family? With my friends and colleagues? What would it look like to approach the abyss of humility? Of service? Of love? How can I better show up in the room with neighbors—in town and around the globe—not worrying if I'm showing up perfectly, but rather with showing up authentically?

I'm still working on that, but I know this weekend we'll be putting on a second coat of paint.





## *This* SUNDAY

**JUNE 29, 2025** • The Third Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 8, Year C

1 Kings 19:15-16,19-21 • Psalm 16 • Galatians 5:1,13-25 • Luke 9:51-62

**8:45 A.M. AND 11:15 A.M. IN-PERSON AND ONLINE**

**CATHEDRALATL.ORG / THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. PHILIP APP / FACEBOOK / YOUTUBE**

**7:45 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST, MIKELL CHAPEL**

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Canon David Boyd

**8:45 AND 11:15 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST, CATHEDRAL**

Celebrant: The Rev. Canon Ashley Carr

Preacher: The Rev. Canon David Boyd

Sopranos & Altos:

Alan Ridout (1934-1996), *Prevent us, O Lord*

Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924), *Ave verum corpus*

**11:15 A.M. LA SANTA EUCARISTÍA (SPANISH), MIKELL CHAPEL**

Officiant and Preacher: The Rev. Deacon Iñaki Guevara-Cuence

## ADULT *Education*

### THIS SUNDAY JUNE 29

The Summer of Hope: A Sunday Morning Series Featuring Cathedral Outreach Ministries, *Child Hall*, 10:10 a.m.

Feeling low on hope these days? Wondering what any of us can do to make a difference in our broken and troubled world?

Join us in Child Hall at 10:10 a.m. starting **this Sunday, June 29**, to hear from representatives of some of our Cathedral outreach ministries. You'll learn about students whose reading skills and sense of cultural pride are growing by leaps and bounds; about unsheltered individuals finding a place to call home; about first generation college students earning their degrees; about newly endowed funds that will allow the Cathedral to help more of our neighbors in need than ever before.

This series will feature education, inspiration, good fellowship, and an invitation to take heart! For more information, please contact the Rev. Julia Mitchener, Canon for Mission, [julia.mitchener@cathedralATL.org](mailto:julia.mitchener@cathedralATL.org).

**Sunday School in the Shade!**, 10:10 a.m., *Treehouse Playground*

During the summer, join Godly Play Parents and their children on the Treehouse playground! The Treehouse playground is on the first floor, to the right of the elevators off of the Well.

**Hispanic Bible Study**

10:10 a.m., *Room 120*

Join the Rev. Deacon Juan Sandoval for Bible study in Spanish.

**Enjoy Biblical Greek!** 1:15 p.m., *Room 239 and on Zoom*

Open to beginners, this class includes long-term members who translate using grammar aids, lexicons and commentaries, enjoying how the Greek text reveals nuance and depth in scripture.

## GOOD FAITH CHAPEL



### "AN EYEPiece TO THE HEAVENS"

One of the defining features of the Good Faith Chapel will be the large oculus at the center of the ceiling and roof. As Dean Candler notes in his description of the Chapel, the oculus will serve as "an eyepiece to the heavens, the transcendent, and to God." We are delighted to be nearing the installation of the oculus in early July. Over the past several months, the twenty-foot wide, 3-inch thick, lens shaped oculus has been manufactured in western Colorado. In the next few days, it will be transported across the country and delivered to the Cathedral just after the 4th of July. Plans are being made for a "topping out" celebration for the parish in August! Above is a picture of the nearly-completed oculus in production.



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# PRAYER *List*

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**FOR THOSE WITH IMMEDIATE NEEDS:** Cortney and Carey Woodall

**FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR RECOVERING:**

**LONG TERM PRAYERS:** Harris Allen • R. Huntley Allen • Betsy Bacon • Lucy Baker • Ed Black • Ann and Frank Blackistone, Jr. • Larry Boggs • Ian Bond • Lawrence Booker • Cheryl Bryant • The Bryant Family • The Crossley Family • Rita Daly • Jerri Darnell • Debbie Dewees • Mary Wayne Dixon • Sharon Douglas • Phoebe Forio • Brad Foresythe • Carolyn Foster • Tom Frolik • Susan Gavalis • Heather Huber • Gena Inman • Jane Jones • Bennie King • Lisa Krysiak • Bonnie Lamberth • Virginia LaMon • William Lane • Liza Lanier • Robert Lewis • Stewart Long, Jr. • Jill Mahaffey • Kit Mason • Tommy Mason • Floyd McRae • Sally Menning • Graham Mulling • Jim Myrick • Charlie Neal • Lori Hegwood Owens • Marian Palmore • Patti Parker • Jim Powell • Robert Garry Pryor • Nancy Qarmout • Amelia Randall • Buddy Redd • Rubye Reid • Lorraine Reynolds • Barbara Rice • Bob Riggins • Agnes Elizabeth Robertson • Bill Roth • Kay Sanders • Nancy Sanders • Elizabeth Sandoval • Louis "Skip" Schueddig • Roberta Shields • Bronnie Smith • Tommy Truesdale • Art Vinson • Susan Wilson

**FAMILY AND FRIENDS:** Josephine Rose Adams • Layen Adelman • Carrie Andrews • Annette Bechtold • Ray and Pat Bell • Jason Borland • Marianna Bortner • Brice Bradshaw • Jason Brady • Trip Bray • Dennis and Robin Bridges • Saint Legend Brown • Chaz Brownfield • Beverly Brownlee • William Brownlee • Anne Bumbak • Memory Calame • Lila Jo Callaway • JoAnn Carrin • Roanne Chandraratna • Stephen Chaussinand • Anna Clifford • Linda Connelly • Ellen Cordova • Ava Corroon • Bob Coatney • Joseph DeWeese • Leigh Eigel • Mary Kent Ellis • Marilyn Epstein • Adam Freeman • Kyle Garcia • David Garlock • Ann George • Terry Gilliam • Nikki Greenaway • Kerry Gresham • Ted Hackett • Harold Ham • Ryan Hamilton • Joanne Dopp Hamlyn • Carole Ann Harris • Davis Hatcher • Shirley Helmke • Keith Hinze • Lisa Hoybach • Jane Hunnicutt • Beth Ingle • William Irwin • Jane Jackson • Farley Jenkins, Sr. • Curtis Jones • DaNae Sobeautiful Arzelia Jones • Margaret Jones • Delores and Lee Josephs • Patricia Kasm • Mary Weston Klein • Charles Lewis • Pete Livezey • David Lowry • Carolyn R. Lusk • Lauren Makhlof • Charles Robert Marsh, Jr. • Elaine Metcalf • Iris Miller • Jon Moravec • Tom Myer • Augusta Horsey Nash • Fred Neuschel • Linus Nickel • Alfredo Paniagua • Stephen Pararo • Andrew Pittman • David Raj • Hugh Ripps • Terri Robertson • Sandra Schrauf • Einar Sagstuen • Ernest Sandoval • James Sands • Patricia Schooley • Lelia Sinclair • Alice Smith-Mather • Michael and Kathryn Snider • Izzy Straus • Cleary Tanner • Pierson Thames • Anthony Torre • Debbie Trawick • Leopoldo Velita • Pat Volpicella • Alex Wade • Suzette Walling • Thomas Watford • John Wilmer • Christie Woodfin • Cutler Woodfin • Hollis Youngner

**FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:** Hart Allen • Carolyn McDowell

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## *The* CATHEDRAL *of* ST. PHILIP

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The Very Rev. Samuel G. Candler, *Dean*

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FOR THE **SUNDAY, JULY 6** ISSUE, THE DEADLINE IS **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25**. FOR THE **SUNDAY, JULY 13** ISSUE, THE DEADLINE IS **WEDNESDAY, JULY 2**.

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## PARISH *Life*

### CATHEDRAL PRIDE 2025 GATHERING AND FELLOWSHIP

Saturday, June 28, 1 p.m., Gino's Pizza  
1740 Cheshire Bridge Rd NE

Join All God's Children, the Cathedral's  
ministry of LGBTQ+ parishioners and  
friends, for our annual pride fellowship.

Please RSVP at [cathedralATL.org/AGC](http://cathedralATL.org/AGC)



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### SOFTBALL PLAYERS WANTED!

The Cathedral men's softball team is looking for new players and talent for the upcoming season. Games are played weekly in Buckhead during the summer and fall, usually on Monday or Wednesday evenings. The team has won many championships in the past and looking to add another this season. Open to men ages 15 and up, all levels are welcome—from novice to ringers! Please visit [cathedralATL.org/softball](http://cathedralATL.org/softball) to indicate interest or contact Warren Barnes with questions. Play ball!

*The 4th Annual Cathedral of St. Philip*  
**★ PARISH BBQ ★**  
**August 24**  
**5:30 p.m.**  
Live Bluegrass Music  
Ages 12+: \$12 / Ages 4-11: \$8  
*Ages 3 and under are free*  
*Registration coming soon!*

## *Peachtree* ROAD RACE

Bless and cheer on the runners, walkers, and wheelchair athletes of the Peachtree Road Race at the Cathedral Friday, July 4! The Cathedral is at mile 2, and clergy will once again be blessing racers with holy water as they pass by in one of Atlanta's grand and holy traditions. All are welcome to watch the race from the Cathedral lawn along Peachtree Road.

The morning concludes with a short prayer service.

