

*Welcome to*  
**SAINT ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
**TAMPA, FLORIDA**

**THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**  
**MARCH 2, 2025**

**10:30AM**

*May those who sorrow find comfort;  
the weary, rest;  
the troubled, peace;  
the lonely, friends;  
the unhappy, joy;  
and may all find the sense of God's presence in this Holy Place.*

Welcome to Saint Andrew's Church in the city of Tampa. You are sharing in a tradition of worship that has been offered here since 1883, when a wood-frame building was erected on this site as Tampa's first Episcopal Church. The cornerstone of the present church was laid in 1904.

All Visitors and Newcomers are invited to complete the information card, found on the back of the pews, and leave it with an usher or in the offering plate. Please introduce yourselves to the clergy as you leave the church.

Each Sunday we celebrate The Holy Eucharist at 8 a.m. (Rite I, said); and at 10:30 a.m. (Rite II, with choir).

***At Your Service:*** Stay warm at Saint Andrew's: Borrow a shawl from the basket at the back of the church. Shawl donations also welcomed!

*Be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent—for this is the house of God.  
Before the service, speak to God.  
During the service, let God speak to you.  
After the service, speak to one another.*

**PLEASE SILENCE ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES.**

## Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10:30 a.m.

Prelude: How Fair and How Pleasant Art Thou

*Marcel Dupré (1886–1971)*

### Tower Bell

**Hymn 137** (*stand*)

*Wareham*

1 O wondrous type! O vision fair of glory  
that the church may share, which Christ  
upon the mountain shows, where brighter  
than the sun he glows!

2 With Moses and Elijah nigh the incarnate  
Lord holds converse high; and from the  
cloud, the Holy One bears record to the  
only Son.

3 With shining face and bright array, Christ  
deigns to manifest today what glory shall  
be theirs above who joy in God with perfect  
love.

4 And faithful hearts are raised on high by  
this great vision's mystery; for which in  
joyful strains we raise the voice of prayer,  
the hymn of praise.

5 O Father, with the eternal Son, and Holy  
Spirit, ever One, vouchsafe to bring us by  
thy grace to see thy glory face to face.

*All standing, the Celebrant says*

*Priest*            Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People*           And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.  
Amen.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*The following is sung, all standing*

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Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### **Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.  
*People*          And also with you.  
*Celebrant*      Let us pray.

O God, who before the passion of your only begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

A Reading from the Book of Exodus.

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

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| <i>Reader</i> | The Word of the Lord. |
| <i>People</i> | Thanks be to God.     |

**Psalm 99** *Sung by the choir to Anglican chant*      *Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)*

- 1 The LORD is King;  
    let the people tremble; \*  
    he is enthroned upon the cherubim;  
    let the earth shake.
- 2 The LORD is great in Zion; \*  
    he is high above all peoples.
- 3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; \*  
    he is the Holy One.
- 4 "O mighty King, lover of justice,  
    you have established equity; \*  
    you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."
- 5 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God  
    and fall down before his footstool; \*  
    he is the Holy One.

6 Moses and Aaron among his priests,  
     and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, \*  
     they called upon the LORD, and he answered them.  
 7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; \*  
     they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.  
 8 O LORD our God, you answered them indeed; \*  
     you were a God who forgave them,  
     yet punished them for their evil deeds.  
 9 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God  
     and worship him upon his holy hill; \*  
     for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

## Second Reading

2 Corinthians 3:12—4:2

A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

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## Hymn 129 (*stand*)

*Mowsley*

1 Christ upon the mountain peak stands  
alone in glory blazing; let us, if we dare to  
speak, with the saints and angels praise  
him. Alleluia!

2 Trembling at his feet we saw Moses and  
Elijah speaking. All the prophets and the  
Law shout through them their joyful  
greeting. Alleluia

3 Swift the cloud of glory came. God  
proclaiming in its thunder Jesus as his Son  
by name! Nations cry aloud in wonder!  
Alleluia!

4 This is God's beloved Son! Law and  
prophets fade before him; first and last and  
only One, let creation now adore him!  
Alleluia!

## Holy Gospel

Luke 9:28-36

*Priest*            The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
*People*            Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah”—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

*Priest*            The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*            Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## Sermon

## Nicene Creed (*stand*)

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.



## **Prayers of the People** (*kneel*)

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;  
*That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
*That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
*That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
*That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
*That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
*That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Give to the departed eternal rest;  
*Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
*May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## **Confession of Sin**

*The Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence.*

*Minister and People*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*The Priest stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

**Peace** (*stand*)

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| <i>Celebrant</i> | The peace of the Lord be always with you. |
| <i>People</i>    | And also with you.                        |

**Announcements**

## Holy Communion

Anthem

*W.K. Stanton (1891–1978)*

Christ is the world's true light, its captain of salvation, the day-star clear and bright, of every race and nation; new life, new hope awakes for all who own His sway: freedom her bondage breaks, and night is turned to day.

In Christ all races meet, their ancient feuds forgetting, the whole round world complete, from sunrise to its setting: when Christ is throned as Lord, we shall forsake their fear, to ploughshare beat the sword, to pruning-hook the spear.

One Lord, in one great name unite us all who own thee; cast out our pride and shame that hinder to enthrone thee; the world has waited long, has travailed long in pain; to heal its ancient wrong, come, Prince of Peace, and reign.

*George Wallace Briggs (1875–1959)*

*Hymn 380, stanza 3 (stand)*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

## Great Thanksgiving

*The people remain standing*

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| <i>Celebrant</i> | The Lord be with you.                      |
| <i>People</i>    | And also with you.                         |
| <i>Celebrant</i> | Lift up your hearts.                       |
| <i>People</i>    | We lift them to the Lord.                  |
| <i>Celebrant</i> | Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.    |
| <i>People</i>    | It is right to give him thanks and praise. |

*The Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you,  
Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in  
our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our  
Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the  
company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Sanctus**

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*Celebrant and People*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

*The people kneel.*

*The Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we  
had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus  
Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us,  
to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the  
cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole  
world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took  
bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and  
said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of  
me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.  
*AMEN.*

*The Celebrant then continues*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*People and Celebrant*

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

**Breaking of the Bread**

*The priest breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

*Agnus Dei*

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Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
grant us peace.

*The Celebrant says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

***All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion.***

## Music during Communion:

### Hymn 307 (*sit*)

*Bryn Calfaria*

1 Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor,  
first-begotten from the dead. Thou alone,  
our strong defender, liftest up thy people's  
head. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Jesus,  
true and living bread! Jesus, true and living  
bread!

2 Here our humblest homage pay we, here  
in loving reverence bow; here for faith's  
discernment pray we, lest we fail to know  
thee now. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Thou art here, we ask not how. Thou art  
here, we ask not how.

3 Though the lowliest form doth veil thee  
as of old in Bethlehem, here as there thine  
angels hail thee, branch and flower of  
Jesse's stem. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
We in worship join with them. We in  
worship join with them.

4 Paschal Lamb, thine offering, finished  
once for all when thou was slain, in its  
fullness undiminished shall  
forevermore remain. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Cleansing us from every stain.  
Cleansing us from every stain.

5 Life-imparting heavenly Manna,  
smitten Rock with streaming side,  
heaven and earth with loud hosanna  
worship thee, the Lamb who died.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Risen,  
ascended, glorified! Risen, ascended,  
glorified!

### Motet

*Thomas Tallis (1505–1585)*

*O nata lux de lumine  
Jesu redemptor saeculi  
Dignare clemens supplicum  
Laudes precesque sumere*

O Light born of Light  
Jesus, redeemer of the world  
With loving-kindness deign to receive  
Suppliant praise and prayer

*Qui carne quondam contegi  
Dignatus es pro perditis  
Nos membra confer effici  
Tui beati corporis*

Thou who once deigned to be clothed in flesh  
For the sake of the lost  
Grant us to be members  
Of thy blessed body

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Blessing**

*The priest blesses the people, saying*

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

## **Hymn 618** (*stand*)

*Lasst uns erfreuen*

1 Ye watchers and ye holy ones, bright  
seraphs, cherubim, and thrones, raise the  
glad strain, Alleluia! Cry out, dominions,  
princedom, powers, virtues, archangels,  
angels' choirs, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,  
alleluia, alleluia!

2 O higher than the cherubim, more glorious  
than the seraphim, lead their praises,  
Alleluia! Thou bearer of the eternal Word,  
most gracious, magnify the Lord, Alleluia,  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3 Respond, ye souls in endless rest, ye  
patriarchs and prophets blest, Alleluia,  
alleluia! Ye holy twelve, ye martyrs  
strong, all saints triumphant, raise the  
song, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,  
alleluia!

4 O friends, in gladness let us sing,  
supernal anthems echoing, Alleluia,  
alleluia! To God the Father, God the Son,  
and God the Spirit, Three in One, Alleluia,  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!



## Dismissal

*Priest*            Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*People*            Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Toccata

*Eugene Gigout (1844–1925)*

## THOSE SERVING TODAY: March 2, 2025

**Celebrant:** Fr. Reese

**Preacher:** Fr. Campbell

**Organist:** Ryan Hebert

**Choral Assistant:** Coleman Flentge

**Verger:** Piers Curry

**Crucifer:** Shea Polley

**Torchbearers:** Esther Henley, Daniel Carr

**Lectors:** Jim Shuler, Ray Vince

**Lay Eucharistic Ministers:** George Bedell, Brad Hall

**Videographers:** Paul Scheuer, Jan Smith, Kirk McCann, Joe Scheuer

**Ushers:** Derrick Brown, Donreece Brown, Chris Watson, Michael Dickinson

**Altar Guild:** Ursula Keeler, Jan Smith, Cathy Szuba



The altar flowers are given to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of Janet Schrat, Lenora Schrat  
and Nancy Miller  
by Nicole, Daniel & Kevin Carr

**BIRTHDAYS:** Oscar Simmons, Bailey Carraway, Sonya Endicott, Sophie Joseph,  
Caroline Kebberly

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Alex & Kim Liggett

## St. Andrew's Parish Picnic

Please join us today for our annual St. Andrew's Parish Picnic. This year, we will meet at beautiful Picnic Island Park starting at 12:30 pm. The address is 7409 Picnic Island Blvd, Tampa, FL 33616, Shelter 609. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided by the church. Don't forget lawn chairs or picnic blankets, outdoor games, sunscreen, bug spray or anything else you would like to bring for a festive gathering outdoors filled with fellowship, food and fun!

### Shrove Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>

5:30pm Holy Eucharist in the Children's Chapel

6:00pm Pancake Supper in the Parish Hall

(hosted by St. Andrew's Youth)

6:45pm Lenten Series begins



### Wednesday, March 5th

#### Service times at St. Andrew's:

8:00am Holy Eucharist (Rite One) in the Chapel

12:10pm Holy Eucharist (Rite Two)

7:00pm Holy Eucharist (Rite Two with choir)

*All services include imposition of ashes*

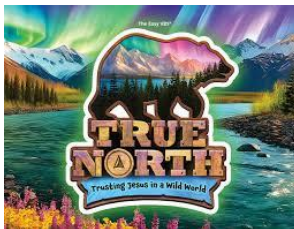
## Youth News

The Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will take place this year on **Tuesday, March 4th**. We ask that all youth and parents who would like to help arrive in the parish hall from 4:30-5pm. This is a simple event that just involves lots of hands. Pancake flavors will be blueberry, chocolate chip, and plain, we will have a toppings bar, sausage links, and more. Supper is served at 6 and all are welcome to attend and share a meal with us. Please email Alicia at [aliciaschmid@rocketmail.com](mailto:aliciaschmid@rocketmail.com) to volunteer – the more the merrier!

**Sunday, March 9th** we will have a Family Busch Gardens Day after Sunday services! Youth in middle & high school are welcome to attend if they have season's passes or can cover the cost of tickets. All younger children are welcome to attend with their parents. We can cover the cost of a handful of tickets for youth in middle & high school who don't have

passes, so please let Alicia know by Sunday, February 16th if you need a ticket! Contact Alicia at [aliciaschmid@rocketmail.com](mailto:aliciaschmid@rocketmail.com) with any questions.

## VBS Dates and Theme for 2025:



**Vacation Bible School 2025 will take place August 4-8, 2025. The VBS theme this year is True North: Point kids to Jesus, a faithful friend we can always trust.** Guide kids on the ultimate Alaskan adventure where northern lights glow over majestic mountains, racing rivers, and glistening glaciers. As kids trek the tundra, they'll explore how easy it is to lose sight of what's true in our wild world today. Pointing them toward Jesus, True North VBS shows them that he is a faithful friend we can always trust. He's our True North! Stay tuned for supply lists, but feel free to contact Alicia at [aliciaschmid@rocketmail.com](mailto:aliciaschmid@rocketmail.com) to volunteer for a week of faith, fun, and fellowship!

## Adult Christian Education

**Sunday mornings at 9:30**

### *The Grace of Les Misérables*

Victor Hugo's *Les Misérables* is a truly epic story. Whether you've read the novel, seen the Broadway musical, heard its soundtrack, or seen the several screen adaptations, you already know the power in the story. In this six-week video study, Pastor Matt Rawle of Asbury UMC in Bossier City, Louisiana, dives into six ideals found in the story—grace, justice, poverty, love, revolution, and hope—each represented by a character in Hugo's story. As these imperfect and relatable characters interact, we can see how these ideas work together (perhaps even in spite of each other) out in the world. Rawle brings us to the intersection of Church and Pop Culture by drawing parallels between the iconic story and musical and our Christian calling, inspiring us to both understand our faith and live it out in our daily lives.

Here is the line-up:

3/9 – Grace Well Received: Valjean

3/16 – When Grace and Justice Collide: Javert

3/23 – The Poor Are Always with You: Fantine

3/30 – The Gift of Love – Marius and Cosette

4/6 – Building the Barricade: *Les Amis*

4/13 – The Blessed Garden: A Hopeful Vision

*This class, facilitated by the Rector, meets in Room 302 (the Library) on the third floor of the parish building.*

### **Make a Pledge for 2025**

Please return your pledge card for 2025 as soon as possible. If you did not receive a pledge card in the mail, cards are available at the back of the church, in the Parish Hall, or through the parish office (813-221-2035). Make a commitment and support St. Andrew's in the coming year. **We have currently 137 pledges for \$555,774.00**

### **St. A's Book Club Meetings for Mar-Apr 2025**

Founded in October, 2024, our Book Club has grown to over twenty members. Our first two choices were Ernest Hemingway, "The Snows of Kilimanjaro" (Nov 10) and Claire Keegan, *Small Things Like These* (Dec 8). In 2025, we shall usually meet on the first Sunday of the month, after the 10:30 am Eucharist, and in the third floor Library, room 302. Bring your coffee & snacks. If you enjoy good reading, challenging ideas, and cogent discussion, come and join us.

Here are our remaining Book Club 2025 dates and the books we shall discuss.

- ❖ Sun **Mar 9** / 6<sup>th</sup> meeting / H.P. Lovecraft, *Case of Charles Dexter Ward* (1941), 118 pp, \$8.
- ❖ Sun **Apr 6** / 7<sup>th</sup> meeting / Paulo Coelho, *The Alchemist* (1988), 197 pp, \$15.

Come and join us. If you want to be on our mailing list or if you have any questions, please do email me, Ray Vince, Book Club secretary, at [rvince@hccfl.edu](mailto:rvince@hccfl.edu) or text me at 813-857-7419.

## **Good News of Freedom / The Lenten Series 2025**

**Raymond M. Vince**

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me  
to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives  
and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free,  
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor (Luke 4:18-19 NRSV)

**J**esus in Luke 4 describes the mission of the Messiah using the words of Isaiah, chapter 61. He claims that this scripture is now fulfilled in him, that he himself would bring good news to the poor, release to the captives, sight to the blind, and freedom to the oppressed.

In this Lenten Series, we shall examine the good news of Jesus by asking six foundational questions, about God, the world, knowledge & faith, our neighbor, the nature of time, and how we should live.

5:30 pm Eucharist in the Chapel / 6:00 pm Supper  
6:45 pm Lent Series begins / 7:30 pm end.

### **Good News of Freedom**

1. Who is God? / Creator, Word, & Spirit.  
Shrove Tuesday, 4th March 2025
2. Where are we living? / Somewhere East of Eden.  
Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> March 2025
3. How do we know? / Knowledge is personal & changing.  
Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> March 2025
4. Who is our neighbor? / The one to whom we show mercy.  
Tuesday, 25th March 2025
5. What time is it? / The time is now, here at hand.  
Tuesday, 1st April 2025
6. How should we live? / To do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly.  
Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> April 2025

## Stations of the Cross: Fridays in Lent 12:10pm

Come and join us for this 30-minute devotional, observed on Fridays in Lent at 12:10pm running through Good Friday on April 18th. Our Stations of the Cross, a gift from Nathan & Jane Simpson, are a series of pictures representing certain scenes in the Passion of Christ, each corresponding to a particular incident. Formerly the number of stations varied considerably in different places but fourteen are now generally acknowledged. The object of the Stations is to help the faithful to make in spirit, as it were, a pilgrimage to the chief scenes of Christ's sufferings and death. It is carried out by passing from Station to Station, with certain prayers at each and devout meditation on the various incidents in turn. It is very usual, when the devotion is performed publicly, to sing a stanza of the "Stabat Mater" while passing from one Station to the next.

### Music Notes

“Jean, that was awful. It wasn’t good. Sounded like a bunch of noise.” These famous words were spoken by my father in a conversation I overheard him having with my mother, the first time I was ever on the organ bench for a service. Mom’s response, “Honey, we *must* give him a chance.” I began making music in church at the age of 11. My mother was the first to encourage me. When I started playing hymns on the piano, they were God-awful. When I started playing hymns on the organ, it was a *complete* disaster. But that disaster turned out to be yours truly because *someone* gave me a chance. I’m still a disaster. Just the other day, I played the wrong service music. Last Sunday, I forgot to turn a loud stop off during an anthem and nearly ruined Amanda’s solo.

One day, shortly after my 11<sup>th</sup> birthday, I asked if I could try out the pipe organ at an 8:30 service my mother played for. So, with about 20 minutes to spare before the service, we asked our minister if we could give it a whack – and a whack it was! “Sure,” he said without flinching. Where’s the on switch? What do these buttons do? What happens if I push this pedal? There we were, me and mom at the organ, two ignoramuses making quite a fuss in the chancel before the service. A loving mother and an innocent kid making noise while Mr. and Mrs. Snootypants judged us from their pew, eyebrows raised in their “suffering” during their quiet time. Other onlookers understood, dazzled by a young kid *trying*. They were eager to give me a chance.

Imagine seeing a boy trying to breathe life into a box of whistles for the first time. The pipe organ is a box of whistles. Sure, we ruined someone's pre-service reflection. We disturbed sanctity. We interrupted God. We defiled solemnity. But imagine the sprouting love of music in a kid and a doting mother, eager to see him grow. "*Honey, we must give him a chance,*" was mom's way of saying what Jesus said, "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." "Let the children come to me and do not hinder them." My first experiences on the organ were disasters. And they still are. Did you come from an era where kids were to be seen and not heard? A prominent organist once said, "I leave the organ unlocked, hoping to walk in on some kid exploring it." Organs are like kids, meant to be seen and not heard, I suppose. What a shame, because out of the noisy disaster rises a beautiful "adult" creature, who in their heart of hearts is still an innocent kid.

Do you know how much "noise" I have made over the years? The choir has fallen on its face more times than I care to admit. They sing out of tune and out of sync most every Sunday. The mighty Fisk is out of tune. So much noise. So much "disruption." But I thank the merciful ones, the ones dazzled to see youth "up there" front and center, giving it a try. Thanks, choir. Thanks Lucas and CC for *trying* and for being eager to play hymns. Thanks Coleman, for leading with love and enthusiasm. We've got some noisy kids up there!

To my mother, *nothing* I did was noise because my intention was loving. "Make a joyful *noise*." Before we pray, we might have to be tolerant of a little noise, to make special room for the young ones to grow. Kids are "disruptive." So am I. Thanks, merciful friends, for your patience, a *real* virtue. Criticism isn't a virtue. As for Mr. and Mrs. Snootypants, how can I comfort you? Kids are hopelessly loving and innocently noisy. I never wanted to grow up like Mr. Snootypants. I wanted to be a dazzled one. Thanks, mom, for giving me a chance. A little space was all I needed to dazzle. *Soli Deo Gloria!*

-Ryan Hebert

## Flower Chart

The 2025 Flower Sign-Up Chart is in the parish hall. Don't delay choosing important commemorative dates. Please help with this wonderful ministry to adorn the altar during worship by sponsoring flowers. High Altar flowers are \$150 for florist choice, personal choices can be arranged at an additional cost. Chapel Altar flowers are optional. If you'd like to sponsor both altars, the cost is \$250. If you have questions, please contact Charlotte Churchill 813-352-0162 [cmchurchi18@gmail.com](mailto:cmchurchi18@gmail.com)

**WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:** Sarah Hudson, Charles Caro, Evelyn Smith, Mignon Grant-Levy, John Tomlinson, Nell Rorebeck, Marion Gustin, Jane Collins, Paul Cullen, Barbara Jones, Gerry Calahan, Mary Nichols, Peggy Kleven, Linda M. Delmasto, Angela Massari, Evelyn O. Jewell, Brycen Coyle, Anita Ramirez, Jane Cantler, Phyllis Sheaffer, Diane Kemker, Martha Medel, Sarah Moody, Larry Kleven, Isabelle Ferrell, William Shuler, Ian Snider, Libby Dickinson, Roma Plimmer, Patricia Maxfield, Jenette Kerr, Kay Rankin, Joe Daurril, Stephen Rosser, Rose Williams, Al Stein, Precious Montgomery, Nancy Honeycutt, Jerry Divers, Wayne Putney, Jean Turner, Matthew Borsch, Bennie Kay O'Brien, Jack Plimmer, Gerald Anthony Brozyna, Andrew Orestano, Marcia Biondolillo, Charlene Maxwell, James Arthur "Bubba" Turner, Beth Sellas, Charles Cernuda, Callista Tolbert, Rebecca Blake, Analee Mayes, Eric Mann, Doug Rubottom, Michael Kaney

**THOSE FOR WHOM PRAYERS HAVE BEEN ESPECIALLY REQUESTED:**

Mark Caro, Sgt. Billy Gudzak, Joan Hoppe, Carlton Hart, Stephen Tedrowe, Virginia Sink, Charlie Richardson, Christine Hudson, Janet Norona, Michael Norona, Christopher Hunt, Charles Mullen, Corinne Gaile, Jack Boyet, Holly Clemmons, Katie Pastorius, Deloris Lewis, Ralph & Nancy Swank, Delphine & Bob Ballard, Janis Riasanovsky, Linda Barry, Brian Polley, Edwin Bourdeau, Ron Trybus, Matt Harper, Jean McAlister, Gale Vineyard, Allyson Littleton, Luzette Lightfoot, Pamela Ann Lane Ketchy, Elizabeth Mangun, Mike McGhee, Ramond Chiaramonte, Lee Barks, Nancy Martin, Debbie Bonsole, Leigh Kaney, Arizona Kennington, Charlotte Churchill, Delphine Ballard, Ingrid Peterson, Brad & Hylda Starling, Jeannie Borsch, Rome Schad, Laurie Pharr, Evelyn Latner, Craig Polley (*We are happy to include all prayer requests. Names will remain on the list for four weeks. Please call Lauri in the church office if you desire a name to remain on after four weeks or to be removed sooner.*)

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