



THE MESSAGE: HOW KRISHNA LED ME TO ALL SOULS

In January 2015, I went on a trip to southwest India led by a yoga teacher, Gopi, and a musician, Gaura Vani, both lifelong members of the Hare Krishna movement. It was billed as a pilgrimage, not a tourist excursion. I liked the idea of getting a more “authentic” experience. I didn’t really know what I was signing up for.

As our tour bus rolled away from the Bangalore airport, out came Gaura Vani’s drum and call-and-response Sanskrit chants. A few hours into the ride, he decided that everyone would solo on the Hare Krishna mantra. When he pointed at me, I did my best to stay in tune.

Over the two weeks that followed, I had my forehead dabbed with colored powders in incense-smoky temples. I raised my arms high in a yoga class atop the mountain where the divine monkey Hanuman was born. In a dim cave, I cried over the god Rama’s separation from his beloved Sita. Barefoot, I struggled to pull a top-heavy chariot around a cobblestone courtyard, alongside hundreds tugging on the same rope. I chanted on a beach and an airplane and a pre-dawn street. I was awestruck as two tons of roses rained from the ceiling at a temple festival. Back at the hotel that night, handfuls of crushed petals fell from the folds of my sari.

I was a bit of a spiritual wanderer at the time, having left my last congregation in a bitter rift. I knew, however, that I still belonged with Christ. Flirting with Krishna was fun, but what I was drawn to most of all was the way his followers loved him, lavishing him with mantras and sweets and flowers. Their hearts and eyes softened when they spoke of him. It was so beautiful. How could I be more like that in my faith?

I asked one of the wisest priests I know, Father Martin Smith, for his advice. “I have been to India. I know,” he responded when I told him that my trip had left me very confused. He referred me to All Souls, explaining, “It has a reverence I think you’ll find appealing.” He also told me, “You should keep up your chanting. I think it’s good for you.” I do find All Souls appealing—the incense, the bowed heads, the open hearts. Here, I can learn about God and love Him in the way I long to.

I also keep up the chanting. I’m going to India with Gopi again later this year. I’ll tell you all about it. *Elizabeth Terry*

Through the summer, we’re featuring stories about travel and transformation and sharing your photos on social media. If you have a photo you’ve taken in your own travels that you’d like to share, please send it to news@allsoulsdc.org, along with a sentence or two about where it was taken and what it means to you or how it has revealed deeper meaning.

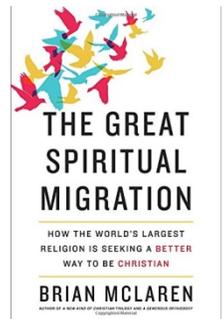


ALL SOULS SERVE
Backpack Drive
in support of



This Sunday, August 13, is the last day to donate backpacks and school supplies to help each child at Housing Up start school in the fall. **In addition to new backpacks, we are collecting new pens, pencils, highlighters, wide-ruled notebooks & loose-leaf paper, dividers, liquid glue and glue sticks, crayons, safety scissors, rulers, colored pencils, and three-ring binders.** Drop off supplies to the right of the stage in the Undercroft. All who would like to help assemble the backpacks are invited to join our Wise & Mature group for a working lunch this Wednesday, August 16 following the noonday Mass.

SUMMER READING AND PREACHING SERIES . . . Pick up a copy of *The Great Spiritual Migration* by Brian McLaren and read your way through it this summer, at your leisure. At the end of each chapter there are questions for you to think about, journal about, or discuss with a reading partner. **Sunday sermons and discussions during the 10 a.m. Adult Forum hour will engage a different chapter of the book each week: 8/20 – Ch. 9; 8/27 – Ch. 10. Hear sermon recordings at www.allsoulsdc.org/listen.**



Save the Date!

- **Wise & Mature Luncheon & Backpack Assembly**, August 16, 12:45 p.m.
- **20's & 30's Group**, Burgers, Board Games, and Planning for the Year Ahead, August 24, Undercroft, 7 p.m.
- **Parish Clean-Up Day**, Saturday, September 9
- **Ingathering Sunday**, *choir returns*, Sunday, September 10
- **Women of All Souls**, September 12, Conference Room, 6:30 p.m.



ALL SOULS CARE . . . Don't forget to check in the Undercroft between services and during coffee hour for cards to sign for your fellow parishioners! If you know of someone who needs a card for any reason, contact Jeffrey Hunter at jhunter@naag.org.



ALL SOULS SERVE . . . As part of our refugee support effort, we are collecting food and diapers for the Haydaris, an Afghan–Iranian family. There is a box to receive contributions for them in our Undercroft. Requested items include rice, beans/lentils, breakfast cereal, baking ingredients, spices, canned tomatoes, canned tuna, olive oil/cooking oil, and size 5 diapers.



During the month of August, there will be no Matins or Low Mass on Thursday mornings. Father Jadon will be away through August 19. Mother Cameron and Father Christopher will preach, celebrate, and lead adult forums while Father Jadon is away.



BE A CATHEDRAL DOCENT! . . . Do you love Washington National Cathedral? Share the wonder and beauty with visitors! Each year, volunteer docents guide over 250,000 visitors from around the world. They lead tours daily and answer questions about the art, architecture, mission, and history of the 6th-largest cathedral in the world. For more details about qualifications, time commitment, September 2017 training, and to apply, please visit <https://cathedral.org/volunteer>.

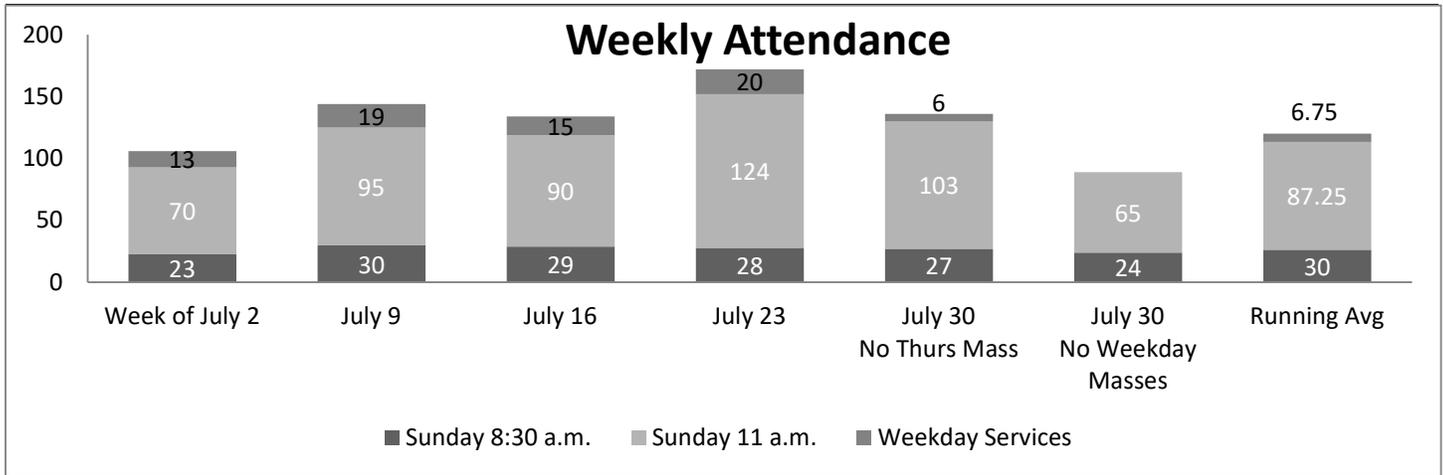
EFM: NEW ADULT FORMATION OPPORTUNITY . . . EFM is a program of Christian education and reflection for adults that has been offered and coordinated for decades by Sewanee, an Episcopal college and seminary. Meeting weekly in a small group and led by a trained facilitator, participants take four years (making a commitment to proceed one year at a time) to survey Christian scripture, history, and theology and integrate them into their own life of faith. All Souls will soon have a trained facilitator and we are looking to start an EFM group or participate with a neighboring parish's. If you are interested in knowing more, please contact our parishioner Rachelle Sam at (409)363-3605 or at sam.rachelle@gmail.com. You can also find more information about EFM at <http://efm.sewanee.edu/about-efm/about-efm>.



OPEN GARDENING SESSIONS . . . All who are interested in gardening are invited to gather in the church gardens on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m, weather permitting, to help beautify our outdoor space. If you can't make it on Saturdays, you're also welcome to come garden during the week! No experience necessary. Contact Jennifer Crier Johnston at jcjohnston38@msn.com for details.

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR . . . Deborah Doyle Allen, Ralph Braun, Daniel Callis, Sr., Margaret Child, Peggy Crook, Julia Gutierrez, Tom Hill, Fred Jordan, The Reverend Lucia Lloyd, Tom Mabon, Mike McGee, Susan Morrison, Mike Pond, Joan Shapiro, Merriam Woodhouse, for those in Foreign Service & overseas, & our armed forces on active duty . . . *Contact the parish office to add names. Names stay on for a month, unless the office is contacted with a request for continued prayers.*

DEDICATIONS . . . The flowers at the High Altar are given by Father Jadon Hartsuff to the glory of God and in loving memory of Katherine Hartsuff Thornton, his aunt.



Liturgical Ministers for August 13, 2017	
Acolytes:	(CR1) Fernando Moran Arce, (Book) Rob Gibbs, (CR2) Ed Perlman, (TR) Mark Hoffman
Bell Guild:	Bill Miller, Julie Duriga
Greeters:	Sharon Nuskey Ford, Elwood Gibson
Lectors:	8:30 (OT/Psalm/NT) Kevin LeGrand, (PP) Catherine Braun; 11 (OT) Daniel Callis, (NT) John Wiecking, (PP) Pat Dresser
Ushers:	Elaine Eaker, JoAnn LaFon, Kirk Phillips, Rob Arrington
Breakfast:	Loaves & Fishes
Coffee Hour:	Loaves & Fishes

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